

First Sunday in Lent February 21 & 22, 2026

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Ministers: All the Baptized
Pastor Timothy Anderson

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AND LISTENING DEVICES
are here for you on the table in the Narthex**

ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our ✝ Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Seek the Lord while he may be found.

C: Call upon God while he is near.

Wicked, forsake your ways!

C: Unrighteous, forsake your thoughts!

Come back to God.

C: Return to the Lord!

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The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

(Isaiah 55:6-7; Joel 2:13)

HYMN

O Lord, Throughout These 40 Days

ELW 319

GREETING/INVOCATION

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Lord God, you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your Church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

^{3:1} Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God say, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.’” ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not die, ⁵ for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32

- ¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away
- C: ² Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- ³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.
- C: ⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.
- C: ⁶ I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD.”
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**
- ⁷ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- C: ⁸ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- ⁹ “I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.
- C: ¹⁰ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near
you.”**
- ¹¹ Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- C: ¹² Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-19

¹² Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned ¹³ for sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin in the likeness of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as through the one man's

disobedience the many were made sinners, so through the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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**We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are merciful and kind—
slow to anger, rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. ² He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. ³ The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

⁴ But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple,

⁶ saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'

⁷ Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹ and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

When We Are Tested

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CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

THE PRAYERS

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

**OFFERING (Saturday) *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* ELW 325
(Sunday) *Come, Let Us Return to the Lord* Emily Hutchins**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Compassionate God,

**C: we offer you these gifts as signs of our time and labor. Receive the offering of our lives, and feed us with your grace, that, in the midst of death, all creation might feast on your unending life in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith

and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

Lamb of God

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When Peace Like a River

ELW 785

PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C: Amen

CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE

Go out into the world in peace; Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself.

BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

ELW 504

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please take a moment to greet your neighbor before you leave, and join together in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and cookies.

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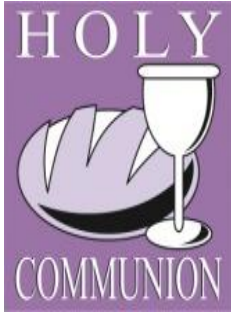
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*** The loose offering will go to Helping Hands**

Coffee money will go towards Youth Activities



Holy Communion

Sustaining God, as we come to your table of Grace, you give to us the bread of life – your very self so we might never be hungry. As Christ come to us in bread and wine of Holy Communion, our deepest needs are fed.

Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcome to communion when they are visiting Christ the King Lutheran Church. Red wine and white grape juice are offered at Communion.

Gluten Free Wafers are available

If you are visiting Christ the King Lutheran Church today and would like information about the church, there is a table under the Welcome sign that has information for you to take with you. If you have any questions, please contact the church office 507-354-4672. Thank you for visiting today and we pray you were spiritually fed by the Word of God.

If you are interested in becoming a member of CTK and would like more information, please contact Helen Christenson at 507-376-3551 or the church office at 507-354-4672.

There is a **New Ministry** being organized for you to be part of soon. There will be an opportunity for you to get better acquainted with members of Christ the King who are homebound. If you are interested in more information please contact Helen Christenson 507-276-3551.

Adult Education

Women's Bible Study has resumed, studying the women in the Bible. We will continue to meet at 3:00 p.m. on Mondays.

Men's Bible Study is continuing with a study of the book of Corinthians, meeting on Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.

The Adult Bible Study is meeting Mondays at 7:00pm.



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IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Steve Gag recovering from surgery

Peg Isaacson resuming treatment for cancer

Ron Fleischmann's family as his sister-in-law is now in hospice, and for his mother and brother who are her caretakers

Renee Osberg who is now in hospice care at Oak Hills

Bob Wise as he is continuing treatment for cancer.

Sharie Novak's brother-in-law, Mike, having heart surgery

Curt Braun, Haley Novak's father, dealing with health issues

Betty Porter as she is recovering from knee surgery

Deb and Dan Alsleben dealing with multiple health issues

Cindi Drury, Cheryl Mathiowetz sister recovering from heart surgery

DuWayne Witt recovering from surgery

Darryl Weigel dealing with foot issues

Lanis Curtis's Family upon the passing of her mother, Charlotte; her sister, Mary, experiencing a return of breast cancer; her daughter-in-law's mother, Robin, who is suffering seizures, and her daughter, Robin, who is dealing with multiple stresses

Kyle Howk recovering from surgery

Sharon Brennan suffering from shingles and leg spasms

Brian Kloos recovering from foot surgery

Char Klocke is now residing at Valley View Home in Lamberton

There is a new Care List available in the office for those who would like to send cards

The Caregivers Support Group continues to meet ***Thursday's at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The next meeting will be March 5th. The group is enjoying this social time to share stories and talk about issues surrounding being Caregivers. Anyone is welcome to attend – just come on by!***

Lent is coming soon and we need volunteers to prepare, serve and clean for the Lenten meals on **February 25th, March 4th, and March 25th**. A Sign up sheet is available on the bulletin board in the Narthex. You can also sign up on the website.

Bake Sale for Blood Cancer Awareness March 1st

Grace Barie and Piper Kapolczynski, high school member of Christ the King are trying to raise money for Blood Cancer United. Blood Cancer United is dedicated to fighting blood cancers, including leukemia and lymphoma, aiming to cure these diseases and improve patient quality of life. Grace and Piper will be hosting a bake sale Sunday, March 1st after the 9:00am service.

Dementia Friends Minnesota - Become a Dementia Friend by attending a one-hour informational session to learn the five key messages about dementia, what it's like to live with the disease, and how to turn your understanding into action that supports people living with dementia. You don't need to know someone with dementia to become a Dementia Friend. Join us: March 4, 2026, 11:00am to 1:00pm at the New Ulm Library.



Thanks so much for your continued donations to the Little Pantry!

Pasta & Spaghetti Sauce
Pasta, Tuna & Cream of Mushroom Soup
Canned vegetables
Canned fruit
Canned pasta such as Ravioli or Spaghetti Os
Boxed Meals

Toilet paper
Paper towels
Cleaning supplies
Personal Hygiene
Diapers & Wipes
Cereal

Youth News



- March 1st – First Communion

Club 1515 resumed January 8th. 3rd-6th graders are invited to come after school on Wednesdays from 3:30-5pm throughout the year. We meet at Washington School and walk up to church. This year we are having a snack, devotion, and then trying to focus on Service projects in the community. Come and check it out!

Summer Camp Information

Important dates to keep in mind:

Camp week is June 21-25 – This is the week that Our Savior's goes as well, however, you are welcome to register for any week of camp.

\$65 Early Bird Discount for camp is **February 19**

When registering for camp, please sign up as paying the supported fee. If you would like a church scholarship, once you have registered, please send me a copy of your registration. Church will give scholarships for ½ the cost of camp. If you are in need of a scholarship larger than that, please talk to Geri.

First Communion

3rd graders will take part in First Communion lessons and paint their chalices on February 7 or February 21. Pastor Tim will meet with the 3rd graders and their families on February 22 at 10:15 in the sanctuary to go over details. First Communion will be on March 1 at the 9:00 service.

Watch for Valentine and Lent Scratch off Family Activity sheets coming home with your children and youth. This is a great way for families to spend a little time each day in the Word and talking to our Lord.

Reminder: There will not be Confirmation class from Ash Wednesday, February 18 through Easter Sunday, April 5. Confirmation groups will be helping with Lenten worship, so attendance will be required.

THIS COMING WEEK: FEBRUARY 22ND THROUGH MARCH 1ST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

9:00 a.m. Sunday FB Live
Coffee and Cookies after services
10:15 a.m. Sunday School

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

3:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Adoption Group
7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
10:00 a.m. Worship TV on Public
Access

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 25TH

5:15 p.m. Worship TV on Public
Access
5:30 p.m. Lenten Meal
6:30 p.m. Lenten Service
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
5:33 p.m. Worship and FB Live

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST

9:00 a.m. Sunday FB Live
First Communion
Coffee and Cookies after services
10:15am Sunday School

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