

Christ the King Lutheran Church
Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 14, 2023

(* = please stand as you are able)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

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THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, saves, and sends us with love that lives forever. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we give thanks for the mercy and forgiveness that wrap our true selves in sacred belonging and purpose. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Holy God, fountain of living water, source of mercy, tender and mighty, you are clothed with majesty and splendor. Your steadfast love fills the earth. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Your love flows through water, satisfying the thirst of all living things, sustaining life in this community, nourishing and delighting us. We bless you for the gift of water: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Your love flows through water, a sign of your saving power: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. Moses' mother saves her child through the river Nile.

Miriam dances on the far side of the Red Sea, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Your love flows through the water of baptism joined to your life-giving Word: your well of mercy and cleansing flood, your sea of deliverance from death into life, your living water springing up to eternal life, and nothing can separate us from the promise of love you proclaim here through Jesus. For Christ is risen! **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

Shower us with your Holy Spirit..... **Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN

Alleluia Sing to Jesus

ELW 392, stanzas 1 - 3

*GATHERING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** Let us pray: **Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG

Love Round

**Love, love, love, love: Christians this is your call;
Love your neighbor as yourself for God loves us all!**

READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

(NT page 224)

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

If we have love, then we dwell in the Lord, God will protect us from fire and sword,

Fill us with love and the peace of His word: alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*GOSPEL READING: John 14:15-21

(NT page 103)

SERMON

"In My Defense"

HYMN OF THE DAY

Loving Spirit

ELW 397

APOSTLE'S CREED

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Cantad al Senor

arr. Kevin McChesney

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*GREAT THANKSGIVING

page 152 at front of ELW

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*LORDS'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. The bread used today was prepared in a gluten-, peanut, and tree nut-free facility. Return to your seats by the center aisle. All are welcome.*

COMMUNION HYMN

Be Known to Us



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HYMN

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

ELW 763

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER & BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

ELW 634 4 stanzas 1, 4, 5, 6

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

The Strife Is O'er

arr. Karen E. Black

Worship Leaders

Preaching

Pastor Rory Philstrom

Presiding

Pastor Per Halaas

Children's Message

Kristina Elder

Lector/Prayers

Mark Meier

Director of Music/Organist

Bjorn Gustafson

Special Music

Chapel Ringers, WOW singers

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In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **Amy Miller and Janice Hommes and their family at the death of their dad, Cliff Hommes**
- **Continuing Prayers: Lois Torvik, Jim and Arlene Knutson, Jaden Hanson** (relative of Lorie Aljoe), **Pat Andersen, Jacquie Craig** (Jodi Greiner's sister), **Jason Bohrn** (Mike Haddox's nephew), **Sean Austin** (brother-in-law of Carolyn Tillotson), **Molly Huyber** (Bev Dorsey's daughter), **Brian Radman** (Rick Turnquist's brother-in-law), **Diane Backus** (niece of Carol Thornton), **Isaac Hill** (grandson of Gail & John, nephew of Melissa), **Ryan Jones** (Jane B's nephew), **Kim Moen** (Lynn Lenort's sister) **Stephanie Hatfield** (cousin of Carolyn Tillotson), **Don Ganje** (Jan Gasterland's cousin), **Edward Anderson, Chloe Ashley and her family, Mary Ann Vogel, Sandy Loehnis and Libby & Jake** (Jan & Lynne Gasterland's niece and nephew)
- **Dorothy Wethern** and all who are homebound
- **Rev. Philip and Lou-Marie Knutson, South Africa; Our sister in China and Peace Center for the Blind in Jerusalem and the Ukrainian Refugees**
- **Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria, Companion Church for the Mpls Area Synod of the ELCA**

<p>This Week at Christ the King Loaves & Fishes provide a free drive-up meal Monday-Friday from 5-6pm</p> <p>MONDAY – May 15 8:30a Church Chore Crew 9:00a Quilters – Social Hall 4:00p Pick-up Plant orders - Gazebo</p> <p>TUESDAY – May 16 10:00a Staff Meeting – Office Noon Judean Circle - Lounge 6:30p Yoga – Commons 7:00p Council - Lounge</p> <p>WEDNESDAY – May 17 8:30a Bible Study - Narthex 6:00p Worship 6:45p Chapel Ringers 7:30p Trinity Choir</p> <p>THURSDAY – May 18</p> <p>FRIDAY – May 19 Office Closed</p>	<p>Next Sunday at Christ the King SUNDAY – May 21 Ascension of Our Lord Affirmation of Faith 9:00a Kerala Christian Congregation – West Chapel 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion 10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation – Lounge 10:45a Confirmation Reception – Social Hall</p> <p>Bible Reading for next week: Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53 Acts 17:22-31 for Wednesday, 5/17</p> <p>Sunday Open Forums May 14 - Biblical grounding for extravagant welcome & RIC Welcome Statement Discussion with Pastor Rory Philstrom May 21 Confirmation Sunday - Confirmation Reception – Join us for refreshments & treats! All are welcome!</p>
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CTK Congregational Picnic - Sunday, June 4th

Food, Fellowship & Fun!

NEEDED – A grill master!! If you are able to grill hamburgers & hot dogs – please call the office. We will have everyone bring a side or a dessert. We will provide burgers, hotdogs, chips and a beverage. We will have fun and games for all ages! Please sign-up in the commons, so we know how many are coming and what you are bringing! Thank you!

VEAP

Since there is an ongoing need at VEAP – we will be asking for your help and having a theme each week – this week we are looking for **baby supplies – diapers and wipes**. These can be dropped off on the VEAP bench outside the office. Thank you!

Bryant Park Community Garden

There are 35 tall & large boxes (5.5 ft. x 3 ft. x 2 ft.) to rent for **\$20 each** for the season. We will limit rentals to one box per household and if there are any left to rent as of June 1st, we will open them up to those who already have a box. **Go to our website at <https://www.ckb.org/pages/bryant-park-community-garden--12>** You can start planting your garden the second full weekend in May. If you have any questions please call the office, 952-881-8600.

Spring Plant Sale Pick-Up - May 15

Plants and gift cards will be ready for pick up on **Monday, May 15 from 4:00-6:00 PM** at CTK in the courtyard by the gazebo. Please let us know if you will be unable to pick up your plants and/or need delivery help. If you have questions about pick up or delivery, please contact: Sarah Marotz, sarah@ceramicbytes.com

May's GIFT of LOVE - VEAP ... Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People

VEAP has been helping our neighbors in need for 50 years and is an important partner of Christ the King. They focus on pathways to stability for families, children and the elderly through programs that promote access to healthy foods, stable housing and other supportive services. VEAP is able to leverage buying power through a number of programs ... purchasing healthy foods at a recused cost means we they can meet more needs and make a larger impact. Because of this, VEAP can feed an individual for as little as \$1.00 for 3 days. Christ the King and VEAP have been partners for a very long time and together we can continue to care for our neighbors. Please consider making a financial donation in May. Imagine the difference your generosity can make! **Many Many Thanks!**

VBS (Vacation Bible School)

Monday, June 12 thru Thursday, June 15 5pm-8pm

This year's theme is "Food Truck Party"! More details will follow as the date approaches. **If you would like to Volunteer for VBS, we would love your help. Please email me: at kelder@ctkb.com**

Registration is OPEN!! [https://ctkb.elvanto.net/form/77489fd7-47e1-](https://ctkb.elvanto.net/form/77489fd7-47e1-49f9-a9c9-32be21eee9e3)

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June Newsletter Deadline - Monday, May 15

Please email newsletter articles to jvevea@ctkb.org or leave a hard copy in the church office.