



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.

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!

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

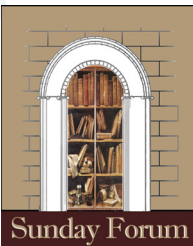
- Midnight until 6:00 p.m. Canonical Hours
(every three hours)
- 6:00 p.m. Contemplative Vespers
- 9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil
The Service of Light
The Readings of Redemption
Baptisms and Eucharist

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 9:
Palm Sunday
Stations of the Cross**
in the parish hall

(intergenerational) *See article on cover*

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

During Earth Month, the CTK Creation Care Team invites you to consider relationships as evidenced in scripture. What is God's relationship with all creation? How is humanity invited to participate in relationship with God, and with the rest of creation? As modern people, science informs our understanding of the world around us. Can science help us to elucidate scripture for a more profound understanding of these relationships? Lisa Brenskelle, creation care team lead, and a research & development manager professionally, will guide a discussion on these questions & more. Please join in.

April 30: What Do Pastors Promise?

*presented by Pastor Larson
and Pastor Liebster*

The Three Days

The congregation is preparing for The Three Days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Day. They stand at the center of our church year, beginning at sundown Thursday and concluding at sundown on Sunday. Maundy Thursday includes Individual Absolution, Washing, Holy Communion and the Stripping of the Altar. On Good Friday the congregation assembles around the Word and for the Adoration of the Cross. After sundown on Friday, Canonical Hours will be held every three hours to mark Holy Saturday. After sundown on Saturday the Easter Day begins and the congregation gathers at 9:00 p.m. in the courtyard for the Vigil of Easter with the new fire and candle, the readings of redemption, the return of the "Alleluia" of Easter, and the celebration of the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection in baptismal water and eucharistic bread and wine. On Easter Sunday we gather for morning worship and an afternoon German language Easter service.

Canonical Hours

The eight canonical hours mark the vigil from Good Friday (midnight) until the Saturday Easter Vigil (9:00 p.m.). Every three hours a 30-minute service will occur in the narthex, beginning at midnight. Everyone is invited to join the prayers at these times. If you would like to say the canonical hours at home, copies of the services will be available in the narthex.

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.

Easter Morning - Flowering of the Cross and Egg Hunt

Easter at Christ the King Church is always an exciting time for children! Little ones help celebrate the Resurrection of Christ by participating in the *Flowering of the Cross* and hunting for Easter eggs. Please plan to bring lots of lovely flowers for your children to use and be sure to bring a basket for the egg hunt. The festivities begin with a potluck Easter Breakfast at 9:45 a.m. and Flowering of the Cross. There will be several egg hunts beginning at 10:00 a.m., with special designated areas for the little ones. Age groups will be split 0-2, 2-4, and 5 and up. Donations of candy are needed. Please drop them off to the church by April 9 (Palm Sunday).

Faith Camp Preview Day April 23, 9:45 a.m.

All parents of elementary age kids and youth get to experience what summer day camp at Faith Lutheran Church in Bellaire looks like. The staff of Faith Camp will sample activities in the courtyard at 9:45 a.m. We hope that families will take advantage of this long lasting relationship with our sister congregation in Bellaire and sign up their kids for camp. Christ the King youth have been hired as camp staffers. Camp runs July 10-28 in week long segments.

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!

New Members Welcomed

Anyone interested in making their alliance with God's cause "public and official" as a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church is welcome to attend a luncheon/orientation at **12:15 p.m., Sunday, April 23.** The lunch is free. We'll have an opportunity to learn more about Christ the King Church, our traditions, our commitments, and our place in global Lutheranism. New Members will be formally received on Sunday, May 7. Please call the church office to sign-up for the lunch meeting, or speak with one of the pastors if you have further questions. Wherever and whoever you have been, you are welcome here as one of God's children and Christ's disciples in our mission to advance and amplify God's love in the world.

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.

Personal Care Kits for Project Promise

Deadline: Maundy Thursday

We continue to have a tremendous response in support of Lutheran World Relief's Project Promise appeal. We are on track to meet our goal of **assembling 150 Personal Care Kits.**

We DO need more nail clippers and bath towels (new, light-weight, maximum 52"x27", dark color recommended). Due to your generosity, we DO NOT need more soap, combs or toothbrushes. Go to www.lwr.org.

SEARCH Cards and Coffee Ministry

Please join us in hosting our monthly coffee hour for SEARCH Homeless Services clients at the Perry St. Apartments, 4415 Perry, a New Hope Housing project in the Third Ward on **Wednesday, April 19, 10:00-11:00 a.m.** This collaboration with SEARCH takes place every third Wednesday of the month. For more information, contact Beverly at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org.

A Multi-Religious Weekend

On **Saturday, April 22**, The River Oaks Islamic Center invites the community, including all members of Christ the King Lutheran Church, to an open house and BBQ from Noon to 7:00 p.m. Drop in any time, enjoy great hospitality, take a tour, and learn a bit about the faith and life of our nearest Muslim neighbors. A special invitation is extended to the CTK Young Adults to meet with the Islamic Center's Young Professionals Group to make new friends and discuss possibilities for common mission. The CTK YAs will meet at 5:00 p.m. at Christ the King Church to carpool over as a group.

Sunday, April 23, is Yom HaShoah, the Jewish Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust. The congregation is invited to join the local Jewish community for the Day of Remembrance Service at Congregation Beth Israel, 5600 N. Braeswood Blvd., at 3:00 p.m. CTK Young Adults are invited to attend this service together, too, after which to join Pastor Duane for discussion and dinner at a place to be named later.

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.

Sunday, April 9 Sunday of the Passion

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, ELW Setting 5, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Stations of the Cross, parish hall
- 10:50 a.m. Worship, ELW Setting 5, nave
- 6:00 p.m. JS Bach *St. John Passion*, nave

Monday, April 10

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

Tuesday, April 11

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

Wednesday, April 12

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 6:15 p.m. Brass Choir, music suite
- 7:30 p.m. Church Choir, music suite
- 7:30 p.m. Chorus, rehearsal room

Thursday, April 13 Maundy Thursday

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, narthex
- 7:30 p.m. Individual Absolution with Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar, nave

Friday, April 14 Good Friday

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, narthex
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3rd floor
- 10:00 a.m. Friday Morning Bible Study, council room
- 3:00 p.m. JS Bach: *St. John Passion*, nave
- 7:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Word and Adoration of the Cross, nave
- 9:00 p.m. Personal Care Kit assembly, parish hall
- 9:00 p.m. Luther League Lock-In

Saturday, April 15 Holy Saturday

- Midnight until 3:00 p.m. Canonical Hours (every three hours)
- 1:00 p.m. Yoga, basement classroom
- 6:00 p.m. Contemplative Mass (no communion), nave
- 9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil, nave

Sunday, April 16 Easter Day

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, ELW 5
- 9:45 a.m. Breakfast, Easter Egg Hunt, Flowering of the Cross
- 10:50 a.m. Worship, ELW 5
- 2:00 p.m. German-language service, courtyard
- 3:00 p.m. Reception, parish hall



CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER

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.

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

Jerry Brown	Pam Linberg	Donna Olson-Salas
Harold Mathis	Marie Monroe	Jennifer Dierksen
Vivian Tetzlaff	LuAnne Novak	Gretchen Miertschin
Andy Winesett	Hannah Beckman	Christine Heinrich
Olivia Winesett	Haley Goodrow	Claudia Brookover
Kristen Morris	Lee Herrick	Carolyn Weatherly
	Mel Rosenbaum	

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
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