

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Second Sunday of Lent, March 1, 2026

(* = please stand as you are able)

During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND DIALOGUE *(from Psalm 121:1, 5, 8)*

From where will our help come? **Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Who is our keeper? **The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.**

How long will God protect us?

God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

We cannot earn God's grace and favor. It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given.

Confident in God's love for us, even when we are ungodly, we confess our sins in faith.

(silence for reflection)

Gracious God, **we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Friends, God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

GATHERING HYMN

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

ELW 335 v. 1, 4

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, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

1st READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

(OT page 10)

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

2nd READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

(NT page 146)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.

*GOSPEL READING: John 3:1-17

(NT page 88)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

What Wondrous Love

ELW 666

APOSTLE'S CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

LORD'S PRAYER

(front of ELW pg. 154)

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.*

COMMUNION

Lamb of God

ELW 336

COMMUNION HYMN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660 v. 1, 4

DISMISSAL Go in peace. Believe the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Pastor Per Halaas
Assisting Minister	Sean Johnson
Children's Message	Kristina Elder
Lector	Kay Marotz
Prayers	Florence Smallfield
Organist	Mary Newton

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SUNDAY – March 1 – 2nd Sunday in Lent

9:30a	Worship with Holy Communion
10:30a	Maranatha Christian Congregation – Lounge
10:45a	Confirmation
10:45a	Fellowship Time
10:45a	BLAST – Room 36
Noon	SHINE
6:00p	Walk & Talk - MOA

In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **For Bev Ohmann and her family at the death of her husband, Reinhardt. Funeral at CTK 3/6 at 11am.**
- **Continuing Prayers: Jacquie Craig** (Jodi Greiner's sister), **Ryan Jones** (Jane B's nephew), **Robert Thornton** (Carol's husband), **Pam Novak** (friend of Chris Gabel), **Lavonne Kennedy** (Clare Erickson's sister), **Jim Wegge** (Bev Wegge's brother), **Carol Hinze** (Caitlyn Johnson's grandma), **Isaac Hill** (grandson of Gail & John, nephew of Melissa), **Jackie Schmeidlin** (friend of Sean Bernier), **Shirley Gentz**, **Pastor David** and **Diane Lerseth**, **David Newhall** (Liz Olson's brother), **Julie Allen** (friend of Lynne Gasterland), **Michael R. Vogel** (Mike Vogel's son), **Susan Hanson**, **David Niemand** (Holly Hauer's brother), **Donna Woodward** (sister of Dan Pierce), **Geralyn Barone** (friend of John & Kim Gunyou), **Chris Wondra** (friend of Sean Johnson) **Jim and Arlene Knutson**, **Cori Shuck** (sister of Jodi Haddox), **Steve Olson** and **Dan Talbot**
- **New prayers: Bev Ohmann, Doug Solberg and Sharon Haugesag**
- **Marilyn Linqvist** 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**
- **ReconcilingWorks: Lutherans for Full Participation**

Spring Plant Sale

Our Children's Ministry Spring Plant Sale profits will support our summer programs. Gertens has moved all fundraising groups to an online selling format to prevent tally mistakes and over-selling what is grown. **Online orders are open!! Why order right away? To make sure you get your favorite item and that it hasn't sold out.** Online orders close at 10PM Monday, April 6th with plants available for pick up at CTK on Tuesday, May 12th 5-7pm. To order, go to www.gertensfundraising.com and enter our **store ID code 490**. Paper copies, to look at, can be found in the commons.

This Week at Christ the King

Loaves & Fishes Monday-Friday from 5-6

MONDAY – March 2

8:30a Church Chore Crew

9:00a Quilting – Social Hall

TUESDAY – March 3

10:00a Staff Meeting – Office

4:00p Lenten Book Club - Lounge

6:30p Yoga

6:30p Chapel Ringers

WEDNESDAY – March 4

Noon Bible Study & Soup –Lounge

2:00p Walk & Talk - MOA

5:40p Children’s Choir

6:00p Worship

6:00p WOW – Room 36

7:00p Trinity Choir

THURSDAY – March 5

9:30a-Noon Country Jammers – Social Hall

FRIDAY – March 6

11:00a Funeral for Reinhardt Ohmann

Next Weekend at Christ the King

SATURDAY – March 7

9am-3pm Family Play Space – Social Hall

SUNDAY – March 8 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion

10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation – Lounge

10:45a Fellowship Time

10:45a BLAST – Room 36

6:00p Walk & Talk - MOA

Bible Reading for next week:

Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42

Family Play Space-Saturday, March 7

Families with young children are invited to play together at this free indoor play space that operates the first Saturday of the month, 9am-3pm, November through March. The play space is ideal for children ages 6 months through about 6 years old, but younger and older children are welcome. All are welcome! If you'd like to volunteer to help set up or clean-up for one or more events, please call or email us: jbishop@ctkb.org; 952-881-8600.

Easter Altar Flowers

Order sheets for Easter flowers can be found on the Library desk or in the office during Lent. Flowers can be ordered in honor of, or in memory of loved ones for display in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. **Orders are due by March 29th.**

March Gift of Love – Beacon Interfaith!

[Beacon is a collaborative of congregations and housing advocates who believe that secure, affordable housing provides the key to safer communities, stronger families, and a healthier economy.](#)

Together with Beacon, we support the building of new affordable apartment homes, invest in residents through supportive services, and champion policy solutions to ensure everyone has a safe, affordable place to call home. Beacon homes serve over 1,200 residents in the greater Twin Cities metro, and their policy work impacts the entire state. Help us support this amazing ministry partner that is advancing the cause of quality, affordable homes in all communities!

Lenten Book Study

This Lenten season, join in a lively discussion of what the prophets of old have to teach us about how to live with hope in difficult times. In his New York Times bestseller *The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage*, lauded spiritual leader, founder of the renowned Center for Action and Contemplation, and Franciscan priest Richard Rohr explores how the work of the Old Testament prophets set the stage for Jesus and can offer us a crucial path forward today.

What: *The Tears of Things* book study

When: 4:00pm Tuesdays – 2/24 to 3/24

If you'd like to join this book study, please stop by the office to sign up and to purchase your copy of the book for \$20.



Reminder—Daylight Savings Time Ends on March 8 at 2am spring forward 1 hour!