



Welcome to Worship

We welcome you to worship today. Please sign the guest book and enjoy a cup of coffee and snacks after the service. Donations at the snack table benefit the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

The pastors and worship servers look forward to meeting guests after worship and answer questions about Christ the King Church.

Prayers for Healing and Anointing every Sunday in Lent

Throughout Lent we will offer a Healing Prayer and Anointing for all who desire during the Sunday services. Stations for healing prayers will be available in the rear of the nave after communing.

Help Make Palm Crosses

All are invited to help the Altar Guild on **Saturday, April 8 at 10:00 a.m.** in the narthex to make 400 or more palm crosses. They will be given to all worshipers on Palm Sunday to mark the beginning of Holy Week. The altar guild extends this invitation as an opportunity to learn about their work and get to know the people who prepare the nave for worship each week and for the holidays. Contact Altar Guild president Jan Petner at jhpet1@gmail.com for more information.

Interfaith Environmental Event Sunday, April 2, 1:30 p.m.

The CTK Creation Care Team invites members of all ages to join with people of other faiths in care of creation on **Sunday, April 2, from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.** We will mulch around plantings and repair trails at the Willow Waterhole Conservation Reserve. Meet at the Schwartz Gazebo, 5300 Dryad to sign in. Tools/supplies will be provided.

HOLY WEEK

April 9 Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)

- 8:30 a.m. Procession of Palms
Holy Communion
- 9:45 a.m. Stations of the Cross
(intergenerational)
- 10:50 a.m. Procession of Palms
Holy Communion
- 6:00 p.m. JS Bach *St. John Passion*

THE THREE DAYS

begin at sundown on Maundy Thursday and conclude at sundown on Easter Day.

April 13 Maundy Thursday

- 7:30 p.m. Individual Absolution Washing
Holy Communion
Stripping of the Altar

April 14 Good Friday

- 3:00 p.m. JS Bach *St. John Passion*
- 7:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Word
Adoration of the Cross

April 15 Holy Saturday

- Midnight until 6:00 p.m. Canonical Hours
(every three hours)
- 6:00 p.m. Contemplative Vespers
- 9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil
The Service of Light
The Readings of Redemption
Baptisms and Eucharist

April 16 Easter Day

- 8:30 a.m. Festive Easter Eucharist
- 9:45 a.m. Potluck Breakfast
Flowering of the Cross
Easter Egg Hunt for Children
- 10:50 a.m. Festive Easter Eucharist
- 2:00 p.m. German-language Easter Eucharist
in the courtyard

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Sunday Forum

*9:45 a.m.
basement classroom*

April 2:

What is Moral Injury?

*presented by
Pastor Duane Larson
and Lee Thweatt*

A growing problem for military personnel, our civic protectors, and others is Moral Injury. Moral Injury most often erupts as a debilitating guilt suffered from an action one has done or witnessed that could not be avoided. MI can be related to, but is distinguishable from Post-Traumatic Stress. MI accounts for much of the increased suicide rate in combat veterans. Can people recover from MI? How can we as people of faith help those who suffer MI? On April 2, Lee Thweatt together with Pastor Larson (who is co-authoring a book about the subject) will lead a conversation about Moral Injury. Lee, a member of CTK and Vice-President of the Congregation Council, served as a United States Marine Judge Advocate General (military lawyer), and will share first-hand insights about MI.

April 9: Palm Sunday

Stations of the Cross

in the parish hall (intergenerational)

See article on next page

April 16: Easter Sunday

No Sunday Forum

Easter Potluck Breakfast
and Flowering of the Cross

April 23: God, Us and the Rest of Creation

presented by Lisa Brenskelle

April 30: What Do Pastors Promise?

*presented by Pastor Larson
and Pastor Liebster*

Lenten Vespers Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.

The Wednesday Lenten Vespers service will continue at 7:00 p.m. in the nave April 5. Join us for meditations on the Seven Petitions of the Lord's Prayer and Martin Luther's explanations.
April 5 Save us from the time of trial; deliver us from evil

Lenten Organ Recital Friday 12:15 p.m.

Join us on **Friday, April 7 at 12:15 p.m. with Jeong-Suk Bae** for a 30 minute organ recital that celebrates our Bach Organ and its contributions to our spiritual life at Christ the King Church. A free will offering will be taken at the program to support the music ministry.

Passion According to St. John

Johann Sebastian Bach's powerful Passion according to St. John is a dramatic account of the Passion utilizing chorales, solo voices, a vigorous Evangelist, and chorus roles.

The Passion will be presented twice this year by the Bach Society - **once at 6:00 p.m. on Palm/Passion Sunday, April 9, and again on Good Friday, April 16 at 3:00 p.m.** These presentations are open to all with no ticket cost, although a generous offering will be invited. Please join us for these deeply moving events, and bring a friend!

Contemplative Mass Saturdays, 6:00 p.m.

The Contemplative Mass on Saturday evenings invites worshipers into a time and space of beauty and quiet with scripture readings, silence, prayers, candle lighting, Holy Communion, and once a month veneration of the cross and anointing with healing blessing. The prayers of the people lift up to God a wounded world, praying for peace, healing and justice. These prayers include our own personal concerns.

Altar Flowers

We still have open Sundays for flower dedications. Flower arrangements for weekend services are \$65. Please pay for the flowers when you sign up with Cheryl at cherlgaspard@ctkelc.org. For online giving use the Donate link on the church home page (ctkelc.org). Checks to Christ the King Lutheran Church or cash in an envelope should say "Altar Flowers." The open dates are: **April 9, May 7, July 9, July 16, July 23, July 30, August 27, September 17, October 15, October 22, December 17, December 24/25 and December 31.**

Luther Envelope Fundraiser Final Sunday

The Luther Rose Envelope Fundraiser will end today. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward sending our 7 youth to Luther500 Festival in Wittenberg this summer. Come on over and hear the exciting trip our youth will be doing this summer.

Easter Potluck Breakfast

Please help us have a delightful Easter breakfast! If you can bring a breakfast food to share on Easter morning at 9:45 a.m., please contact Beverly Davis at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org or 713-400-0517.

Easter Eggs and Candy Needed!

Easter Eggs and candy (individually wrapped) are needed for Easter Sunday. Please make sure to donate candy that has no peanuts. The candy should be delivered to the church by Good Friday, April 14, in order for the youth group to fill them that night.

Stations of the Cross – Passion Sunday

We invite you to visit the Stations of the Cross in the parish hall between the Sunday services and following the late service on **Palm Sunday, April 9**. Starting with a presentation about Jesus in the Garden, it is designed to lead from one story to another. Ponder the trial of Jesus; struggle with the cross; grieve at the crucifixion; and wonder as the sadness turns into the pure joy of the Resurrection. Take as long as you want, thinking or praying, then you may pick up a scripture card, an item relating to the story, or both to remind you of each part of the story.

This *Stations of the Cross* was designed and made by the students in the 5th & 6th grade Godly Play class. The children learned the story of each Station and created an item to be carried away for each story, and they will host and lead the way through the presentation. We hope this will help you as you get ready for the Mystery of Easter.

Personal Care Kits for Project Promise

We continue with our Lenten project supporting Lutheran World Relief's Project Promise appeal. This weekend's designated item is nail clippers, but please note that we can receive any of the items below anytime through Palm Sunday. We hope to assemble 150 Personal Care Kits with your help. Thus far, your generosity has enabled us to collect:

- 74 **bath towels** (new, light-weight, maximum 52"x27", dark color recommended); **76 more needed**
- 123 **toothbrushes** (adult size, in original packaging), **21 more needed**
- 101 **sturdy combs** (they must be sturdy, please), **49 more needed**
- 60 **nail clippers** (metal, attached file optional), **90 more needed**
- 300 bars of soap
(NO MORE SOAP NEEDED—THANK YOU)

This Lenten season, as our congregation journeys toward the Cross, we appreciate your willingness to be Christ's hands to people around the world by providing Personal Care Kits to help them stay healthy in life's most challenging situations. For more information on Lutheran World Relief, go to www.lwr.org.

Where to Park

When attending church events, please do **NOT to park at the veterinary clinic** at any time other than Sunday morning, as cars will be towed. Please use both church lots and the Rice lot. Parking on the stadium lot of Rice University is free on Sundays and on Wednesday nights. You may call the intercom when the gate arms are down.



CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER



Sunday, April 2

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, ELW Setting 5, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday Church School
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, basement classroom
- 10:50 a.m. Worship, ELW Setting 5, nave
- 1:30 p.m. Creation Care event at Willow Waterhole
- 6:00 p.m. Luther League, youth room

Monday, April 3

- Church Office Closed
- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor

Tuesday, April 4

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor

Wednesday, April 5

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 4:00 p.m. Life Stories, council room
- 5:30 p.m. *Wednesday Night Alive!*
- 5:45 p.m. Classes begin, through 6:55 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation class, room 204
- 6:00 p.m. *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*
- 6:15 p.m. *Resilient Reformer*
- 6:15 p.m. Brass Choir, music suite
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Vespers, nave
- 7:30 p.m. Church Choir, music suite
- 7:30 p.m. Chorus, rehearsal room

Thursday, April 6

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 10:00 a.m. Piecemakers, second floor
- 6:00 p.m. Egg Decorating workshop, 3rd floor

Friday, April 7

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3rd floor
- 10:00 a.m. Friday Morning Bible Study, council room
- 12:15 p.m. Lenten Organ Recital, nave

Saturday, April 8

- 8:30 a.m. Altar Guild, nave
- 10:00 a.m. Make Palm Crosses, narthex
- 6:00 p.m. Contemplative Mass, nave

Sunday, April 9 Sunday of the Passion

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- 6:00 p.m. JS Bach *St. John Passion*, nave

The Christian Community Service Center (CCSC) is a coalition of 42 churches working to reduce the effects of poverty in the local community. The mission of Christian Community Service Center (CCSC) is to serve the poor, hungry, disabled and otherwise needy while respecting their religious, ethnic, or cultural differences.

In 2016, Christ the King Church contributed \$7040 to CCSC including gifts designated for CCSC's Back to School program and Jingle Bell Express. Several of our members volunteer with CCSC on a regular basis.

CCSC serves as our congregation's Food Pantry, Clothing Closet, and Emergency Services to our members and neighbors in need.

Wine and Chocolate

This year Christ the King Church will donate a basket for the silent auction at the fundraising dinner of the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC). Our basket theme will be *Wine and Chocolate*. Contributions can be made by everyone – the greater the variety, the greater the basket! **Items will be collected in the narthex through Sunday, April 16.** Contact Wendy Wiker at wendy@wikernet.com. Thank you for supporting CCSC!

We celebrate with these members and friends who are remembering their baptism this week:

Anita Bryant	Marilyn Edwards	Luke Johnson
Kelly DeVany	Kim Jacobson	Thaine Manske
Colin Eddington	Scott Swanson	Malcolm Waddell
Larry Hamm	Chloe Henningsen	Richard Edson
Michael Hoaks	Tristyn Henningsen	David Boles
Colleen Johnson	George Brookover	Katja Stuhr
John Lund	Julie Giam	Kate Paxton

The Rev. Dr. Duane Larson, Interim Pastor
 The Rev. Karin Liebster, Associate Pastor for Faith Formation
 Deacon Ben Remmert, Director of Youth and Family Ministry
 Beverly Davis, Director of Congregational Care
 Linda Schoene, Congregational Nurse
 Deacon Rick Erickson, Cantor, Director of Bach Society Houston
 Chris Holman, Music Associate Robert Walp, Brass Choir Director
 Noelle Jung, Church Business Administrator

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