

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, August 31, 2025

(* = please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue for Piano Left Hand

by Manuel Ponce

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 created us to live in loving relationship with each other and through the power of the Holy Spirit you knit us into one beloved community. Keep us on the path of reconciliation. Keep us grounded in your love. Guide each of the disparate parts of your church as we seek to move together as one body: the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

(NT page 166)

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

READING: Psalm 133 (read responsively)

A reading from Psalms.

¹ How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

² **It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

³ It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!



***GOSPEL READING: John 13:31-35**

(NT page 71)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Church Song

Refrain

**We are the church, the body of our Lord;
we are all God's children. We have been restored.**

- 1 The church is not a building where people go to pray;
it's not made out of sticks and stones, it's not made out of clay. *Refrain***
- 2 You can go to worship but you cannot go to church;
you can't find a building that's alive no matter how you search. *Refrain***
- 3 The church is not a business, a committee or a board;
it's not a corporation for the business of the Lord. *Refrain***
- 4 The church, it is the people living out their lives,
called, enlightened, sanctified for the work of Jesus Christ. *Refrain***

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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

Nocturne for Piano Left Hand

by Alberto Nepomuceno

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OFFERING PRAYER

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD For your Word of life, O God, **we give you thanks and praise.**

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ELW 547

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Rick Turnquist
Assisting Minister	Peggy Indahl
Lector	Linda Thompson
Prayers	Florence Smallfield
Director of Music Ministry	Kristi MacKay
Pianist	Darin Tysdal
Special Music	Acclaim Worship Band
	Jeremy Hiniker, guitar

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SUNDAY – August 31

9:30a Worship

10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation
Lounge

Noon Youth Event – Mini Golf/Ice Cream

In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **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), **Matthew Howell** (nephew of Jean Stoll), **Isaac Hill** (grandson of Gail & John, nephew of Melissa), **Jackie Schmeidlin** (friend of Sean Bernier), **Shirley Gentz, Christine Gibson** (Carol Juneau's daughter), **Pastor David** and **Diane Lerseth, Jacob Schmidt, Steve Olson and Phyllis Berg**
- **Pastor Jim Knutson** 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**
- **VEAP**

"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 Closed 9/1</p> <p>MONDAY – September 1 Labor Day – Office/Building Closed</p> <p>TUESDAY – September 2 1:00p Staff Meeting – Office 6:30p Yoga</p> <p>WEDNESDAY – September 3 9:00a Bible Study – Lounge 6:00p Worship 6:45p Youth Program Meeting - Lounge</p> <p>THURSDAY – September 4 9am-Noon Country Jammers – SH</p> <p>FRIDAY – September 5 9:30a Bartimaeus Meeting</p>	<p>Next Weekend at Christ the King SUNDAY – September 7 – Kick-off Sunday 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion And Blessing of the Backpacks 10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation – Lounge 10:45a Fellowship Time – Social Hall</p>
<p><u>Volunteers for September</u> If you would like to greet, read, prep/serve communion or make coffee: Greeter 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28 Assistant Minister 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28 Reader 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28 Communion prep 9/14, 9/28 Communion servers 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, 9/28 Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V at jvevea@ctkb.org.</p>	<p>Gift of Love - Bridging, Inc. The mission of Bridging, Inc. is to bridge community 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>Sign-up sheet on the counter in the commons. We will meet in the Library at 11:45am to figure out carpooling. kelder@ctkb.org</p>	<p>YOUTH Program Meeting September 3rd at 6:45 in the Lounge. For all Youth parents, guardians, and youth, as well as all adult youth leaders and volunteers. Please reach out with any questions – kelder@ctkb.org.</p> <p>Kick-Off Sunday—September 7th Please join us for worship, followed by coffee & donut holes and fellowship! <u>Kids & Youth bring your backpacks to worship to be blessed!</u></p> <p>Wednesday—Sept. 10—Kickoff Spaghetti Dinner 5-6pm-Social Hall Worship 6pm 6pm WOW & CROWD Open House and Treats If you can help prepare or serve the spaghetti meal, please contact Jane V. in the office. Thank you!</p> <p>Loaves & Fishes—Wednesday Night Dinner 9/10 and 9/24 Once again CTK will be volunteering for Loaves and Fishes. Starting on Wednesday, 9/10, we will be preparing and serving every other week. We will prep their meals and hand them out, as well as, have them available inside at CTK. If you want to help, please contact the office—952-881-8600 or email Jane V. Thank you! Prep @ 2:30p Hand out 4:30p</p> <p>Per Halaas, our Pastor of Community Care, will be installed as our solo Pastor during worship on Sunday, September 14th—just a few days after the 70th anniversary of CTK’s first worship service! Come celebrate our future together!</p>