

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, August 3, 2025

(* = please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God, **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of † Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN

Come, All You People

ELW 819

GREETING AND 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, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

(OT page 629)

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

READING: Psalm 49:1-12 (*To be read responsively*)

¹ Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

² **you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.**

³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

⁴ **I will incline my ear to a proverb and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

⁵ Why should I be afraid in evil days, when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

⁶ **the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess, and boast of their great riches?**

⁷ One can never redeem another, or give to God the ransom for another's life;

⁸ **for the ransom of a life is so great that there would never be enough to pay it,**

⁹ in order to live forever and ever and never see the grave.

¹⁰ **For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

¹¹ Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation, though they had named lands after themselves.

¹² **Even though honored, they cannot live forever; they are like the beasts that perish.**

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!



***GOSPEL READING:** Luke 12:13-21

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SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

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

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

OFFERING

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OFFERING PRAYER

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

SANCTUS

(front of ELW page 173)

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION**

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

(front of ELW page 174)

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Ministers	All of you!
Presiding	Pastor Per Halaas
Assisting Minister	Loren Thompson
Lector	Joan Perlich
Prayers	Kristina Elder
Director of Music Ministry	Kristi MacKay
Special Music	Jeremy Hiniker, guitar

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SUNDAY – August 3

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion

10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation
Lounge

In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **The family of Donna Smith who passed away on 7/24. Her funeral will be 8/11 at 11am at CTK.**
- **Continuing Prayers: Jim and Arlene Knutson, Jacquie Craig** (Jodi Greiner's sister), **Brian Radman** (Rick Turnquist's brother-in-law), **Ryan Jones** (Jane B's nephew), **Robert Thornton** (Carol's husband), **Donna Woodward** (sister of Dan Pierce), **Pam Novak** (friend of Chris Gabel), **Lavonne Kennedy** (Clare Erickson's sister), **Jim Wegge** (Bev Wegge's brother), **Carol Hinze** (Caitlyn Johnson's grandma), **Jim Votaw** (Michelle Smith's dad), **John Munson** (friend of Kristi's), **Matthew Howell** (nephew of Jean Stoll), **Isaac Hill** (grandson of Gail & John, nephew of Melissa), **Jackie Schmeidl** (friend of Sean Bernier), **Shirley Gentz**, **Bev Oelrich** (cousin of Bonnie Erickson) and **Christine Gibson** (Carol Juneau's daughter), **Barb Rhodes**, and **Joanne** (Jan Gasterland's cousin)
- **New prayers: Pastor David and Diane Lerseth**
- **Carol Juneau** 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 Church in Richfield**
- **Pastor Jeff and Miriam Neller**, Director of China Service Ventures

"Welcome Home": CTK Mid-year Stewardship Campaign



This year our goal is to raise \$10,000 with \$5,000 going to our operating budget and the \$5,000 to be donated to the ministries of Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota that serve youth experiencing homelessness. And we're nearly halfway there!

Add your gift now to help support safe and sustainable housing for Twin Cities teens and to keep the home fires burning here at CTK!

For questions about the variety of ways you can contribute, please call the church office.

For more information about what LSS-MN is doing to help un-housed youth in the state:

<https://www.lssmn.org/services/youth-homelessness>

<p>This Week at Christ the King Loaves & Fishes provide a free drive-up meal Monday-Friday from 5-6pm</p> <p>MONDAY – August 4 8:30a Church Chore Crew 9:00a Quilting – Social Hall</p> <p>TUESDAY – August 5 10:00a Staff Meeting – Office 6:00p National Night Out</p> <p>WEDNESDAY – August 6 9:00a Bible Study – Lounge 11:00a WOW Meeting – Office 6:00p Worship</p> <p>THURSDAY – August 7 9am-Noon Country Jammers – SH Friday, 8/8 Office Closed</p>	<p>Next Weekend at Christ the King SUNDAY – August 10 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion 10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation – Lounge</p> <p>Bible Reading for next week: Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22 Luke 12:32-40</p> <p>Gift of Love - Bridging, Inc. The mission of Bridging, Inc. is to bridge com-munity resources with existing needs by providing the economically disadvantaged in transition with quality furniture and household items free of charge. Bridging serves people in need based on qualified referrals from Social Service agencies and churches in the seven county Twin Cities area. Learn more about this organization “serving over 5,300 Minnesota families each year” online at: www.bridging.org/.</p>
<p>Lutheran Night at the Twins Thursday August 14 6:30p.m. Join other Minnesota Lutherans at Target Field for Lutheran Night at the Twins! There are a variety of seating options and pricing, ranging from upper level (\$18) to club level (\$51) and more. For group or individual tickets, contact Ryan Thomson at 612-659-3582 or ryanthomson@twins.com.</p>	<p>VEAP VEAP needs donations. They need donations of food, personal hygiene items, diapers, etc. Or you can give by check, \$10.00 can feed a family for one month. Medicaid and SNAP are being cut which will leave people needing VEAP more than ever. Please donate and help our neighbors. Let's fill the table by the office and cover the floor around it and overflow the area. Thank you. Elizabeth Olson</p>
<p><u>Volunteers for August</u> If you would like to assist, greet, read, serve/prep communion: Assisting Minister 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 8/31 Greeter 8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 8/31 Prayers & Reader 8/17, 8/24, 8/31 Communion prep on 8/10, 8/24 2 Communion servers 8/17, 8/24 Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V at jvevea@ctkb.org.</p>	<p>National Night Out - Tuesday - August 5th 6-8pm Food and Community! Fun and games for members of CTK & our neighborhood. We will have our bouncy house outside too! If you are able to help out (serve beverages or play games), please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V at jvevea@ctkb.org. We are also in need of help with food. If you can contribute hot dogs, buns, chips, watermelon and freezies - please sign-up in the commons, please drop off by 8/4. Thank you!</p>
 <p>S.H.I.N.E. CTK Women's group We come together at noon on the first Sunday of each month to Support, Honor, Inspire, Nurture, and Encourage one another! Get together at Lynn Gasterland home August 17th at NOON Please join us for food and fun Please sign up</p> <p> Kristina-keider@ctkb.org</p>	<p>Community Garden Party Wednesday, August 20th Our Community Health Initiative team invites you to our Annual Bryant Park Community Garden Party on August 20th from 6PM-10PM 6:00PM-8:00PM—Join us for beverages, tasty salads, live music and yard games. 8:00pm - We will be showing a movie with freshly popped popcorn. This is a fun event for all ages. Spread the word to our neighbors (e.g., National Night Out). Watch for updates in the Constant Contact</p>