

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 30, 2026

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

(* = please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" by Wilbur Held

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

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

ELW 523

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, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING: Exodus 3:1-15

(OT page 51)

PSALM: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b *(read responsively)*

¹ Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name; make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.

² **Sing to the Lord, sing praises, and speak of all God's marvelous works.**

³ Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

⁴ **Search for the strength of the Lord; continually seek God's face.**

⁵ Remember the marvels God has done, the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,

⁶ **O offspring of Abraham, God's servant, O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.**

²³ Israel came into Egypt, and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

²⁴ **The Lord made the people of Israel very fruitful, more numerous than their enemies,**

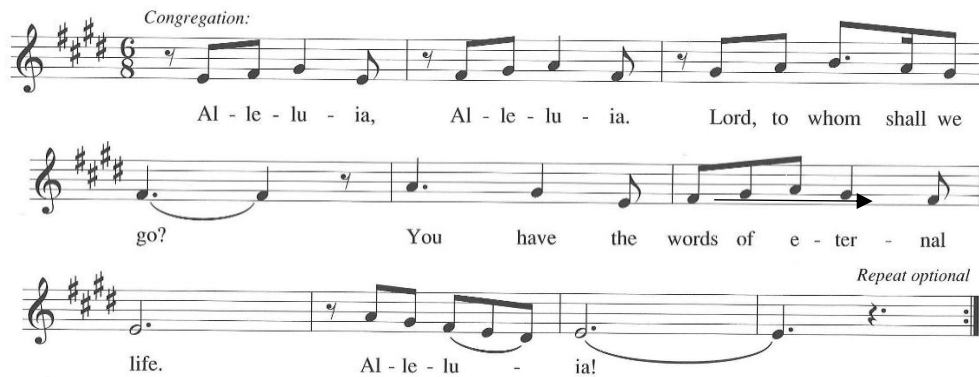
²⁵ whose hearts God turned, so that they hated God's people, and dealt unjustly with the servants of God.

²⁶ **O Lord, you sent Moses your servant, and Aaron, your chosen one. ^{45b} Hallelujah!**

READING: Romans 12:9-21

(NT page 154)

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

(NT page 17)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798 v. 1,2,4,5

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.

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

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

Change My Heart, O God

ELW 801 Repeat

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 583 v. 1-3

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

"Lord of the Dance" 19th Century Shaker Melody

Worship Leaders

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Pastor Per Halaas
Assisting Minister	Jack Carlson
Lector	Sarah Marotz
Prayers	Verla Olson
Director of Music Ministry	Kristi MacKay
Assistant Music Director	Darin Tysdal
Special Music	Acclaim Worship Band
	Akiko Durbin, organ

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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

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), **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)
- **Jim Knutson** 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**
- **Pastor Jeff and Miriam Neller-moe, Director of China Service Ventures**

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. **You can drop your donation in the offering plate** (just put Entertaining Angels in the memo line), **stop by the office or put it in the mail! OR go to our website and click on the give button! The campaign ends on Sept. 13. Thank you!**



This Week at Christ the King

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

MONDAY – August 31

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

TUESDAY – September 1

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

WEDNESDAY – September 2

9:00a Bible Study - Lounge
2:00p Walk & Talk – Richardson Nature
6:00p Worship

THURSDAY – September 3

9:30a-Noon Country Jammers

Next Weekend at Christ the King

SUNDAY – September 6

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion
10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation
11:00a SHINE – Social Hall
6:00p Walk & Talk – Richardson Nature Center

Next week's Bible Readings

Exodus 12:1-4 Psalm 119:33-40
Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20

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/.

Kitchen Party Pack event is on September 13!!!

Please take the next few weeks to consider how you can participate in furnishing kitchens for folks getting assistance from Bridging. We would love to pack over 100 kits. Here are some ways:

1. Create and decorate a notecard with well wishes for the recipient. Something as simple as 'From your friends at Christ the King.' Use your crayons, markers & have fun!
2. Donate a can-opener. Maybe two.
3. Donate a complete basics kit. Flier on counter in commons
4. Donate a basics kit, plus some of the extra items as suggested from the flyer.

Feel free to drop off your donations at the office. Thank you!!

Volunteers for September

If you would like to greet, read, prep/serve communion or make coffee:

Greeter 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27

Assistant Minister 9/13, 9/20, 9/27

Reader 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27

Communion prep 9/6, 9/20

Communion servers 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27

Coffee Set-up 9/20

Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V at jvevea@ctkb.org.

