

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 6, 2026

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

(* = 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

Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun

ELW 557 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: **O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING: Exodus 12:1-14

(OT page 59)

PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40 *(read responsively)*

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

³⁶ **Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷ Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

³⁸ **Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

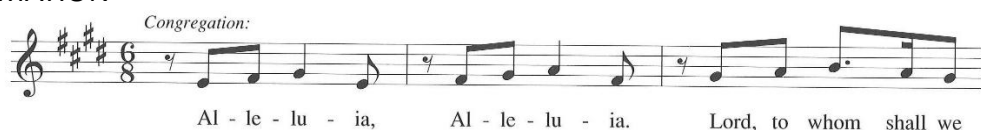
³⁹ Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

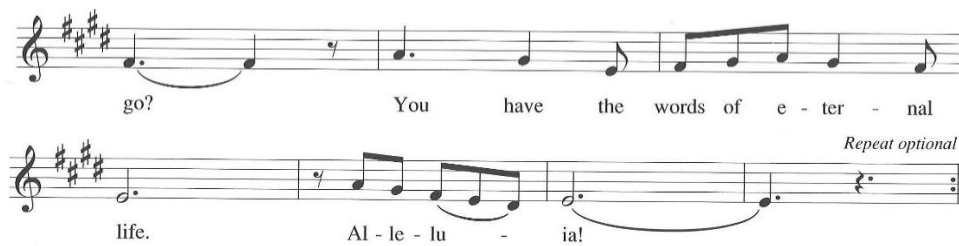
⁴⁰ **Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

READING: Romans 13:8-14

(NT page 154)

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

(NT page 19)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

God, When Human Bonds Are Broken

ELW 603 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.

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.

OFFERING/MUSIC DURING OFFERING

Give by mobile: Text "GIVE" to 320-313-1815, by mail or on our website – www.ctkb.org/generosity/ Thank you!

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
When We Are Living***

ELW Supplement 903

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW 639

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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

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	Mike Vogel
Lector	Rick Turnquist
Prayers	Florence Smallfield
Director of Music Ministry	Kristi MacKay

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SUNDAY – September 6

9:30a	Worship with Holy Communion
10:30a	Maranatha Christian Congregation
10:45a	Family Choir Meeting
6:00p	Walk & Talk – Richardson Nature Center

In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **Dan & Lynn Lenort and his family at the death of Dan's mom**
- **For the family of LaVonne Lambrecht who passed away on 9/2.**
- **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 Michaelson** (Jean Stoll's sister), **Charlie Stoll** (Jim's brother), **Beth Dallmann, Diana Bernier** (Sean Bernier's mom), **Joy Morris** and **Twila Rockwell** (Bonnie Erickson's cousin)
- **New prayers:** **Bill Budroe** (Lynne Gasterland's brother)
- **Carol Juneau** 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 in Richfield**



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 **No L & F on 9/7**

MONDAY – September 7

Labor Day – Office/Building Closed

TUESDAY – September 8

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

WEDNESDAY – September 9

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

2:30p CTK prep L & F
4:30p CTK Hand out L & F
6:00p Worship

THURSDAY – September 10

9:30a-Noon Country Jammers

FRIDAY – September 11

6:00p Family Game Night - Lounge

Volunteers for September

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

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

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

Reader or Prayers 9/13, 9/20, 9/27

Communion prep 9/20

Communion servers 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.

CTK Community Friday night event:

2nd Friday of each month

These fun filled events are
for all to come and join in
the fun.

September 11th -

GAME NIGHT

While enjoying a meal,
we will come together to
experience. Fellowship,
build friendships, while
having fun. Bring a game
to share.



Next Weekend at Christ the King

SUNDAY – September 13

9:30a **Worship with Holy Communion**
10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation
10:45a **God's Work. Our Hands.** Kitchen Kits – SH
11:00a CROWD Breakfast
6:00p Walk & Talk – Richardson Nature Center

Next week's Bible Readings

Exodus 14:19-31 Psalm 114
Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35

Gift of Love for September Kennedy Community Alliance

We appreciate Christ the King for being our partner
supporting Kennedy High School students/family who are
economically vulnerable. Some statistics...

- At Kennedy High School 65% of our students receive Free or Reduced Lunch. Our feeder school, Valley View Middle has 70% of their students on Free or Reduced Lunch.

If you have questions please feel free to contact Kassie Ariza kariza@isd271.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 insert in bulletin!**
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!!

Loaves & Fishes—CTK Volunteers NEEDED! 9/9 and 9/23

Once again we will be volunteering for Loaves and Fishes. Starting on Wednesday, 9/9 CTK will be preparing and serving every other week. We will prep their meals and hand them out, as well as, have them available inside at CTK. If you want to help, please contact the office—952-881-8600 or email Jane V. Thank you!

We need 3 more to Prep @ 2:30p for 9/9!!

Hand out 4:30p