

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 20, 2026

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

(* = please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE

The Gift of Love

(Traditional)

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN

Lord of Light

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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 and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING: Exodus 16:2-15

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PSALM: Psalm 145:1-8 (*read responsively*)

¹ I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.

² **Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.**

³ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.

⁴ **One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.**

⁵ I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.

⁶ **They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.**

⁷ They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

⁸ **The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

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SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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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**

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SANCTUS

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***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

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COMMUNION HYMN

As the Grains of Wheat

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray: **Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The God of love draw you into full accord and one mind, in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope grant you strength and joy in all circumstances through the interceding of the Spirit.

Amen. The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

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DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Christe, du lamm gottes

by J. S. Bach

Worship Leaders

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Pastor Per Halaas
Children's Message	Kristina Elder
Assisting Minister	Jack Carlson
Lector	Lynda Tysdal
Prayers	Sean Johnson
Assistant Music Director	Darin Tysdal
Special Music	Acclaim Worship Band
	Akiko Durbin, organ

SUNDAY – September 20 – Kick-Off Sunday!

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion

10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation

10:45a BLAST Open House, Fun & Fellowship

6:00p Walk & Talk – Hyland Park Reserve

6:00p BSO – Social Hall

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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), 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), Beth Dallmann, Diana Bernier (Sean Bernier's mom), Joy Morris, Twila Rockwell (Bonnie Erickson's cousin), and Bill Budroe (Lynne Gasterland's brother)
- **Gloria Strom** 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 in Richfield**
- **Loaves and Fishes**

This Week at Christ the King

Loaves & Fishes provide a free drive-up meal

Monday-Friday from 5-6pm

MONDAY – September 21

8:30a Church Chore Crew

9:00a Quilting – Social Hall

TUESDAY – September 22

10:00a Staff Meeting – Office

6:30p Yoga

6:30p Chapel Ringers

7:00p Emotions Anonymous

WEDNESDAY – September 23

9:00a Bible Study - Lounge

2:00p Walk & Talk – Hyland Reserve

2:30p CTK prep Loaves & Fishes

4:00p CTK to Hand Out L & F

6:00p Worship

7:00p Trinity Choir – Choir Room

THURSDAY – September 24

9:30a-Noon Country Jammers

4:30p B/R Grief Coalition - Lounge

Volunteers for September

If you would like to greet, read, prep/serve communion or make coffee:

Greeter 9/27 Assistant Minister 9/27

Reader 9/27 Prayers 9/27

Communion servers (2) 9/27

Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V at jvevea@ctkb.org.

Youth Event

Saturday, 9/26 6pm

Please Donate:

Cake or cupcake mix

Frosting

Birthday candles

Birthday-themed

napkins or plates

Birthday favors like

bubbles, chalk etc.

Drop off in office by noon on 9/25!!



Bloomington–Richfield Grief Coalition

Thursdays, Sept. 24–Nov. 12

4:30pm-6:00pm at Christ the King—Lounge

More information about each week can be found in the CTK Library or on their website: brgriefcoalition.com/

Next Weekend at Christ the King

SATURDAY – September 26

6:00p Youth Event and Youth Gathering Parent Meeting

SUNDAY – September 27

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion

10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation

10:45a Adult Forum - Emilie Bouvier from the ELCA

10:45a BLAST – Room 36

6:00p Walk & Talk – Hyland Park Reserve

6:00p BSO – Social Hall

Next week's Bible Readings

Exodus 17:1-17

Psalms 25:1-9

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

Gift of Love for September Kennedy Community Alliance

We appreciate Christ the King for being our partner supporting Kennedy High School students/family who are economically vulnerable. At Kennedy High School 65% of our students receive Free or Reduced Lunch. Our feeder school, Valley View Middle has 70% of their students on Free or Reduced Lunch. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Kassie Ariza kariza@isd271.org

The Power of Home
CTK Fundraising Luncheon
All congregation event. All are welcome!

The Health Cabinet and
Public Witness Ministry team are
Puttin' on the Soup for Vista 44!

Program by Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative
and soup lunch following worship on Oct 11th.

Menu: Soup, Bread, Dessert, Beverage
Free will offering. All proceeds gifted to
the Coffee Connections fund at Vista 44.

Opening in 2025, Vista 44 is a brand new, high-quality affordable
housing apartment complex for 50 families. One, Two or Three bedroom
apartments are available for families who make less than \$30,000 a
year. And it's not just any affordable housing, but supportive
affordable housing. Individualized on-site support services help
children do better in school, help parents increase income and benefit
families long-term health.

*"Let us go now to the banquet, the feast of the universe. The table's set
and a place is waiting: come everyone, with your gifts to share!"
Let Us Go Now to the Banquet, by Guillermo Cuellar*

ELCA Partner Ministry: Lutheran Disaster Response
Join us for an Adult Forum on Sept. 27th to hear about ELCA ministry partnerships, with a special focus on Lutheran Disaster Response. Come ready to hear about the beautiful impact that CTK's partnership with LDR has made in the lives of our neighbors. Emilie Bouvier from the ELCA will share updates and stories about this shared ministry and the inspiring work we participate in as a greater church!