

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – July 26, 2026

In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

(* = 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

Gather Us In

ELW 532, v 1, 3, 4

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: **Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING: Genesis 29:15-28

(OT page 26)

PSALM: Psalm 128 *(read responsively)*

¹ Happy are they all who fear the LORD, and who follow in God's ways!

² **You shall eat the fruit of your labor; happiness and prosperity shall be yours.**

³ Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house,
your children like olive shoots round about your table.

⁴ **The one who fears the LORD shall thus indeed be blessed.**

⁵ The LORD bless you from Zion,
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

⁶ **May you live to see your children's children; may peace be upon Israel.**

READING: Romans 8:26-39

(NT page 150)

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

(NT page 14)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

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

*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

Lamb of God

ELW Supplement 903

COMMUNION HYMN

Give Me Jesus

ELW 770, v 1-3, 5

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
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1 Upon the mountain my Lord spoke,
out of his mouth came fire and smoke. *Refrain*

2 All around me looked so fine,
asked my Lord if all was mine. *Refrain*

3 Jordan river, chilly and cold,
chills the body but not the soul. *Refrain*

Text: African American spiritual

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	Peggy Indahl
Lector	Sarah Marotz
Prayers	Verla Olson
Director of Music Ministry	Kristi MacKay
Asst Music Director	Darin Tysdal
Special Music	Acclaim Worship Band

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SUNDAY – July 26

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 Joan Perlich and her family at the death of her sister, Jean**
- **The Hill family at the death of Isaac – John & Gail's grandson and Melissa & Jon's nephew**
- **Continuing Prayers: Ryan Jones** (Jane B's nephew), **Robert Thornton** (Carol's husband), **Lavonne Kennedy** (Clare Erickson's sister), **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), **Beth Dallmann**, **Diana Bernier** (Sean Bernier's mom), **Steve Olson** and **Clare Erickson**
- **John Swanson** 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**
- **Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota**

This Week at Christ the King

Loaves & Fishes provide a free drive-up meal
Monday-Friday from 5-6pm – all are welcome!
M-F Ukulele Summer Camp 9a-4p - LL

MONDAY – July 27

8:30a Church Chore Crew
9:00a Quilting – Social Hall
4:15p Public Witness – Room 110

TUESDAY – July 28

10:00a Staff Meeting - Office
6:30p Yoga
7:30p Emotions Anonymous-110

WEDNESDAY – July 29

9:00a Bible Study - Lounge
2:00p Walk & Talk – MN River Bottom Trails
6:00p Worship

THURSDAY – July 30

9:30a-Noon Country Jammers

Volunteers for August

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

Greeters **8/2**, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23, 8/30
Communion servers **8/2**, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23, 8/30
Reader **8/2**, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23, 8/30
Assisting **8/2**, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23, 8/30
Prayers **8/2**, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23, 8/30
Communion prep **8/2**, 8/16, 8/30

Please call the office or email Jane V!

Feed My Starving Children – August 8

Hello! I (Naomi Bernier) am hosting a Feed My Starving Children event on August 8th from 9:30-11:30! It will be at their location in Eagan (990 Lone Oak Rd #136, Eagan, MN 55121) If you are interested and would like to learn more/sign up there is a link below where you can do just that!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EA9A82DA2FAC16-64778502-feed>



Next Weekend at Christ the King

SUNDAY – August 2

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion

10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation
10:30a SHINE – Social Hall
6:00p Walk & Talk – MN River Bottom Trails

Next week's Bible Readings

Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21

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!

2026 Midyear Stewardship Campaign

Entertaining Angels

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. (Hebrews 13:2)

As in years past, the money raised during our midyear campaign will be shared between CTK and an outside organization doing important work in the community. This year our goal is to raise \$12,000 with \$6,000 to be used to refresh our commons area and \$6,000 to benefit Bridging, a much loved local non-profit that helps give individuals and families a new start by supplying them with furnishings for their new homes.

Help us to **Entertain Angels** this summer--both here at CTK and in the homes of our neighbors!

For more information about Bridging, click here:

<https://bridging.org/about-us/>