

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost – July 5, 2026

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

(* = please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE

Yanvallow - Frantz Casseus

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN

Come to Me All Pilgrims Thirsty

ELW 777, v 1-3

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you. Let us pray: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

READING: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

(OT page 18)

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-14 (*read responsively*)

⁸ The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O LORD, and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,**

¹² that all people may know of your power and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

¹⁴ **The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up those who are bowed down.**

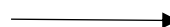
READING: Romans 7:15-25a

(NT page 148)

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we





GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

(NT page 10)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

ELW 611

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.

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OFFERING PRAYER

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW Supplement 901

SANCTUS

ELW Supplement 902

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION *We commune at two stations in front of the pulpit and lectern. Come down the side aisles, receive the bread; proceed to the wine or grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available. Return to your seats by the center aisle. All are welcome.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God

ELW Supplement 903

COMMUNION HYMN

Softly and Tenderly

ELW 608

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Light Dawns on a Weary World

ELW 726

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Pastor Per Halaas
Assisting Minister	Rick Turnquist
Lector	Lynda Tysdal
Prayers	Florence Smallfield
Director of Music Ministry	Kristi MacKay
Special Music:	Jeremy Hiniker, Guitar

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SUNDAY – July 5	
9:30a	Worship with Holy Communion
10:30a	Maranatha Christian Congregation
6:00p	Walk & Talk – MN River Bottom Trails

In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **For LuAnn Paul and her family at the death of her dad, Brent Larson. Funeral at CTK at 11am on July 7.**
- **Continuing Prayers: Ryan Jones** (Jane B’s nephew), **Robert Thornton** (Carol’s husband), **Lavonne Kennedy** (Clare Erickson’s sister), **Isaac Hill** (grandson of Gail & John, nephew of Melissa), **Jackie Schmeidlin** (friend of Sean Bernier), **Pastor David** and **Diane Lerseth**, **Julie Allen** (friend of Lynne Gasterland), **Michael R. Vogel** (Mike Vogel’s son), **Susan Hanson**, **Donna Woodward** (sister of Dan Pierce), **Jim and Arlene Knutson**, **Cori Shuck** (sister of Jodi Haddox), **Angela Breitenfeldt** (friend of Heidi Price), **Beth Michaelsen** (Jean Stoll’s sister), **Charlie Stoll** (Jim’s brother), **Grace Green** (Joy Morris’s stepdaughter), **David Newhal** (Liz Olson’s brother), **Jean Hohenstein** (Joan Perlich’s sister) and **Beth Dallmann**
- **New Prayers: Diana Bernier** (Sean Bernier’s mom)
- **Darlene Proehl** and all who are homebound
- **Our sister in China, Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria, El comunidad de fe bilingue/ The bilingual faith community of Tapestry Lutheran Church in Richfield**
- **ISAIAH Minnesota Faith Coalition**

This Week at Christ the King
Loaves & Fishes provide a free drive-up meal
Monday-Friday from 5-6pm – all are welcome!

MONDAY – July 6
Office Closed

TUESDAY – July 7
11:00a Funeral for Brent Larson
6:30p Yoga

WEDNESDAY – July 8
9:00a Bible Study - Lounge
2:00p Walk & Talk – MN River
Bottom Trails
6:00p Worship
7:30p Health Cabinet Meeting

THURSDAY – July 9
9:30a-Noon Country Jammers

Friday – July 10

Next Weekend at Christ the King

SATURDAY – July 11

11:00a Memorial Service for Reed Roloff

SUNDAY – July 12

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion

10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation

6:00p Walk & Talk – MN River Bottom Trails

Next week's Bible Readings:

Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July Gift of Love

What can brighten a shut-in's day or bring tears to an ill patient? What can delight new parents with a hand knit baby blanket at their child's Baptism? The Prayer Shawl and Baptismal Blanket Ministry has been at work for many years to provide shawls and blankets for CTK members. Yarn is provided by various means, such as the Gift of Love, and enables members of CTK to knit these gifts. Graduating seniors are presented with a prayer shawl as a token of love and caring from CTK as they begin the next chapter in their lives. Many thanks to the dedicated knitters and Gift of Love Ministry for the continued support of this ministry in the congregation. If you are a knitter and would like to knit a shawl please stop by the office and pick-up some yarn!

Walk and Talks

Our twice weekly Walk and Talks are at nearby parks and nature centers. Each month we will visit a different park. We meet each week at 6 pm on Sundays and 2 pm on Wednesdays. On **Wednesdays, meet at CTK at 1:30pm to carpool. July - Minnesota River Bottom Trails: Meet at the Parking Lot at the end of Lyndale 11115 Lyndale Ave S, Bloomington, MN 55420**
In the event of inclement weather, we will meet at the Mall of America East side entrance on the first level by the Sea Life down escalator. Text Lynn Lenort @ 612-770-5986 or email llenort@CTKB.org, if you have any questions or wish to carpool.

Volunteers for July

If you would like to greet, read, serve/prep communion, prayers, or assisting:

Greeter 7/12, 7/19, 7/26

Communion servers 7/12, 7/19, 7/26

Reader 7/12, 7/19, 7/26

Assisting 7/12, 7/19, 7/26

Prayers 7/12, 7/19, 7/26

Communion prep 7/19, 7/26

Please call the office or email Jane V!

Bloomington Richfield
Grief Coalition Summer 2026

Thursdays—4:30pm-6pm

July 9 - August 27

Oak Grove Presbyterian Church

2200 West Old Shakopee Rd

Bloomington, MN 55431

ogpc@oakgrv.org

The CTK Foundation is accepting applications for scholarships. The application deadline has been extended to July 10th. Apply at <https://forms.gle/rP4Y9dy9qFwzy29i8>