

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Reformation Sunday – October 25, 2026

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

(* = please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE

Though the Earth Shall Change

Witt/Vegdahl

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW 505 v 1, 2, 4

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: **Gracious Creator, we pray for your holy church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

READING: Romans 3:19-28

(NT page 146)

PSALM: Psalm 46 (*Congregation sings refrain*)

REFRAIN:



¹ God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea; ³ though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶ The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.

REFRAIN

⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. ⁸ Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth; ⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire. ¹⁰ "Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth." ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

REFRAIN

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: John 8:31-36

(NT page 96)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Dearest Jesus, At Your Word

ELW 520 v 1, 2, & 4

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

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SANCTUS

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*EUCHARISTIC 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

Come, Let Us Eat

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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

Sing a New Church

on screen

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

Rick Turnquist

Lector

Kay Marotz

Prayers

Sarah Marotz

Interim Director of Music Ministries Angela House Gritton

Assistant Music Director

Darin Tysdal

Special Music

Acclaim Worship Band

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SUNDAY – October 25 Reformation Sunday

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion

10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation

10:45a Book Club – Room 11

11:00a 2027 Youth Gathering Parent Mtg –
Room 110

5:00p BSO Board Meeting/Rehearsal

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, Twila Rockwell** (Bonnie Erickson's cousin), **Ryan Koenig** (friend of David Tillotson), **Barb Rhodes**, and **Jen Tourville** (friend of the Gasterlands)
- **New Prayers:** **Sandra Fahrendorff** and **Joyce Heberling** (Kris Smallfield's mom)
- **Pat Andersen** 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**
- **Minneapolis Area Synod**

This Week at Christ the King

Loaves & Fishes provide a free drive-up meal Monday-Friday from 5-6pm

MONDAY – October 26

8:30a Church Chore Crew
9:00a Quilting – Social Hall
4:15a Public Witness Team – Room 110

TUESDAY – October 27

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

WEDNESDAY – October 28

9:00a Bible Study - Lounge
2:00p Walk & Talk
2:30p CTK Prep Loaves & Fishes
4:30p CTK Hand out Loaves & Fishes
5:00p Hot Dog Dinner – Social Hall
6:00p Trunk and Treat – Parking Lot
6:00p Chapel Ringers
7:00p Trinity Choir

THURSDAY – October 29

9:30a-Noon Country Jammers
Noon Lunch and A Movie - Lounge
4:30p B/R Grief Coalition – Lounge
5:30p AA Meeting – Room 110

Trunk & Treat – Wednesday, October 28 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!

Next Weekend at Christ the King

SUNDAY – November 1 All Saints Sunday

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion
10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation
10:45a Open Forum with Bill Russell – Social Hall
10:45a BLAST – Lower Level
Noon SHINE – Social Hall
6:00p BSO – Social Hall
6:00p Walk & Talk - MOA

Next week's Bible Readings:

Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10,22
1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12

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. **For more information go to www.cornerstonemn.org.**

All Saints Sunday - November 1st

Join us on Sunday, November 1st at our 9:30am worship or on our livestream on our website - as we remember and give thanks for the community of saints – those who have gone on before us, and the whole people of God!

Fall in love with the movies!

Come enjoy a matinee with Pastor Per! Last chance! Bring something for lunch and we'll provide the popcorn, candy, and lemonade! **Oct. 29 (MEA) – Sketch**

Loaves & Fishes on October 28

CTK help is needed for handing out meals – be at CTK by 4:30 – done by 6pm. Please call the office or email!!