

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost – October 4, 2026

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

(* = please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE

Reflecting by Angela Mair

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN

What Is This Place

ELW 524

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 God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

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PSALM: Psalm 8:7-15 *(read responsively)*

⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts;

let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁸ You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

⁹ **You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.**

¹⁰ The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

¹¹ **You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.**

¹² Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

¹³ **The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.**

¹⁴ Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;

¹⁵ **behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

(NT page 22)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Church's One Foundation

ELW 654

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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Pour une nymphe en allée

by Claude Gagnon

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OFFERING PRAYER

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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SANCTUS

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*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

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COMMUNION HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray: **Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen. The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

ELW 536

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Pastor Bonnie Wilcox
Children's Message	Kristina Elder
Assisting Minister	Sean Johnson
Lector	Holly Hauer
Prayers	Sean Johnson
Assistant Music Director	Darin Tysdal
Special Music	Jeremy Hiniker, guitar

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SUNDAY – October 4

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion

10:30a	Maranatha Christian Congregation
10:45a	Fellowship – Social Hall
10:45a	BLAST – Room 36
10:45a	Confirmation – Youth Room
10:45a	CTK Foundation – Room 110
Noon	SHINE – Social Hall
6:00p	Walk & Talk - MOA
6:00p	BSO – Social Hall

In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **For Valerie Pedersen & Andrea Lind and families at the death of their mom, Adeline**
Funeral at Gill Brothers in Bloomington on 10/6 at Noon. Visitation 1 hour prior.
- **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), 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), Beth Dallmann, Diana Bernier (Sean Bernier's mom), Joy Morris, and Twila Rockwell (Bonnie Erickson's cousin),
- **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 in Richfield**

This Week at Christ the King Loaves & Fishes provide a free drive-up meal Monday-Friday from 5-6pm MONDAY – October 5 8:30a Church Chore Crew 9:00a Quilting – Social Hall TUESDAY – October 6 10:00a Staff Meeting – Office 6:30p Yoga 7:00p Emotions Anonymous WEDNESDAY – October 7 9:00a Bible Study 6:00p Worship 6:00p Chapel Ringers 7:00p Health Cabinet Meeting 7:00p Trinity Choir THURSDAY – October 8 9:30a-Noon Country Jammers Noon Lunch & a Movie - Lounge 4:30p B/R Grief Coalition - Lounge FRIDAY – October 9 6:00p Community Friday Night - Lounge	Next Weekend at Christ the King SUNDAY – October 11 8:45a P.O.P Rehearsal 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion 10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation 10:45a Beacon/Vista 44 Soup Fundraiser – Social Hall 11:00a CROWD Breakfast 6:00p Walk & Talk - MOA Next week's Bible Readings: Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14 <u>Cornerstone – October Gift of Love</u> Cornerstone's continuum of service helps to create communities where individuals and families are safe and children thrive. They advocate, educate and lead the way to social change. Cornerstone's ultimate goal is to reduce the prevalence of interpersonal violence. Healthy futures are possible when we coordinate an effective crisis response, implement trauma-informed support services, mitigate the impact of violence on children and youth, and confront the roots of violence. For more information go to www.cornerstonemn.org.
<u>Volunteers for October</u> If you would like to greet, read, prep/serve communion or make coffee: Greeter 10/11, 10/18, 10/25 Assistant Minister 10/18, 10/25 Reader 10/11, 10/18, 10/25 Prayers 10/18, 10/25 Communion prep 10/25, Coffee prep 10/25 Communion servers 10/11, 10/18, 10/25 Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V at jvevea@ctkb.org.	Dates to remember at CTK: Sunday, Oct. 11 after worship Beacon/Vista 44 fundraiser & soup! If you are available to help set up or serve on Oct. 11, please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V at jvevea@ctkb.org. Thank you! Wednesday, Oct. 14 Flu Shot Clinic at CTK 4:30p-6:30p Flyers can be found in the commons on the coffee counter for more information.
<u>Fall in love with the movies!</u> Come enjoy a matinee with Pastor Per! We'll meet in the lounge at noon on Thursdays this October to watch a movie together and then talk about it! Bring something for lunch and we'll provide the popcorn, candy, and lemonade! Oct. 8 – A Man Called Otto	Same fun, different name - same spirit! We have changed the "Family Choir" to P.O.P (People of Peace) As always, all are invited! Oct. 11 – practice at 8:45am – singing in worship!
Angela House Gritton will be joining our team as Interim Director of Music Ministries. <u>Angela will be leading rehearsals on Wednesday, October 7th</u> for the Chapel Ringers (6:00pm in the balcony) and the Trinity Choir (7:00pm in the choir room).	Community Friday Night - Friday, Oct. 9th – 6pm Movie - "EVAN ALMIGHTY" Popcorn and Beverages – Lounge - ALL AGES WELCOME Be sure to invite Friends and Family