



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

*-2 Corinthians 13:13*

## THE HOLY TRINITY

### HOLY COMMUNION

#### **Christ the King Lutheran Church**

Great Falls, Virginia

May 31, 2026

10:00 a.m.

*Our vision is to be a vibrant community of Jesus' disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit to bring God's grace into our world.*

*ELW* refers to Evangelical Lutheran Worship, the red hymnal in the pew. *W&P* refers to Worship & Praise. *ACS* refers to All Creation Sings.

A: indicates Assisting Minister; L: indicates Leader; P: indicates Presiding Minister;  
**C: indicates Congregation.**

At places where the ✚ appears, it is customary to make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.

**Should you need to use an enlarged order of service, complete with Bible readings and hymns, you will find several in black binders just outside the sanctuary.**

### **A few notes about worship:**

- **We are glad to have children in worship.** We also know that children sometimes need to move and express themselves in ways that the service (and the pews) don't accommodate. There is a family break room/nursery available with toys, a rocking chair, changing table, and other items. It is staffed during Sunday School and the worship service, but you are free to use it as needed.  
To find the family break room, turn left in the foyer and go past the doors leading to the parking lot. It's the first door on the left down the hall.
- The worship service is streamed live on Facebook. The camera angles are set so that worshipers' faces are never seen on camera (the camera may occasionally pick up the back of the heads of those sitting in the front rows); only those leading worship from the chancel, lectern, piano, and organ are ever shown fully or face-on.

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## **CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christ the King Lutheran Church

The Holy Trinity

May 31, 2026

## **Christ the King at ELCA Metro D.C. Synod Assembly \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, June 6, Gaithersburg, MD**

Christ the King is sending five representatives to the upcoming 2026 Metro D.C. Synod Assembly on June 6. Thank you to PSK, Kristine Heine, Melody Starya Mobley, Brad Ney, and Peter Saba who will be attending this assembly. We look forward to hearing back from them about what was discussed and decided during this annual assembly.

## **Honey Harvest Festival: Sunday, August 30 \_\_\_\_\_**

Christ the King is hosting its Fourth Annual Honey Harvest Festival on Sunday, August 30, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. This family-friendly event will have something for everyone! We will have craft vendors, a petting zoo, baked goods and honey for sale, a Rocklands Barbecue food truck, and outdoor music (for kids and adults). At 5:00 pm, please join us for a Great Falls Philharmonic children's concert, "Peter and the Wolf," Prokofiev's Classic "Symphonic Tale for Children". Come early to explore the instruments! Tickets are required for the concert and will be available soon. Spread the word about this fun community event to your neighbors, friends, and family.

## **Adult Forum Bible Study: The Gospel of John \_\_\_\_\_**

On Sunday, May 17, we started a new Bible Study series on the Gospel of John. Each week, Pastor Kessinger will offer her study notes as we review each chapter of the gospel.

Adult Forum will continue to **meet during the summer at 8:45 am (\*new time\*)** in Luther's Lounge and on Zoom. It will end in time for the 10:00 am service.

To join on Zoom, use this [link](#). Meeting ID: 558 520 7407;  
Passcode: We\_Learn

Come and join us (as often as you can as you are able) as we delve more deeply into Scripture and gain new insights into well-known stories.

## WELCOME!



## ELCA

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Christ the King Lutheran Church is a congregation of the Metro DC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

### MEMBERSHIP

If you would like to know more about Christ the King or are interested in living out your discipleship as a member of this community, please contact the church office at (703)759-6068.

If you would like to be on our email list to receive our weekly newsletter, please contact the church office at (703)759-6068 or visit our website: [gflutheran.org](http://gflutheran.org).

### CALENDAR



## Vacation Bible School at Christ the King \_\_\_\_\_

July 27-31, 12 – 3 p.m.

Christ the King is excited to partner with Abiding Presence Lutheran Church (Burke) to offer VBS at CtK during the week of July 27-31, 12:00-3:00 p.m. each day. Abiding Presence will be leading the program and will have their own staff working at VBS, but CtK is encouraged to provide volunteers (rising HS juniors through college) to assist them. Each day, groups of similarly aged kids will rotate through stations such as games, art, science, snack, life-size board games, and Bible adventures.

Click [here](#) to register your child or to volunteer to help.

Questions? Please contact Antonia Siebert at [antonia.c.siebert@gmail.com](mailto:antonia.c.siebert@gmail.com)

## Counters Still Needed \_\_\_\_\_

We are still looking for volunteers to help count after the late service each Sunday (for about thirty minutes). Volunteers will count the offering and properly attribute the checks and cash to our donors. Ideally, we would have eight counters (two per week) to make it a monthly commitment. Training will be provided. Any confirmed member is eligible to count - the only requirement is to keep the contributions confidential. Contact Brenda Rian at [BrendaRian@aol.com](mailto:BrendaRian@aol.com) to volunteer.

## Prayers for the Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

**David Whelan** gives thanks for your prayers for his successful surgery and asks for prayers for his rehab.

**David Whelan** asks for prayers for his sister Virginia Peters who is battling a recurring cancer.

For healing: **Lynda & Roger Hammel; Karen Magley; Pat & Carol Murphy; Vivienne Wardian**

## Summer Lay Helper Sign Up Genius \_\_\_\_\_

Please click [here](#) to sign up to help with our services.

This Morning's Lay Helpers 10:00 a.m.
Asst Minister – Brad Ney
Lector – Kristine Heine
Greeter/Usher – Kris Pace
Cantor – Kristine Heine
Refreshments – Open
Counters – Phil Magley/Open

AT CtK THIS WEEK  
May 31 – June 7

**Sunday, May 31- The Holy Trinity**  
8:45 a.m. – Adult Forum, In-person & [Zoom](#)

10:00 a.m. – In-person Worship  
([streaming available on Facebook Live](#))  
7:00 p.m. – AA

**Monday, June 1**  
KKP Summer Camp

**Tuesday, June 2**  
KKP Summer Camp  
7:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast, la Madeleine

**Wednesday, June 3**  
KKP Summer Camp  
9:30 a.m. – Journey Women's Bible Study

**Thursday, June 4**  
KKP Summer Camp  
7:00 p.m. – AA

**Friday, June 5**  
KKP Summer Camp

**Saturday, June 6**  
7:00 p.m. – AA

**Sunday, June 7**  
8:45 a.m. – Adult Forum, In-person & [Zoom](#)  
10:00 a.m. – In-person Worship  
([streaming available on Facebook Live](#))  
7:00 p.m. – AA



### CHRIST THE KING & KKP STAFF

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## Reflections on Stewardship

The Holy Trinity • Matthew 28:16-20

“So long as this world continues its course,” says Jesus to his followers, “I’ll be with you day in and day out.” We know that the realities of life in our world are sometimes very difficult to bear. How fortunate the steward who faces these with the knowledge and assurance that Jesus accompanies them!

## GATHERING

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### PRELUDE

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

C: **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: **Amen.**



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GATHERING HYMN: ELW 665 Rise, Shine, You People!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

GREETING

P: 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.**

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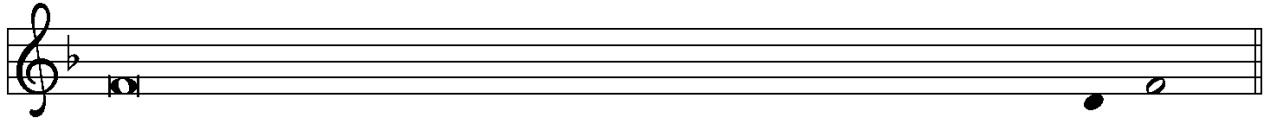
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*Cantor and Congregation*



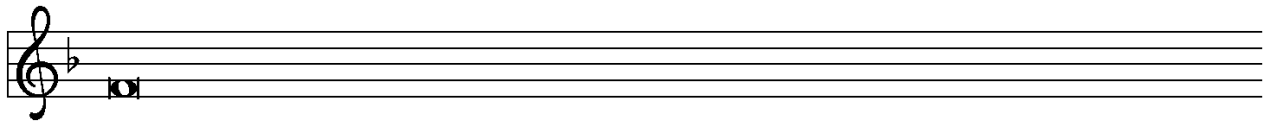
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



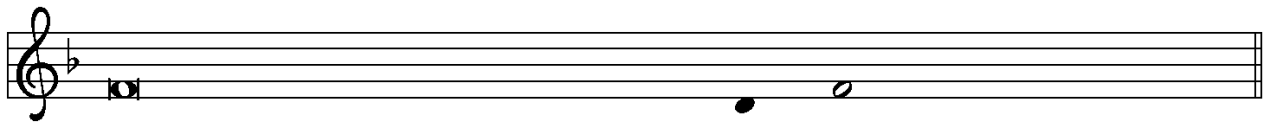
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



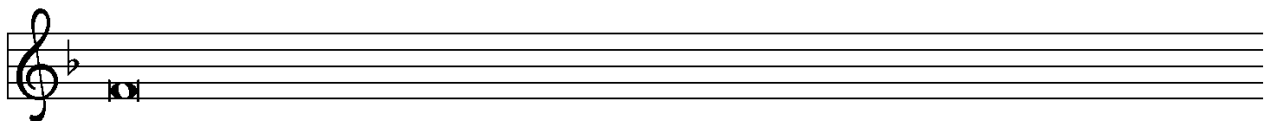
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



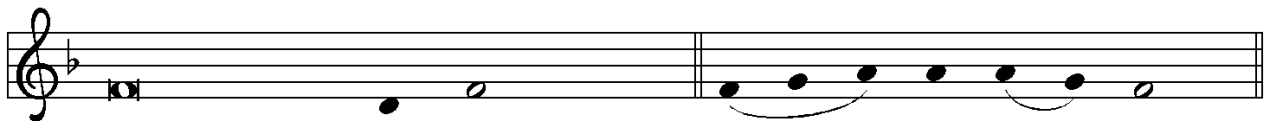
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



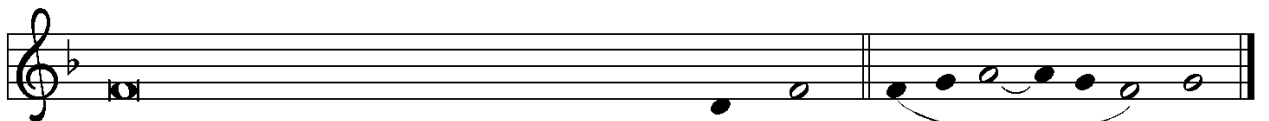
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,




let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**


*Refrain*

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WORD

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*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a

R: A reading from Genesis.

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup> the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup> And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup> So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup> God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup> And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup> God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup> Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. <sup>12</sup> The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup> And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup> God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. <sup>17</sup> God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." <sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

<sup>27</sup> So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." <sup>29</sup> God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all

the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4a</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 8

*said responsively*

*The Reader (R) says the regular text; the Congregation (C) says the **bold text**.*

R: <sup>1</sup> O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! —

**C: <sup>2</sup> you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

R: <sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

**C: <sup>4</sup> what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**

R: <sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

**C: <sup>6</sup> You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**

R: <sup>7</sup> all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

**C: <sup>8</sup> the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

R: <sup>9</sup> O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

R: A reading from 2 Corinthians.

Paul writes: <sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Sandy Kessinger

*Silence for meditation may follow the sermon.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 673 God, Whose Almighty Word

1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light.  
lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

## NICENE CREED

*said in unison*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Please sit or kneel as you are comfortable for our time of prayer.*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, we are in awe of your creative work. Continue that work in your church, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, and wildlife as reminders of who you are. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship, especially those on our prayer list and those we name in our hearts. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Open our hearts and minds as we seek your guidance while in our call process. Unite us in purpose. Help us to remain faithful to our mission as we discern your will. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Loving God, we give thanks for those who have died and claimed their baptismal promises. Strengthen us to live as they did in communion with you. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace by saying Peace be with you as you shake hands or embrace. Please be seated following the sharing of the peace.*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

## MEAL

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING

*Make checks payable to "Christ the King Lutheran Church".*

*Contributions go toward the ministries and programs of Christ the King Lutheran Church.*

## OFFERING AND REGATHERING SONG: ELW 512 Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil



## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

C: Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God.

You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory.

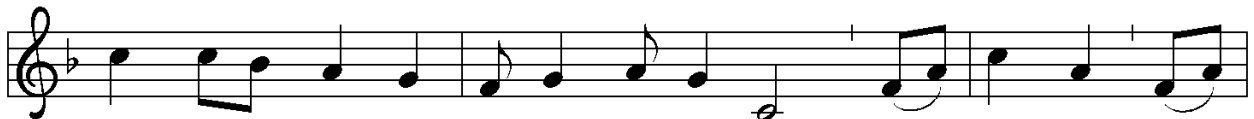
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:

the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table, for all is now ready.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

### DISTRIBUTION WITH MUSICAL OFFERING

*Instructions for communion distribution will be given at this time. All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. Those who have not received instruction or who wish not to receive communion may come forward for a blessing.*

### POST-COMMUNION HYMN: ELW 186 Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A:** Let us pray.

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

# SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## BENEDICTION

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

## SENDING HYMN: ELW 413 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

## DISMISSAL

A: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE