

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – July 12, 2026

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

(* = please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE

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, You Thankful People Come

ELW 693, 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: **Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING: Genesis 25:19-34

(OT page 22)

PSALM: Psalm 65:1-13 *(read responsively)*

¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

² **To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.**

³ Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴ **Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.**

⁵ Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶ **You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.**

⁷ You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸ **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

⁹ You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. **You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.**

¹⁰ **You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless**

its increase.

¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

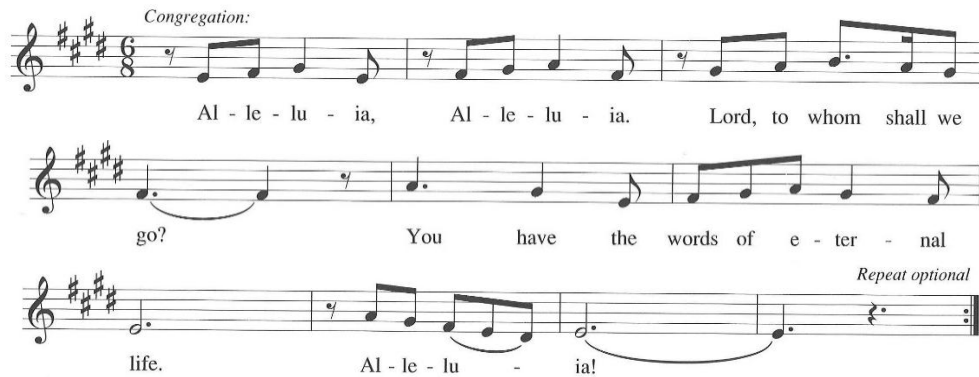
¹² **May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³ May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

READING: Romans 8:1-11

(NT page 150)

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

(NT page 13)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

For the Fruit of All Creation

ELW 679

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

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ELW Supplement 901

SANCTUS

ELW Supplement 902

***EUCCHARISTIC 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
COMMUNION HYMN

Lamb of God
Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

ELW Supplement 903
ELW 512 repeat 2X

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW 551, v 1, 3, 4

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	Jack Carlson
Lector	Holly Hauer
Prayers	Naomi Bernier
Director of Music Ministry	Kristi MacKay
Special Music:	Akiko Durbi, violin

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SUNDAY – July 12

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion

10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation

10:30a Foundation Meeting – Room 110

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

In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **Dan Pierce and his family at the death of his sister, Donna**
- **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**, **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), **Beth Dallmann**, and **Diana Bernier** (Sean Bernier's mom)
- **New Prayers: Steve Olson**
- **Gloria Strom** 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**
- **Leipzig District of the Lutheran Church in Saxony, Germany** (Companion Synod)

This Week at Christ the King Loaves & Fishes provide a free drive-up meal Monday-Friday from 5-6pm – all are welcome! MONDAY – July 13 8:30a Church Chore Crew 9:00a Quilting – Social Hall TUESDAY – July 14 10:00a Staff Meeting - Office 6:30p Yoga 7:30p Emotions Anonymous WEDNESDAY – July 15 10:00a Visitation 11:00a Funeral for Gene Lunderborg Luncheon following in Social Hall 2:00p Walk & Talk – MN River Bottom Trails 6:00p Worship THURSDAY – July 16 9:30a-Noon Country Jammers	Next Weekend at Christ the King SUNDAY – July 19 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion 10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation 6:00p Walk & Talk – MN River Bottom Trails NO Bible Study on 7/15 Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139:10-12, 23-24 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 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. <u>July - Minnesota River Bottom Trails: Meet at the Parking Lot at the end of Lyndale 11115 Lyndale Ave S, Bloomington, MN 55420</u> 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 7/19, 7/26 Communion servers 7/19, 7/26 Reader 7/19, 7/26 Assisting 7/19, 7/26 Prayers 7/19, 7/26 Communion prep 7/19 Please call the office or email Jane V!	
<u>Bloomington Richfield</u> <u>Grief Coalition Summer 2026</u> <u>Thursdays—4:30pm-6pm</u> July 9 - August 27 Oak Grove Presbyterian Church 2200 West Old Shakopee Rd Bloomington, MN 55431 ogpc@oakgrv.org	