

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – July 19, 2026

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

(* = please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN

Praise and Thanksgiving

ELW 689

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: **Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING: Genesis 28:10-19a

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PSALM: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 *(read responsively)*

¹ LORD, you have searched me out; O LORD, you have known me.

² **You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

³ You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴ **Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

⁵ You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

⁷ Where can I go then from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

⁸ **If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

¹⁰ **even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.**

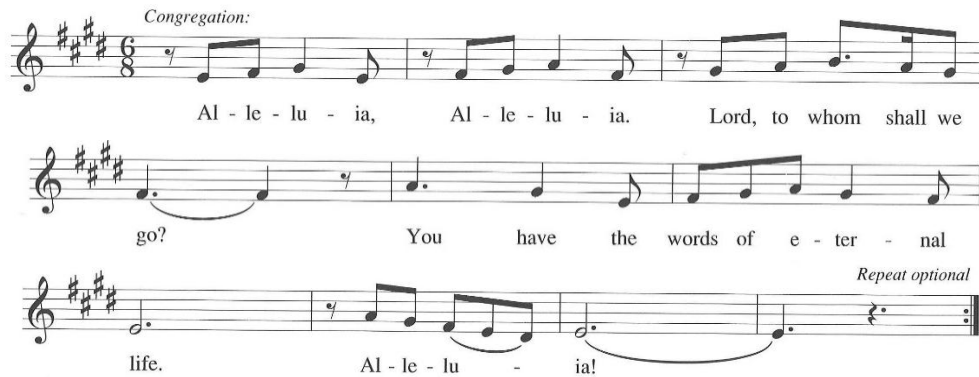
¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,"

¹² **darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.**

²³ Search me out, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my restless thoughts.

²⁴ **Look well whether there be any wickedness in me and lead me in the way that is everlasting.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Almighty God Your Word is Cast

ELW 516

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.

OFFERING/MUSIC DURING OFFERING

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OFFERING PRAYER

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW Supplement 901

SANCTUS

ELW Supplement 902

*EUCCHARISTIC 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

COMMUNION HYMN

As the Grains of Wheat

ELW 465

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN

God, Be With You Till 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	Emily Gunyou Halaas
Lector	Kay Marotz
Prayers	Florence Smallfield
Organist	Mary Newton

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SUNDAY – July 19

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion

10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation

6:00p Walk & Talk – MN River Bottom Trails

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 Schmeidl** (friend of Sean Bernier), **Pastor David** and **Diane Lerseth**, **Julie Allen** (friend of Lynne Gasterland), **Michael R. Vogel** (Mike Vogel's son), **Susan Hanson**, **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), **Grace Green** (Joy Morris's stepdaughter), **Jean Hohenstein** (Joan Perlich's sister), **Beth Dallmann**, **Diana Bernier** (Sean Bernier's mom), **Steve Olson** and **Clare Erickson**
- **Arlene 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**
- **Minneapolis Area Synod**

This Week at Christ the King

Loaves & Fishes provide a free drive-up meal
Monday-Friday from 5-6pm – all are welcome!
D & D Camp in Room 36 Mon-Fri 9am-4 pm

MONDAY – July 20

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

TUESDAY – July 21

9am-3pm Lifeline Screening - Social Hall
10:00a Staff Meeting - Office
6:30p Yoga
7:00p Council - Lounge

WEDNESDAY – July 22

9:00a Bible Study - Lounge
2:00p Walk & Talk – MN River Bottom Trails
6:00p Worship

THURSDAY – July 23

9:30a-Noon Country Jammers

Volunteers for July

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

Greeter 7/26

Communion servers (2) 7/26

Reader 7/26

Please call the office or email Jane V!

Feed My Starving Children – August 8

Hello! I (Naomi Bernier) am hosting a Feed My Starving Children event on August 8th from 9:30-11:30! It will be at their location in Eagan (990 Lone Oak Rd #136, Eagan, MN 55121) If you are interested and would like to learn more/sign up there is a link below where you can do just that!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4EA9A82DA2FAC16-64778502-feed>



Next Weekend at Christ the King

SUNDAY – July 26

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion
10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation
6:00p Walk & Talk – MN River Bottom Trails

Next week's Bible Readings

Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 128
Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

July Gift of Love

What can brighten a shut-in's day or bring tears to an ill patient? What can delight new parents with a hand knit baby blanket at their child's Baptism? The Prayer Shawl and Baptismal Blanket Ministry has been at work for many years to provide shawls and blankets for CTK members. Yarn is provided by various means, such as the Gift of Love, and enables members of CTK to knit these gifts. Graduating seniors are presented with a prayer shawl as a token of love and caring from CTK as they begin the next chapter in their lives. Many thanks to the dedicated knitters and Gift of Love Ministry for the continued support of this ministry in the congregation. If you are a knitter and would like to knit a shawl please stop by the office and pick-up some yarn!

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. On **Wednesdays, meet at CTK at 1:30pm to carpool. July - Minnesota River Bottom Trails: Meet at the Parking Lot at the end of Lyndale 11115 Lyndale Ave S, Bloomington, MN** In the event of inclement weather, we will meet at the Mall of America East side entrance on the first level by the Sea Life down escalator. Text Lynn Lenort @ 612-770-5986 or email llenort@CTKB.org, if you have any questions or wish to carpool.

Calling ALL Thrivent Members

Thrivent has enhanced their *Thrivent Choice* Program, making it easier to "live generously" and support tons of organizations to include *Christ the King*. The most significant change ... **ALL** Thrivent members can now receive/ direct Choice Dollars, not just members with certain criteria. To see *what's new* and why it matters, please contact your Thrivent representative or check out [Thrivent.com/choice](https://www.thrivent.com/choice) for more information. Grace & Peace! Jane Bishop