

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday in Easter, April 26, 2026

(* = please stand as you are able)

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

PRELUDE *Just as I Am* by Charlotte Elliot, arr. William B. Bradbury

WELCOME & DIALOGUE

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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.** Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! **Amen.** Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* ELW 807

GREETING & 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 shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

READING: Acts 2:42-47 (NT page 113)

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

READING: Psalm 23 (*read responsively*)

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Be Not Afraid

ELW 388

GOSPEL READING: John 10:1-10

(NT page 98)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Have No Fear, Little Flock

ELW 764

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 THE PEACE

OFFERING

Give by mobile: Text "GIVE" to 320-313-1815, by mail or on our website – www.ctkb.org/generosity/ Thank you!

OFFERING PRAYER

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

(front of ELW page 153)

*EUCHARISTIC 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
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us***

(front of ELW page 154)

ELW 789

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Lord of the Dance

Sydney Carter

Worship Leaders

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Pastor Per Halaas
Children's Message	Kristina Elder
Assisting Minister	Jack Carlson
Lector	Holly Hauer
Prayers	Loren Thompson
Director of Music Ministry	Kristi MacKay
Assistant Director	Darin Tysdal
Special Music	Acclaim Worship Band, Akiko Durbin, organ
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SUNDAY – April 26

9:30a	Worship with Holy Communion
10:30a	Maranatha Christian Congregation
10:45a	Fellowship Time – Social Hall
10:45a	BLAST – Lower Level
11:00a	Confirmation
6:00p	Walk & Talk – Centennial Lakes

In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **Continuing Prayers:** **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), **Isaac Hill** (grandson of Gail & John, nephew of Melissa), **Jackie Schmeidlin** (friend of Sean Bernier), **Shirley Gentz**, **Pastor David** and **Diane Lerseth**, **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), **Gerilyn Barone** (friend of John & Kim Gunyou), **Jim and Arlene Knutson**, **Cori Shuck** (sister of Jodi Haddox), **Dan Talbot**, **Bev Ohmann**, **Gail Parsons** (Shelly Olson's stepmom), **Meg Schmidt**, **Vicki Nelson**, **Angela Breitenfeldt** (friend of Heidi Price), **Carole McLachlan**, and **Reed Roloff**
- **New Prayers:** **Beth Michaelson** (Jean Stoll's sister), **Grace Jorgensen** (Jim Stoll's sister), **Charlie Stoll** (Jim's brother), and **Emily Schneider** (friend of Kris Smallfield)
- **Adeline Pedersen** 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**
- **Lutheran Disaster Response**



**Christ the King
Lutheran Church**

**SURPRISE
PARTY!
VBS**

The unexpected Grace of Jesus

June 15-19 2026
Registration opens - April 26th
Christ the king, Bloomington
Kristina -kelder@ctkb.org



CHRIST THE KING

**Mother's day Event
May 10th**

• Get Family photos taken
• Eat Cake
• Make Tissue paper flowers



Mother's Day Bags
For those who are homeless

We are working with T's Helping hands to bring a smile to some very special Moms

ITEMS NEEDED:
travel size
Snacks, Flashlights, Baby Wipes, Tarp, Hand Sanitizer, ALL Batteries, Water, Blankets, ALL women's hygiene product nail polish, make up, shampoo jewelry, wash clothes, lotion, tooth brush uplifting notes/cards, hair care product, hair accessories, lip balm, face masks or creams sun screen, fun socks, note books, pens, nail clipper, make up bags, first aid kits anything else you can think of
**LOTS of
Decorative bags to put items in**

DROP OFF ITEMS by May 8th @ 5pm

All are invited to help pack these wonder bags full of much needed items and love
May 8th at 5 pm - 7pm
Here at CTK

We Appreciate Every Donation We Can Get!

T's Helping Hand
Helping One Community
to Another
Tynia.s.smith@gmail.com

For More Information
Kristina - kelder@ctkb.org

This Week at Christ the King
Loaves & Fishes provide a free drive-up meal
Monday-Friday from 5-6pm – all are welcome!

MONDAY – April 27

8:30a Church Chore Crew
 9:00a Quilting – Social Hall

TUESDAY – April 28

10:00a Staff Meeting – Office
 6:30p Yoga
 6:30p Chapel Ringers
 7:30p Emotions Anonymous

WEDNESDAY – April 29

9:00a Bible Study - Lounge
 2:00p Walk & Talk - MOA
6:00p Worship
 6:00p WOW – Lower Level
 7:00p Trinity Choir

THURSDAY – April 30

9:30a-Noon Country Jammers – Social Hall

Junk in the Trunk
Saturday, May, 16 - 9am to 2pm

It's your own mini garage sale....right from your trunk! Price your items to sell or give them away for free, your choice. At the end of the day, you close your trunk and take it with you... or to Goodwill! **For more information sign-up in the commons or on our website.**

April Gift of Love -
CTK Children & Youth Events

Join us in sharing the *Gift of Love* this April by supporting our children and youth! Your generosity helps provide meaningful activities and events that nurture faith, fellowship, and growth for our young people. Every gift makes a difference in shaping the next generation—thank you for being part of this ministry!



Next Weekend at Christ the King

SUNDAY – May 3

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion
 10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation
 10:45a Fellowship Time – Social Hall
 10:45a BLAST – Lower Level
 6:00p Walk & Talk – Woodlake Nature Center

Next week's Bible Readings:

Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14

Volunteers for May

If you would like to greet, read, serve/prep communion, prayers, assisting or serve coffee:
 Greeter needed **5/3**, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31
 Communion servers **5/3**, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31
 Reader on **5/3**, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31
 Assisting on **5/3**, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31
 Prayers **5/3**, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24, 5/31
 Communion prep 5/10, 5/17 & 5/24
 Coffee on 5/17
 Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V!

Walk and Talks

Our twice weekly Walk and Talks are at nearby parks and nature centers. Each month we will visit a different park. We meet each week at 6 pm on Sundays and 2 pm on Wednesdays.
April - Centennial Lakes: Meet at the Pavilion 7499 France Ave S, Edina, MN 55435
On Wednesdays, meet at CTK 1:30pm to carpool.
May - Woodlake Nature Center: Meet near the Learning Center 6710 Lake Shore Dr Richfield, MN

Bryant Community Garden

It's that time again to start thinking about green things and homegrown tomatoes. Applications for the *Bryant Community Garden* are now available both online and on paper. Pick one up, fill one out and you can rent a garden box for \$20. **We ask that you fill one out by April 30th so we can plan.** Our growing season will start the 2nd weekend of May ... May 10th. YAY and YUM!! Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPAqQfRH L0ahMgHcyH_GAoDdp_m8BlutF1MmRgMPvhJvJA/vie wform