

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – September 27, 2026

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Exodus the people complain against Moses and question God's presence among them, and God provides. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

(* = please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE

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

God is Here!

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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: **God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING: Exodus 17:1-7

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PSALM: Psalm 25:1-9 (*read responsively*)

¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

³ Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

⁴ **Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.**

⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.**

⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;

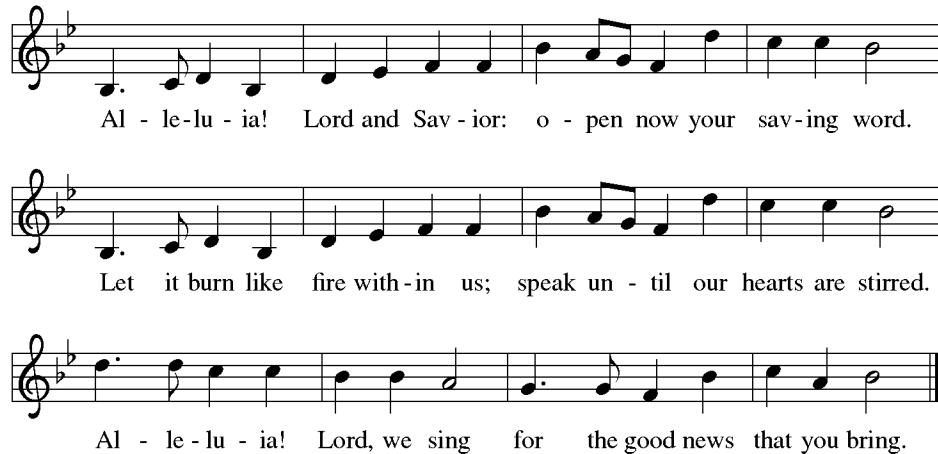
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

⁸ You are gracious and upright, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners in your way.

⁹ **You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

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SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

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HOLY BAPTISM

Charlie William Dee

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: to Know Christ, Show Christ, and Grow in Christ, as we strive to be a vibrant community of Christ, inviting and inspiring all God's people to proclaim the Gospel, make disciples, and work for justice in our homes, our church, our neighborhood, and throughout the world. 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

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

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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

Canticle of the Turning

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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

To Be Your Presence

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Ministers

All of you!

Preaching

Pastor Per Halaas

Children's Message

Kristina Elder

Assisting Minister

Peggy Indahl

Lector

Karen Youmans

Prayers

Loren Thompson

Organist

Mary Newton

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

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Baptized today **Charlie William Dee**, son of Shannon & Matthew Dee. Sponsors are Jackie & Josh Pedretti. Grandparents are Lisa Murphy, Jim Davich, Pat & Gina Dee, Bill Murphy, great grandparents, John & Sandy Roisum.

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**, and **Twila Rockwell** (Bonnie Erickson's cousin),
- **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 in Richfield**
- **VEAP**

This Week at Christ the King

Loaves & Fishes provide a free drive-up meal

Monday-Friday from 5-6pm

MONDAY – September 28

8:30a Church Chore Crew

9:00a Quilting – Social Hall

TUESDAY – September 29

10:00a Staff Meeting – Office

6:30p Yoga

7:00p Emotions Anonymous

WEDNESDAY – September 30

2:00p Walk & Talk – Hyland Reserve

THURSDAY – October 1

9:30a-Noon Country Jammers

4:30p B/R Grief Coalition - Lounge

Next Weekend at Christ the King

SUNDAY – October 4

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

10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation

10:45a Fellowship – Social Hall

10:45a BLAST – Room 36

10:45a Confirmation

6:00p Walk & Talk – Hyland Park Reserve

6:00p BSO – Social Hall

Reminder: Pastor Per will be on retreat next week - No bible study or Wednesday night worship. Thank you!

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

Volunteers for October

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

Greeter 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25

Assistant Minister 10/11, 10/18, 10/25

Reader/Prayers 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25

Communion prep 10/4, 10/25

Communion servers 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25

Coffee prep 10/4, 10/25

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



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LUTHERAN CHURCH



Avoid The Flu!

Get the flu shot here
Wednesday, October 14th
4:30pm-6:30pm



The best way to protect yourself and others from severe influenza and hospitalization is by getting an annual flu shot. Flu vaccines are available for anyone 6 months old and up.

Cost: Most major insurance providers accepted. Please bring your insurance card to your appointment, if you have one. You can still be vaccinated if you don't have insurance or are unable to pay. Flu Vaccine Information Statement: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/current-vis/downloads/flu.pdf> Data privacy: blm.mn/hipaa

If you need assistance to register call Bloomington Public Health, Phone: 952 563-8900



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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!**

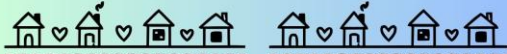
Program by Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative and soup lunch following worship on Oct 11th.



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



If you are available to help set up, serve or clean up on Oct. 11, please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V at jvevea@ctkb.org. Thank you!