

Christ the King Lutheran Church
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost – June 21, 2026

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

(* = please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE

Nocturne, Op 4 No 2 - Johann Kaspar Mertz

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793

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: **Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING: Genesis 21:8-21

(OT page 17)

PSALM: Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 (*read responsively*)

¹ Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and in misery.

² **Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; save your servant who trusts in you.**

³ Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; I call upon you all the day long.

⁴ **Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

⁵ For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, and abundant in mercy toward all who call upon you.

⁶ **Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, and attend to the voice of my supplications.**

⁷ In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, for you will answer me.

⁸ **Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, nor anything like your works.**

⁹ All the nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, and glorify your name.

¹⁰ **For you are great; you do wondrous things; and you alone are God.**

- ¹⁶ Turn to me and have mercy on me;
 give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.
- ¹⁷ **Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame;
 because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

READING: Romans 6:1b-11

(NT page 148)

SPECIAL MESSAGE

Kristina Elder

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
 go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
 life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat optional

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39

(NT page 10)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

ELW 733

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

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
 Let us share a sign of Christ's peace with one another.

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OFFERING PRAYER

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW Supplement 901

SANCTUS

ELW Supplement 902

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

THE 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

ELW Supplement 903

MUSIC

Wade in the Water

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again

ELW 536

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Ministers

All of you!

Preaching

Pastor Per Halaas

Assisting Minister

Loren Thompson

Lector

Linda Thompson

Prayers

Chris Gabel

Director of Music Ministry

Kristi MacKay

Special Music

Jeremy Hiniker, guitar

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SUNDAY – June 21 *Happy Father's Day*

9:30a **Worship with Holy Communion**

10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation

5:00p Walk & Talk – Normandale Lake

Altar flowers are in celebration of Jan and Lynne Gasterland's 60th Wedding Anniversary on June 24th.

In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **Continuing Prayers:** **Ryan Jones** (Jane B's nephew), **Robert Thornton** (Carol's husband), **Lavonne Kennedy** (Clare Erickson's sister), **Isaac Hill** (grandson of Gail & John, nephew of Melissa), **Jackie Schmeidlin** (friend of Sean Bernier), **Pastor David** and **Diane Lerseth**, **Julie Allen** (friend of Lynne Gasterland), **Michael R. Vogel** (Mike Vogel's son), **Susan Hanson**, **Donna Woodward** (sister of Dan Pierce), **Jim and Arlene Knutson**, **Cori Shuck** (sister of Jodi Haddox), **Angela Breitenfeldt** (friend of Heidi Price), **Beth Michaelsen** (Jean Stoll's sister), **Charlie Stoll** (Jim's brother), and **Grace Green** (Joy Morris's stepdaughter)
- **New Prayers:** **Mike Vogel** and **David Newhal** (Liz Olson's brother)
- **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**

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

6/22-6/26 9am-4pm D & D Camp

MONDAY – June 22

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

TUESDAY – June 23

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

WEDNESDAY – June 24

9:00a Bible Study - Lounge
 2:00p Walk & Talk - Normandale
6:00p Worship

THURSDAY – June 25

9:30a-Noon Country Jammers

Friday – June 26

Volunteers for June

If you would like to greet, read, serve/prep communion, prayers, or assisting:

Greeters 6/28
Communion servers 6/28
Reader 6/28
Assisting 6/28 Prayers 6/28
 Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email

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 5 pm on Sundays in June** and 2 pm on Wednesdays. **On Wednesdays, meet at CTK at 1:30pm to carpool. June - Normandale Lake: Meet at the west side parking lot 8401 Chalet Rd, Bloomington, MN**

Next Weekend at Christ the King

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Next week's Bible Readings:

Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13
 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:40-42

June Gift of Love – ReconcilingWorks

Since 1974, ReconcilingWorks: Lutherans for Full Participation has advocated for the full welcome, inclusion, and equity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual/aromantic (LGBTQIA+) Lutherans in all aspects of the life of their church, congregations, & community.

For more information go to
<https://www.reconcilingworks.org/>

ACME SPEEDSHOP
July 3rd Car Show



Christ The King Lutheran Church
 8600 Fremont Ave S. Bloomington, Mn
 Freewill Donations Accepted
 (all profits go to veterans)
 Custom Trophies – Silent Auction
\$50 Prize to Top 5 Cars!

LIVE MUSIC BY NORDIC SURF!
 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
 Food & Refreshments Available for Purchase
 Lenny 612-866-6129 .. Gary 612-479-9768

CTK will be selling food and refreshments! If you are available to help - please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V at jvevea@ctkb.org. Thank you!