Christ the King Lutheran Church
Twenty fourth Sunday after Pentecost – November 8, 2026

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

(* = please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE *Look who Gathers at Christ's Table* - Troeger / Corzine

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, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN ***Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table***

1 Look who gathers at Christ's table! Hear the stories that they bring.
Some are weeping; some are laughing; some have songs they want to sing.
Others ask why they're invited, burdened by the wrong they've done.
Christ insists they all are welcome. There is room for ev'ryone.

3 Their sad stories are repeated in a thousand diff'rent ways,
but they share one thing in common: they all end in thanks and praise
for the host who has invited north and south and east and west
to converge around this table, where all life is fed and blest.

4 Bring your joy and bring your sadness, and prepare to be surprised
by the host whose hands are wounded, who will open wide your eyes
when he blesses bread and breaks it—truth and manna from above!—
and then passes wine that wakens in your heart the taste of love.

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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 God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

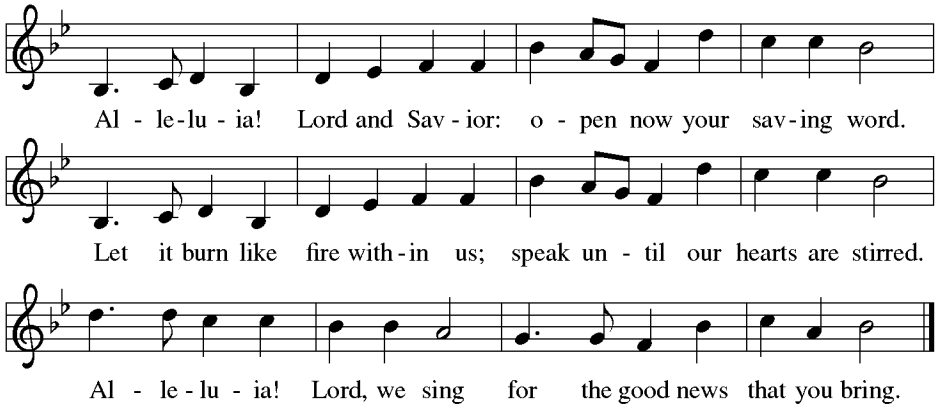
READING: Amos 5:18-24 (OT page 878)

PSALM: Psalm 70

[1] Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.
[2] Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
[3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.
[4] Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"
[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13 (NT page 26)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Wake Awake for Night is Flying*** **ELW 436**

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

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SANCTUS front of ELW page 207
*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION
THE LORD'S PRAYER front of ELW page 208
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*** front of ELW page 208
COMMUNION HYMN ***Let Streams of Living Justice*** **ELW 710**

TABLE BLESSING
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS
BLESSING
The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ***Holy God We Praise Your Name*** **ELW 414 verses 1 & 4**
DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Encourage one another. **Thanks be to God.**
POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Pastor Per Halaas
Children's Message	Kristina Elder
Assisting Minister	Loren Thompson
Lector	Linda Thompson
Prayers	Carolyn Tillotson
Interim Director of Music Ministries	Angela House Gritton
Assistant Music Director	Darin Tysdal

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SUNDAY – November 8

9:30a	**Worship with Holy Communion**
10:30a	Maranatha Christian Congregation
10:45a	BLAST – Lower Level
11:00a	CROWD Breakfast
6:00p	BSO – Social Hall
6:00p	Walk & Talk - MOA

In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **For the family of Sandra Fahrendorff, who passed away on 10/30.**
- **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**, **Twila Rockwell** (Bonnie Erickson's cousin), **Ryan Koenig** (friend of David Tillotson), **Barb Rhodes, Jen Tourville** (friend of the Gasterlands), **Joyce Heberling** (Kris Smallfield's mom), and **Michael R. Vogel** (Mike & Mary Ann's son)
- **New Prayers: Harriet Felber** and **Bob Rathje**
- **Shirley Gentz** 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**
- **Lutheran Disaster Response**

This Week at Christ the King

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

MONDAY – November 9
8:30a Church Chore Crew
9:00a Quilting – Social Hall
9:00a Bartimaeus Meeting – Room 106

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

WEDNESDAY – November 11
9:00a Bible Study - Lounge
2:00p Walk & Talk
2:30p CTK Prep Loaves & Fishes
4:30p CTK Hand out Loaves & Fishes
6:00p Chapel Ringers
6:00p Worship
7:00p Trinity Choir

THURSDAY – November 12
9:30a-Noon Country Jammers
4:30p B/R Grief Coalition – Lounge

FRIDAY – November 13
6:00p Community Friday Night - Lounge

KNEAD THE DOUGH!



Let us know how you can contribute to the ministries of CTK. Your financial pledge today helps us to plan for the year. Help sustain the work we are doing! Imagine new ways you can participate! Your time and money help CTK make a real impact—here in Bloomington and all over the world! Increase your gift today and discover what we can do together!

Nov 22: Knead the Dough party!
Nov 29: Turn in your pledges!

Volunteers for November

Greeter **11/15**, 11/22, 11/29
Assistant Minister **11/15**, 11/22, 11/29
Reader or Prayers **11/15**, 11/22, 11/29
Communion prep **11/15**, 11/29
Communion servers (2) **11/15**, 11/22, 11/29
Please call the offie 952-881-8600 or email Jane V at jvevea@ctkb.org.

Next Weekend at Christ the King

SATURDAY – November 14
3:00p Loeffler/Dorsey Wedding

SUNDAY – November 15
9:30a Worship with Holy Communion
10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation
10:45a BLAST & Confirmation – Lower Level
10:45a Book Club – Room 11
6:00p BSO – Social Hall
6:00p Walk & Talk - MOA

Next week's Bible Readings:

Zephaniah 1:7,12-18 Psalm 1-8, 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30

November Gift of Love — Loaves & Fishes

Loaves & Fishes mission is to provide nutritious meals to people who are hungry across Minnesota in an atmosphere of hospitality at site locations where the need is greatest and to develop joint ventures/partnerships with like-minded organizations assisting guests with additional basic needs key to becoming self-sufficient. For more information go to www.loavesandfishesmn.org/.

Exciting Announcement:
CTKB Craft Fair on Saturday, November 21!

We're thrilled to invite you to the CTKB Craft Fair, celebrating the creativity and entrepreneurial spirit of individual crafters! This event will highlight unique, handmade crafts, and we will not feature multi-level marketing vendors. In addition to our talented crafters, we'll have concessions run by our youth group, a book sale benefiting our library team, and a delightful bake sale! Join us for a day filled with creativity and community support! Please send questions to craftfair@ctkb.org.

Book Club

The next book club meeting will be **Sunday, Nov. 15** and we will be discussing the first 100 pages of *The False White Gospel* by Jim Wallis. Everyone is welcome to join us after worship! Questions - ask Lynne Gasterland or Jean Butala

Loaves & Fishes—CTK Volunteers
Wednesday, November 11

CTK will be preparing and serving only once in November and December, due to the holidays. If you want to help, please contact the office—952-881-8600 or email Jane V. Thank you! Prep at 2:30p Hand out at 4:30p