

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost – October 11, 2026

In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

(* = please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE

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

As We Gather at Your Table

ELW 522

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: **Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING: Exodus 32:1-14

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PSALM: Psalm 23 *(read responsively)*

¹ The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

² **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

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 22:1-14

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SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

ELW 719, vs 1, 4, 6

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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

arr. Jay Althouse

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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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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

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Pastor Per Halaas
Children's Message	Kristina Elder
Assisting Minister	Mike Vogel
Lector	Tom Butala
Prayers	Verla Olson
Interim Director of Music Ministries	Angela House Gritton
Assistant Music Director	Darin Tysdal
Special Music	P.O.P. and Trinity Choir

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SUNDAY – October 11**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

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), 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:** Ryan Koenig (friend of David Tillotson) and Barb Rhodes
- Marilyn Linquist 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
- ISALAH Minnesota Faith Coalition

This Week at Christ the King

Loaves & Fishes provide a free drive-up meal

Monday-Friday from 5-6pm **No L & F on 10/12**

MONDAY – October 12

8:30a Church Chore Crew

9:00a Quilting – Social Hall

9:30a Bartimaeus Meeting

TUESDAY – October 13

9:00a Lifeline Screening – Social Hall

10:00a Staff Meeting – Office

6:30p Yoga

7:00p Emotions Anonymous

WEDNESDAY – October 14

9:00a Bible Study - Lounge

2:00p Walk & Talk

2:30p CTK L & F prep

4:30p Flu Clinic – Crossroads Room

4:30p CTK Hand out L & F

6:00p Worship

7:00p Trinity Choir

THURSDAY – October 15

9:30a-Noon Country Jammers

9:00a D & D Camp – Room 36

Noon Lunch and A Movie - Lounge

4:30p B/R Grief Coalition - Lounge

FRIDAY – October 16

9:00a D & D Camp – Room 36

6:00p Youth Halloween Costume Party

Volunteers for October

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

Greeter 10/18, 10/25

Assistant Minister 10/18, 10/25

Reader 10/18, 10/25

Prayers 10/18, 10/25

Communion prep 10/25, Coffee prep 10/25

Communion servers (2) 10/18, 10/25

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

Next Weekend at Christ the King

SUNDAY – October 18

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion

10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation

10:45a BLAST – Lower Level

10:45a Parent Village – Crossroads Room

10:45a Confirmation – Youth Room

6:00p Walk & Talk - MOA

Next week's Bible Readings:

Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22

Cornerstone – October Gift of Love

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.**

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 or on Constant Contact.

Fall in love with the movies!

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. 15 (MEA) – Babe**

Book Club Meeting

Join us on **Sunday, October 25**, in Room 11 right after worship! We'll be choosing our next book, so please bring your suggestions. Everyone is welcome! Questions? Ask Lynne Gasterland or Jean Butala.

Trunk & Treat – Wednesday, October 28 at 6pm

YES it is almost time for CTK's Annual Trunk and Treat! Please sign up in the commons to help with games and/or to have your TRUNK in the parking lot. **There will be a hot dog dinner from 5-6pm – free will offering.** Be sure to invite family and friends!

CTK Youth Halloween Costume Party

Friday, October 16 - 6pm to Midnight

Music, Games and Pizza