

# Christ the King Lutheran Church

## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 21, 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

*As We Gather at Your Table*

ELW 522 v. 1, 3

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: **God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING: Amos 8:4-7

(OT page 881)

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

PSALM: Psalm 113

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants <sup>1</sup> of the LORD; praise the name <sup>1</sup> of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> **Let the name of the <sup>1</sup> LORD be blessed, from this time forth for- <sup>1</sup> evermore.**

<sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its <sup>1</sup> going down let the name of the <sup>1</sup> LORD be praised.

<sup>4</sup> **The LORD is high a- <sup>1</sup> bove all nations; God's glory a- <sup>1</sup> bove the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup> Who is like the <sup>1</sup> LORD our God, who sits en- <sup>1</sup> throned on high,

<sup>6</sup> **but stoops <sup>1</sup> to behold the heavens <sup>1</sup> and the earth?**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD takes up the weak out <sup>1</sup> of the dust and lifts up the poor <sup>1</sup> from the ashes,

<sup>8</sup> **enthroning them <sup>1</sup> with the rulers, with the rulers <sup>1</sup> of the people.**

<sup>9</sup> The LORD makes the woman of a <sup>1</sup> childless house to be a joyful mother of children. <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah!

READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

(NT page 199)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!***



**\*GOSPEL READING: Luke 16:1-13**

**(NT page 74)**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

***There is a Balm in Gilead***

**ELW 614**

**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 MINUTE**

**Children, Youth and Family Team**

**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**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING**

## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

**Worship Leaders**

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Pastor Per Halaas
Assisting Minister	Jack Carlson
Children's Message	Kristina Elder
Lector	Tom Butala
Prayers	Loren Thompson
Organist	Mary Newton

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**SUNDAY – September 21****9:30a Worship with Holy Communion**

10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation  
– Lounge

10:30a Kerala Christian Congregation –  
West Chapel

10:45a Fellowship Time – Social Hall

10:45a BLAST – Room 36

10:45a Book Club – Room 11

**In your prayers this week, please remember:**

- **Continuing Prayers:** **Jim and Arlene Knutson**, **Jacque 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), **Isaac Hill** (grandson of Gail & John, nephew of Melissa), **Jackie Schmeidl** (friend of Sean Bernier), **Shirley Gentz**, **Christine Gibson** (Carol Juneau's daughter), **Pastor David** and **Diane Lerseth**, **Steve Olson** and **David Newhall** (Liz Olson's brother)
- **New prayers:** **Jennifer Abalan** (friend of Michelle Smith), **Elizabeth Olson** and **Beth Michaelsen** (Jean Stoll's sister)
- **Marion Anderson** 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**
- **Leipzig District of the Lutheran Church in Saxony, Germany (Companion Synod)**

**“Welcome Home”: CTK Mid-year Stewardship Campaign**

We are excited to share that, because of your generosity, we have reached our summer campaign goal of \$10,000 and even exceeded it a tidge. The \$10,854 raised will be split in two powerful ways. Half of your gift will be sent to LSS to support their efforts surrounding youth experiencing homelessness and the other half will stay here at CTK supporting our ministry. Your commitment to our mission and to helping those in need is much appreciated -Thank you, THANK you, THANK YOU!

<p><b>This Week at Christ the King</b>  <b>Loaves &amp; Fishes provide a free drive-up meal</b>  <b>Monday-Friday from 5-6pm</b></p> <p><b>MONDAY – September 22</b>  8:30a Church Chore Crew  9:00a Quilting – Social Hall</p> <p><b>TUESDAY – September 23</b>  10:00a Staff Meeting – Office  6:30p Yoga  6:30p Chapel Ringers  7:30p Emotions Anonymous-#110</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY – September 24</b>  2:30p CTK Prep for L &amp; F  4:30p CTK Hand-out for L &amp; F  5:40p Children’s Choir  6:00p WOW &amp; Confirmation  7:00p Trinity Choir</p> <p><b>THURSDAY – September 25</b>  9am-Noon Country Jammers – SH</p>	<p><b>Next Weekend at Christ the King</b>  <b>SUNDAY – September 28</b>  <b>9:30a Worship with Holy Communion</b>  10:30a Kerala Christian Congregation – West Chapel  10:45a Fellowship Time – Social Hall  10:45a BLAST – Room 36  10:45a CTK Foundation Meeting – Room 110  3:00p Augsburg Centennial Singers Concert  6:00p BSO Rehearsal – Social Hall</p>
<p><b>Gift of Love for September</b>  <b>Kennedy Community Alliance</b>  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"> <li>· 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.</li> <li>· We have an average of 35 students receiving a food bag on Fridays through our partnership with VEAP.</li> </ul> <p>If you have questions please feel free to contact Kassie Ariza <a href="mailto:kariza@isd271.org">kariza@isd271.org</a></p>	<p><b>Bible Reading for next week:</b>  Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm 146  1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31</p> <p><b>Save the Date—Sunday, Sept. 28</b>  <b>Augsburg Centennial Singers</b>  <b>Concert at CTK—3pm</b>  <b>Free will Offering</b></p> <p><b><u>Volunteers for September</u></b>  If you would like to greet, read, prep/serve communion  Greeter 9/28 Assistant Minister 9/28  Reader 9/28 Prayers 9/28  Communion prep 9/28 Communion servers 9/28  <b>Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V at <a href="mailto:jvevea@ctkb.org">jvevea@ctkb.org</a>.</b></p> <p><b>Loaves &amp; Fishes—Wednesday Night Dinner - 9/24</b>  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. <b>Help is need to prep!</b>  <b>Please contact the office—952-881-8600 or email Jane V. Thank you! Prep @ 2:30p Hand out 4:30p</b></p>
	<p>Looking for a <b>GREEN</b> Thumb!</p> <p>Well, actually <b>any</b> color thumbs will do. Alice, the woman who has been largely responsible for tending to our VEAP boxes in our Community Garden, is unable to finish out the season. We are so very grateful for her good care but now we need some help. We need someone to look after these boxes, pick the produce, and take it to VEAP ... there are 6 boxes dedicated to this effort. If you are looking for just the thing to do to help from now till the end of October, please reach out. Thanks in advance! Jane Bishop &amp; Garden Team</p>