

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 13, 2026

In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.

(* = please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

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, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

ELW 452 v. 1, 4, 5

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, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING: Exodus 14:19-31

(OT page 59)

PSALM: Psalm 114 *(read responsively)*

¹ Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

² **Judah became God's sanctuary and Israel God's dominion.**

³ The sea beheld it and fled; Jordan turned and went back.

⁴ **The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like young sheep.**

⁵ What ailed you, O sea, that you fled, O Jordan, that you turned back,

⁶ **you mountains, that you skipped like rams, you little hills like young sheep?**

⁷ Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,

⁸ **who turned the hard rock into a pool of water and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

READING: Romans 14:1-12

(NT page 154)

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

(NT page 19)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Our Father, We Have Wandered

ELW 606

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

Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil

ELW 721 (repeat)

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	Naomi Bernier
Lector	Kim Gunyou
Prayers	Chris Gabel
Director of Music Ministry	Kristi MacKay
Special Music	Jeremy Hiniker, guitar

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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
6:00p	BSO – Social Hall

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 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)
- **Darlene Proehl** 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**
- **ReconcilingWorks: Lutherans for Full Participation**



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

MONDAY – September 14

8:30a Church Chore Crew

9:00a Quilting – Social Hall

9:00a Bartimaeus Meeting - #106

TUESDAY – September 15

10:00a Staff Meeting – Office

6:30p Yoga

6:30p Chapel Ringers

7:00p Council - Lounge

7:00p Emotions Anonymous

WEDNESDAY – September 16

9:00a Bible Study - Lounge

2:00p Walk & Talk – Richardson Nature

6:00p Worship

7:00p Trinity Choir – Choir Room

THURSDAY – September 17

9:30a-Noon Country Jammers

FRIDAY – September 18

11:00a Funeral for LaVonne Lambrecht

Volunteers for September

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

Greeter 9/20, 9/27

Assistant Minister 9/20, 9/27

Reader or Prayers 9/20, 9/27

Communion prep 9/20

Communion servers 9/20, 9/27

Coffee Set-up 9/20

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

Youth Event

Saturday, 9/26 6pm

Donate:

Cake or cupcake mix

Frosting

Birthday candles

Birthday-themed

napkins or plates

Birthday favors like

bubbles, balloons, etc.



Next Weekend at Christ the King

SUNDAY – September 20 – Kick-Off Sunday!

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion

10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation

10:45a BLAST open house and Fellowship

6:00p Walk & Talk – Richardson Nature Center

6:00p BSO – Social Hall

Next week's Bible Readings

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalms 145:1-8

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

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

Bloomington–Richfield Grief Coalition Fall Series Thursdays, Sept. 24—Nov. 12

4:30pm-6:00pm at Christ the King—Lounge

More information about each week can be found in the CTK Library or on their website brgriefcoalition.com/



The Power of Home CTK Fundraising Luncheon Save the date: Sunday, Oct 11

The Health Cabinet and Public Witness Ministry team are Puttin' on the Soup for Vista 44!

Program by Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative and lunch following worship on Oct 11th. Watch for details in your weekly CTK email. Don't forget to mark your calendars now!