

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost – August 16, 2026

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

(* = 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

In Christ There Is No East or West

ELW 650

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: **God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING: Genesis 45:1-15

(OT page 43)

PSALM: Psalm 67 (*read responsively*)

¹ May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

² **Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴ **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

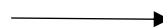
⁶ **The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷ May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

(NT page 152)

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

(NT page 16)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Healer of Our Every Ill

ELW 612

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

By Your Hand, You Feed Your People

ELW 469

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Ministers

Preaching

Assisting Minister

Lector

Prayers

Organist

All of you!

Rev. Bonnie Wilcox

Sean Johnson

Tom Butala

Mary Newton

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SUNDAY – August 16**9:30a Worship with Holy Communion**

10:00a Kerala Christian Congregation – West Chapel

10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation

6:00p Walk & Talk – Old Cedar Bridge Trailhead

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), **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**, **Jim and Arlene Knutson**, **Cori Shuck** (sister of Jodi Haddox), **Angela Breitenfeldt** (friend of Heidi Price), **Beth Michaelson** (Jean Stoll's sister), **Charlie Stoll** (Jim's brother), **Grace Green** (Joy Morris's stepdaughter), **Beth Dallmann**, **Diana Bernier** (Sean Bernier's mom), **Christopher** (Herm & Denise Hagedorn's great-nephew) and **Joy Morris**
- **New Prayers:** **Twyla Rockwell** (Bonnie Erickson's cousin)
- **Ginny Paulsen** 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**
- **Global Health Ministries**

2026 Midyear Stewardship Campaign**Entertaining Angels - Announcement!**

Please join us on **Sunday, August 23**, for worship and then a very special forum following the service. Diana Dalsin, Director of Strategic Partnerships at Bridging, will be joining us to teach us a bit about the history and operations of Bridging, and how we as a community can support them as they serve and support their clients. Please join us and learn about this wonderful organization that we will be supporting during our mid-year campaign!



This Week at Christ the King

Loaves & Fishes provide a free drive-up meal
Monday-Friday from 5-6pm – all are welcome!

MONDAY – August 17

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

TUESDAY – August 18

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

WEDNESDAY – August 19

9:00a Bible Study - Lounge
2:00p Walk & Talk – Old Cedar Bridge Trailhead
6:00p Worship

THURSDAY – August 20

9:30a-Noon Country Jammers

FRIDAY – August 21

11:00a Memorial for Steve Olson

Next Weekend at Christ the King

SUNDAY – August 23

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion
10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation
10:30a Open Forum – Bridging – Social Hall
6:00p Walk & Talk – Old Cedar Bridge Trailhead

Next week's Bible Readings

Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 138
Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20

Gift of Love - Bridging, Inc.

The mission of Bridging, Inc. is to bridge community resources with existing needs by providing the economically disadvantaged in transition with quality furniture and household items free of charge. Bridging serves people in need based on qualified referrals from Social Service agencies and churches in the seven county Twin Cities area. Learn more about this organization "serving over 5,300 Minnesota families each year" online at: www.bridging.org/.

Volunteers for August

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

Greeters **8/23**, 8/30
Communion servers **8/23**, 8/30
Reader **8/23**, 8/30
Assisting **8/23**, 8/30
Prayers **8/23**, 8/30
Communion prep 8/30

Please call the office or email Jane V!

Bryant Community Garden Harvest Party

We invite you to attend our Bryant Community Garden Harvest Party. All ages are welcome and encouraged to attend.

When: Wednesday, August 26 from 5pm-7pm

Where: The eastside outdoor amphitheater at Christ the King

What: Celebrate with us while socializing, and enjoying walking tacos, lawn games and live, summer-fun, outdoor patio music provided by the Persuaderz. In the event of rain, it will be held in the social hall.



SCHOOL Supply Donations

BY August 20th at 4pm

We are working with T's Helping hands and collecting School Supplies. **There is a list of school supply on the counter in the commons!**

