Christ the King Lutheran Church
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost – November 15, 2026

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

(* = please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE *Clarendon Park* Yvonne Bloor

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 *O God Our Help in Ages Past* ELW 632 v 1-4

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: **O God of righteousness and mercy, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

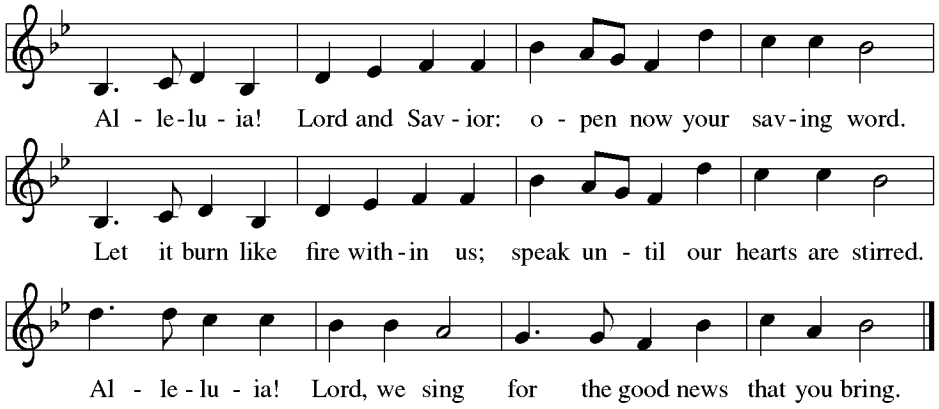
READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 (OT page 878)

PSALM: Psalm 90:1-8, 12

[1] Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
[2] **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,**
from age to age you are God.
[3] You turn us back to the dust and say, "Turn back, O children of earth."
[4] **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night;**
[5] you sweep them away like a dream, they fade away suddenly like the grass:
[6] **in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**
[7] For we are consumed by your anger;
we are afraid because of your wrath.
[8] Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
[12] **So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30 (NT page 26)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Let Us Talent and Tongues Employ* ELW 674

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 *All Good Gifts* Stephen Schwartz

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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 Us Break Bread Together* Traditional arr. J.N. Beck

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 *Bread for the Journey* Bret Hesla
DISMISSAL
Go in peace. Encourage one another. **Thanks be to God.**
POSTLUDE *Evergreen* Hirokazu Sato

Worship Leaders

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Pastor Per Halaas
Children's Message	Kristina Elder
Assisting Minister	Peggy Indahl
Lector	Verla Olson
Prayers	Sean Johnson
Interim Director of Music Ministries	Angela House Gritton
Assistant Music Director	Darin Tysdal
Special Music	Trinity Choir, Jeremy Hiniker, guitar

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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

In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **Continuing Prayers: 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), **Beth Dallmann, Diana Bernier** (Sean Bernier's mom), **Twila Rockwell** (Bonnie Erickson's cousin), **Ryan Koenig** (friend of David Tillotson), **Barb Rhodes, Jen Tourville** (friend of the Gasterlands), **Michael R. Vogel** (Mike & Mary Ann's son), and **Bob Rathje**
- **Shirley Roloff** 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 Campus Ministry-Twin Cities**

ADVENT BOOK STUDY

In this season of hope-filled waiting, join Pastor Per on Tuesdays throughout Advent in conversation and contemplation guided by the book *Voices of Advent: The Bible's Insights for a Season of Hope* by Matthew L. Skinner. In *Voices of Advent*, Dr. Skinner—a New Testament professor and scholar—leads readers through the Bible's various perspectives that shape our preparations for Christmas. *Voices of Advent* helps readers experience Advent not only as the start of the Christian Church Year, but also as the powerful overture that sets the tone for the incredible story of Jesus.
What: *Voices of Advent* book study **When: 3:30pm Tuesdays – Nov. 24th- Dec. 15th**
Where: CTKB Lounge. *If you'd like to join this book study, please stop by the office to purchase your copy of the book for $14.*

This Week at Christ the King

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

MONDAY – November 16
8:30a Church Chore Crew
9:00a Quilting – Social Hall
7:00p Health Cabinet Meeting

TUESDAY – November 17
10:00a Staff Meeting – Office
Noon Judean Circle - Lounge
6:30p Yoga
7:00p Council - Lounge
7:00p Emotions Anonymous

WEDNESDAY – November 18
9:00a Bible Study - Lounge
2:00p Walk & Talk
6:00p Chapel Ringers
6:00p Worship
7:00p Trinity Choir

THURSDAY – November 19
9:30a-Noon Country Jammers
5:30p AA Meeting – Room 110

FRIDAY – November 20
5:30p Craft Fair Set-up

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 coming 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!

Thanksgiving Eve Worship
November 25th at 6pm

Please join us for worship to give thanks for all our blessings. We will be having pie after worship! All are welcome.

Next Weekend at Christ the King

SATURDAY – November 21
9am-3:00p CTK Craft Fair

SUNDAY – November 22 – Christ the King and Stewardship Sunday
9:30a Worship with Holy Communion
10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation
10:45a Knead the Dough Party – Social Hall
6:00p Walk & Talk - MOA

Next week's Bible Readings:
Ezekial 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46

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/.

CTKB Craft Fair on Saturday, November 21!

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. **Volunteers and Help is still needed! Please talk to Kristina if you can help! kelder@ctkb.org or sign-up in the commons. Thank you!**

Volunteers for November

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

Multi-generational: Advent Event on Nov 29th after worship in the Social Hall. All are welcome!