



Christ the King Lutheran Church

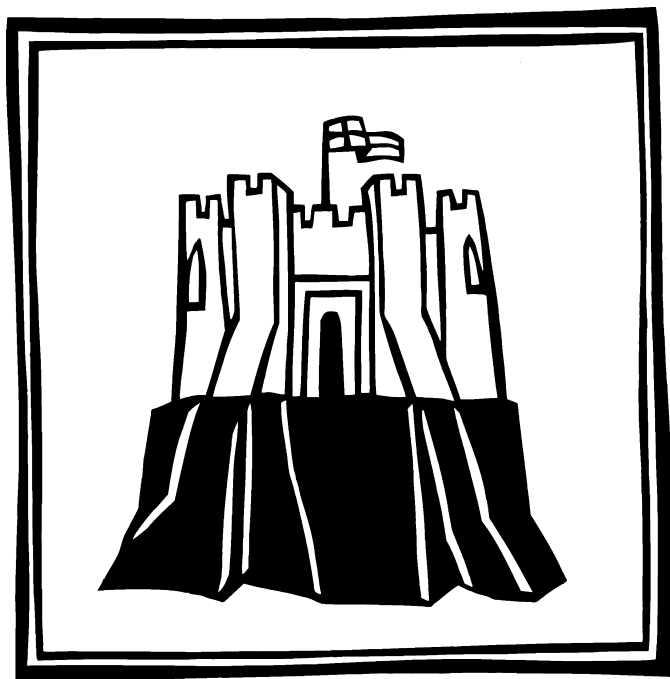
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Reformation Sunday

October 26, 2025

9:30am



† Celebrating God's grace through acts of love and service †

To our guests:

- The type in **bold** is for the congregation to say.
 - The * indicates "Stand if you are able".
- Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.
- Visitor sheets are located in the red folders in front of you.

INTRODUCTION

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

PRELUDE

Thy Word

CTK Singers

MEDITATION

Psalm 46

¹ *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

² *Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;*

³ *though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.*

⁴ *There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.*

⁵ *God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.*

⁶ *The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.*

⁷ *The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

⁸ *Come now, regard the works of the LORD, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;*

⁹ *behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world; who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.*

¹⁰ *"Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."*

¹¹ *The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God, **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found.**

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

Amen.

***GREETING**

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* **ELW 504 vs. 1, 2**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, **gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

(The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.)

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more. .

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 3:19-28

(Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.)

¹⁹ Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

ELW, p. 142



***GOSPEL**

The gospel according to **John 8:31-36**

Glory to you, O Lord.

(Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.)

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The good news of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SONG

The B-I-B-L-E

**The B-I-B-L-E. Yes that's the book for me,
I stand alone on the Word of God. The B-I-B-L-E.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Lori Johnson

SERMON

Pastor Ashley Allinger

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Built on a Rock*

ELW 652 vs. 1, 3, 5

***APOSTLES' 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 INTERCESSION

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

(A brief silence.)

Free your church, O God, with grace, mercy, and love to be transformed by your word. Direct your church to be united in word and deed so that all creation knows the uniting and transforming power of the gospel.

God of grace,
Receive our prayer.

...We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(please exchange a sign of peace with those around you.)

OFFERING HYMN *We Give Thee but Thine Own* **ELW 686 vs. 1, 2**

1. We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.
2. May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our firstfruits give.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, **we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves, each with a treble clef. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The third staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The fourth staff has a double bar line at the end.

*PREFACE

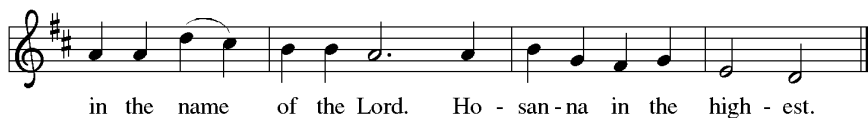
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...
And so ... we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

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

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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

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*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.



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, grant us peace.

***TABLE BLESSING**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* **ELW 504 vs. 3, 4**

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.



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UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sun., October 26, 10:45am

Mon., October 27, 8:00-4:00

Wed., October 29, 9:00am

Wed., October 29 12:30pm

Wed., October 29, 6:30pm

Fri., October 31, 10:30-11am

Sun., November 2, 9:30am

Sun., November 2, 10:40am

Potluck of Plenty

Life Line Screening

Wed. Morning Prayer Walk

Westside Cares Pantry

***Installation of Pastor Ashley,
with reception to follow***

Food donation drop-off at WSC

Worship, Pastor Ashley Allinger

Sunday School

“Potluck of Plenty” TODAY following the service: We are hosting a potluck after church to celebrate all the ways that we have received and given so generously to this community. Before the Reformation, fear was currency: fear of purgatory, fear of punishment, fear of the impossible demands of the law. Luther’s theology dismantled that, it replaced fear with freedom. Generosity operates on the same principle. Scarcity is fear’s economy. Abundance is grace’s. To live generously is to live reformed, to trust that we have enough because God is enough. We’re inviting YOU the whole congregation, and the interim library volunteers who have given so much of their time and resources to our shared community to a potluck to celebrate and give thanks for the gifts we have been given through each other.

Pastor Ashley’s Installation is THIS WEDNESDAY!

We are so excited that Pastor Ashley Allinger accepted our call and is officially our settled minister. Her Installation will be on October 29th at 6:30pm. We hope everyone can join us that evening to celebrate her First Call installation.



SUNDAY COFFEE TIME

October 26—Generosity Potluck

November 2—TBD

**The sign-up sheet is on the kitchen door.*

Life Line Screening Coming Here: Life Line will be here on October 27th. Please refer to the flyer on the office door for details. Because of this, the office will be open on Monday instead of Tuesday this week.

Wednesday Morning Prayer Walk: Take a midweek moment to slow down, and lift up our neighbors in prayer. We'll meet at the church at 9:00am and walk a short loop (~30 min.) through the surrounding neighborhood, pausing to pray as we go. All ages welcome!

Wednesday Bible Study: Wednesday at 7:00pm in person and on zoom.

Here is the Bible Study Schedule for the remainder of the year:

- 29 October – no class *Pastor Ashley's installation*
- 5 November – Hebrews
- 12 November – Jude
- 19 November – 1, 2, 3 John
- No class Thanksgiving week or in December

Class will resume in early January to study the four gospels and Revelation. For more information, contact Mem Morman.

CTK Book Club: We will meet at 6:30pm on November 3 at Pat Chaffin's house. The book is "Table for Two" by Amor Towles. Join us for discussion. All are welcome!

Angel Tree time is coming: Please consider participating in this worthy project that ministers to children of incarcerated parents.



This year we are providing gifts and inviting the children to Breakfast with Santa. With the financial assistance of Thrivent Financial, our church hopes to touch the lives of 25 children. We need volunteers to: call families to obtain gift ideas and to invite them to our Breakfast with Santa event; purchase and wrap gifts, and help with gift distribution. For more information, please contact Kathy Blanchard. Thank you!

Join Council - Your Seat at the Table Awaits: Many of you became members at CTK because something about this place made you think, “Yep, this is home. These are my people.” If that sounds like you, if you feel that same mix of love and exasperation that comes with family holiday meals, then church council might be for you. No experience required. Just an open heart and a mind ready to serve. Some people picture church council as ten people arguing around a table in the fellowship hall. Sure, that may have happened once or twice. But when you serve on council, you help shape what those meetings look like. You set the tone. You guide the direction of our church’s life and ministry. Your insight, passion, and perspective shape our shared priorities, and every person here has something of value to bring. Please consider whether you might be called by the Holy Spirit (and maybe by Diane too) to this work. We need and welcome your service.

Thanksgiving dinner from WSC: Westside Cares provides 80 families with \$80 of King Soopers gift cards to purchase their own Thanksgiving meal. This was decided to give families dignity to purchase food they enjoy. The families are chosen by school counselors and delivered to them. We ask that gift cards be in denominations of \$10, \$20, \$25. Please bring to church by Nov. 2. Thank you for your continued generosity in helping those in need.

Please put cards or money in an envelope marked thanksgiving with your name and place in the offering basket.

Family Promise Day House: Thank you for your continuing participation in providing home-cooked meals for our families. It continues to be the bright spot for them, and they love seeing your care and support through the gift of food! Sign up to bring a meal today at the link found in the newsletter. Let me know if you have any questions, Woody Duffin



Habitat for Humanity's 2025 Gingerbread House contest: I am pleased to announce that Girl Scout Troop 43841 / Christ the King Lutheran Church have signed up to participate in this contest. This event raises funds to support the construction of the 7th Veterans Build home. The idea is to get friends, family, and church members to vote for our house through donating to Habitat. The house with the most "votes" at the end wins! At this time, checks can be mailed to the Pikes Peak Habitat business office at 3730 Sinton Rd., #100 Colorado Springs, CO 80907. In the future, we hope to have online donation voting available. Checks should indicate which participant's gingerbread house the donation vote is intended to support and must be received by December 31st. For more information, contact Woody D or Leif Farney



Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate is here! Prices are \$8.50 for packages/cans and \$1.25 for Pillow Packs. Large chocolate bars are \$3.00 and the individual pieces are 25 cents or 5/\$1.00. Just place your money in the can on the top shelf of the display in the narthex. Thank you for helping small farmers all over the world! Thanks, Kathy B.

Westside Cares Pantry: *Here are this week's items needed:* cereal, mac and cheese, Spam, green beans.

*Please remember: We can shop for you! Just mark your donation as "pantry."

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat." - Matt. 25:35.

Online Directory: The new online directory is up. If you are not yet in it, please fill out the form in the Narthex and turn it in to the office. Make sure to email a photo of yourself/your family! If you do not have a recent photo, ask someone at church to take a picture of you and email it to office@ctkcs.org. We are using Instant Church Directory and (only) members will have access to it through an app or through a website once set up.



Name Tags: If you have lost your name tag and need a new one, please contact Aimee at office@ctkcs.org. She will be printing up new name tags in the next few weeks.

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Christ the King is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Cheyenne and Ute tribal nations. We give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.



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God's work. Our hands.