

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 7, 2025

(* = please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

To you, O God, **all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins.**

Forgive us in your mercy and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of ☩ Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life. **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: **Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

(OT page 190)

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

PSALM: Psalm 1

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel ¹ of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats ¹ of the scornful!

² **Their delight is in the law ¹ of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching ¹ day and night. R**

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that ¹ do not wither; everything they ¹ do shall prosper.

⁴ **It is not so ¹ with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind ¹ blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when ¹ judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council ¹ of the righteous.

⁶ **For the LORD knows the way ¹ of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall ¹ be destroyed. R**

READING: Philemon 1-21

(NT page 207)

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!



***GOSPEL READING: Luke 14:25-33**

(NT page 73)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798 v. 1,4,5

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.

MISSION MOMENT

Health Cabinet

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

OFFERING

Special Music

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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

Trinity Pop-Up Choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING
SENDING HYMN
DISMISSAL

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

ELW 547

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Pastor Per Halaas
Assisting Minister	Sean Johnson
CYF Ministry Director	Kristina Elder
Lector	Kay Marotz
Prayers	Sarah Marotz
Director of Music Ministry	Kristi MacKay
Special Music	Pastor Per & Emily Gunyou Halaas, Trinity Pop-Up Choir

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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

Noon SHINE Women's Group – Off-site

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**
- **New Prayers:** **David Newhall** (Liz Olson's brother)
- **John Swanson** 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**
- **Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative**

"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.

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 – September 8 8:30a Church Chore Crew 9:00a Quilting – Social Hall</p> <p>TUESDAY – September 9 10:00a Staff Meeting – Office 6:30p Yoga 6:30p Chapel Ringers</p> <p>WEDNESDAY – September 10 9:00a Bible Study – Lounge 2:30p CTK prep for L & F 4:30p CTK hand out for L & F 5:00p Spaghetti Dinner-Social Hall 6:00p Worship 6:00p WOW & Youth Open House 7:00p Trinity Choir 7:30p Health Cabinet</p> <p>THURSDAY – September 11 9am-Noon Country Jammers – SH</p>	<p>Next Weekend at Christ the King SUNDAY – September 14 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion Installation of Pastor Per Halaas 10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation – Lounge 10:30a Thank you Potluck – Social Hall</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>
<p>Gift of Love for September Kennedy Community Alliance We appreciate Christ the King for being our partner supporting Kennedy High School students/family who are economically vulnerable. Some statistics...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · At Kennedy High School 65% of our students receive Free or Reduced Lunch. Our feeder school, Valley View Middle has 70% of their students on Free or Reduced Lunch. · We have an average of 35 students receiving a food bag on Fridays through our partnership with VEAP. <p>If you have questions please feel free to contact Kassie Ariza kariza@isd271.org</p>	
<p>Loaves & Fishes—Wednesday Night Dinner 9/10 and 9/24 Starting on Wednesday, 9/10, CTK will be pre-paring 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><u>Volunteers for September</u></p> <p>If you would like to greet, read, prep/serve communion or make coffee: Greeter 9/21, 9/28 Assistant Minister 9/14, 9/21, 9/28 Reader 9/14, 9/21, 9/28 Prayers 9/14, 9/21, 9/28 Communion prep 9/14, 9/28 Communion servers 9/14 (1), 9/21, 9/28 Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V at jvevea@ctkb.org.</p> <p>VEAP</p> <p>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>Wednesday—Sept. 10—Kickoff Spaghetti Dinner 5-6pm-Social Hall 6pm Worship 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>