

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 23, 2026

Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

(* = please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE *The King's March*, J. Clarke and *Fanfare*, F. Couperin

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

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

Refrain

Here on Jesus Christ I will stand. He's the solid rock of my life.

He's the solid rock of my life. He's the solid rock of my life.

- 1 There's no other place I can hide till the storm that rages subsides.
My voice cries to God from the flood, and I'm saved because of his blood. Refrain**
- 2 It is not the work of my hands that has washed away all my sins.
I'm redeemed, and all of my days, Jesus Christ will be my heart's praise. Refrain**
- 3 When my days on this earth are done, and I stand at God's holy throne,
my heart will not have any fear; in Christ's righteousness I am here. Refrain**

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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: **O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING: Exodus 1:8-2:10

⁸ Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. ⁹ He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³ The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?" ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live."

^{2:1} Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" ⁸ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 138 (*read responsively*)

¹ I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³ When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶ **The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

READING: Romans 12:1-8

A reading from Romans.

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Repeat optional*

*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 16th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord—the Good News. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

ELW 596

**1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

- 2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*
- 3 His oath, his covenant, his blood sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*
- 4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain*

Text: Edward Mote, 1797-1874, alt.

APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole church in Christ Jesus, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed as it is printed in your bulletin.

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 Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

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.

OFFERING

Over the Rainbow, H. Arlen and Amazing Grace, arr. J. Althouse

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OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

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

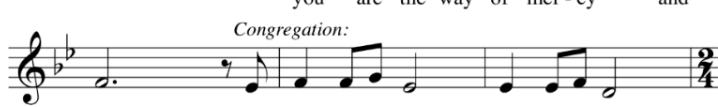
Lamb of God

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*



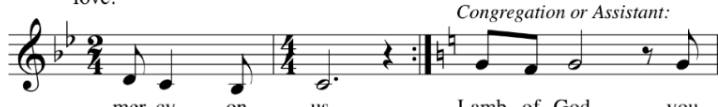
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:



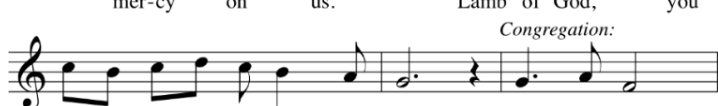
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 fear:
 peace:
 love.

Final Stanza
Congregation or Assistant:



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION HYMN

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

ELW 623

- 1** Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood,
 from thy riven side which flowed, be of sin the double cure;
 cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
- 2** Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands; could my zeal no respite know,
 could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.
- 3** Nothing in my hand I bring; simply to thy cross I cling. Naked, come to thee for dress;
 helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.
- 4** While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
 when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

Go to the World

1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.

4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you till the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry, Amen!" Alleluia. Alleluia.

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Les Fifres (The Fifers), J. F. Dandrieu

Worship Leaders

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Pastor Per Halaas
Assisting Minister	Loren Thompson
Lector	Linda Thompson
Prayers	Carolyn Tillotson
Director of Music Ministry	Kristi MacKay
Special Music	Akiko Durbin & Karen Bottge, violin

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SUNDAY – August 23

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion

10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation

10:30a Open Forum – Bridging – Social Hall

6:00p Walk & Talk – Old Cedar Bridge Trailhead

In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **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), **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), **Christopher** (Herm & Denise Hagedorn's great-nephew), **Joy Morris** and **Twila Rockwell** (Bonnie Erickson's cousin)
- **New Prayers:**
- **Adeline Pedersen** 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**
- **ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission**

This Week at Christ the King

Loaves & Fishes provide a free drive-up meal
Monday-Friday from 5-6pm – all are welcome!

MONDAY – August 24

8:30a Church Chore Crew
9:00a Quilting – Social Hall

TUESDAY – August 25

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

WEDNESDAY – August 26

9:00a Bible Study - Lounge
2:00p Walk & Talk – Old Cedar Bridge Trailhead
5:00p Garden Party - Amphitheater
6:00p Worship

THURSDAY – August 27

9:30a-Noon Country Jammers

FRIDAY – August 28

6:00p Youth Lock-In

Volunteers for August

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

Greeters **8/30**
Communion servers **8/30**
Reader **8/30**
Assisting **8/30**
Prayers **8/30**
Communion prep **8/30**

Please call the office or email Jane V!

Bryant Community Garden Harvest Party

We invite you to attend our Bryant Community Garden Harvest Party. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend.

When: Wednesday, August 26 from 5pm-7pm

Where: The eastside outdoor amphitheater at Christ the King

What: Celebrate with us while socializing, and enjoying walking tacos, lawn games and live, summer-fun, outdoor patio music provided by the Persuaderz. In the event of rain, it will be held in the social hall.

Next Weekend at Christ the King

SUNDAY – August 30

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion
10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation
11:00a CYF Meeting - Social Hall
6:00p Walk & Talk – Old Cedar Bridge Trailhead

Next week's Bible Readings

Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28

Gift of Love - Bridging, Inc.

The mission of Bridging, Inc. is to bridge community resources with existing needs by providing the economically disadvantaged in transition with quality furniture and household items free of charge. Bridging serves people in need based on qualified referrals from Social Service agencies and churches in the seven county Twin Cities area. Learn more about this organization "serving over 5,300 Minnesota families each year" online at: www.bridging.org/.

2026 Midyear Stewardship Campaign Entertaining Angels - Announcement!

Please join us on **Sunday, August 23**, for worship and then a very special forum following the service. Diana Dalsin, Director of Strategic Partnerships at Bridging, will be joining us to teach us a bit about the history and operations of Bridging, and how we as a community can support them as they serve and support their clients. Please join us and learn about this wonderful organization that we will be supporting during our mid-year campaign!



CTK
CYF MEETING
AUGUST 30th 11 am
in the Social Hall
Pizza and snacks provided

- WE will discover what the CYF Program year will look like
- Youth will watch little ones for the first half as all parents/guardians will meet with CYF staff.
- Second half will be youth and their parents/guardians will meet with CYF staff.

Come together in faith, friendship, and prayer!

YOUTH EVENT
END OF Summer
Lock in
August 28th - 29th
6pm - 10 am
Water FUN

invite Friends

FOOD GAMES

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