



Please join the congregation of  
Christ the King Lutheran Church  
as we give thanks for and rededicate ourselves  
to God's mission in Christ with

**the Installation of  
The Rev. Duane H. Larson  
as Senior Pastor**

**The Sunday of Christ the King  
November 26, 2017 4:00 p.m.**

**Installing Pastor**

**The Rev. Tracey Breashears Schultz**  
Dean of the Metro Houston Conference, ELCA

**Homilist**

**The Rev. Michael Rinehart**  
Bishop of the Texas-Louisiana  
Gulf Coast Synod, ELCA

Clergy are invited to robe and process.  
Gathering time is 3:15 p.m.  
The color of the day is white.

Mission fair and reception follow  
in the parish hall.

**Lessons and Carols**

**Sunday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m.** we celebrate the Advent season with Advent Lessons and Carols. This beautiful event includes readings, hymns, anthems, and prayers that mark events in the story of Redemption. Join our Church Choir, Chorus, Choristers and Jr. Choristers as we fill our nave in sound! A potluck Open House will immediately follow Lessons and Carols in the parish hall. All are invited to bring a savory or sweet finger food to share. (Please bring food items already plated and ready to share, so that there will be a minimum of set-up and clean-up).

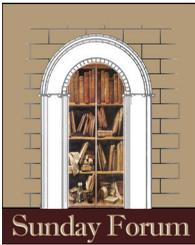
**Annual Meeting of the  
Congregation, Part 1  
December 3, 12:30 p.m.,  
parish hall**

Part 1 of the Annual Meeting of the congregation will take place on Sunday, December 3, immediately following the 10:50 a.m. service. The agenda will include presentation of preliminary budget(s) for 2018, a capital campaign report for Build Us Up -Send Us Forth, and council member elections. There will be opportunity for further Q & A with council leadership as well, including further conversation about the parsonage question. Your presence and voice in the planning and administration of our congregational life together is vital. Thank you for your presence and support.

**Advent Wreath Workshop  
First Sunday of Advent -  
December 3, 9:45 a.m.**

The Altar Guild will set up for wreath making in the cloister and courtyard. The supplies provided include two different styles of wire wreaths, blue and purple advent candle sets, ribbon, bows and greenery. A donation of \$10 is suggested to cover the Altar Guild's cost of supplies. All ages are invited to join in this communal craft activity to start the Advent season in your homes. If you have a purchased wreath that you would like to decorate, please bring it and join the fun.

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## SUNDAY FORUM

9:45 a.m. in the parish hall

**November 26**

**(meets at 9:00 a.m.)**

— **Mind the Gap**, presented by Matthias Henze

Reading the Old Testament is not enough to understand Jesus of Nazareth, the apostles, and the rise of early Christianity. To understand the Jews of the Second Temple period, it's essential to read what they wrote—and what Jesus and his followers might have read—beyond the Hebrew scriptures. Matthias Henze, member of Christ the King Church, introduces his 2017 book *Mind the Gap*, and will speak about key ideas found in specific New Testament texts that simply can't be understood without the early Jewish "intertestamental" writings—the Messiah, angels and demons, the law, and the resurrection of the dead. *Mind the Gap* broadens curious students' perspectives on early Judaism and early Christianity and welcomes them to deeper study. The book is available at its publisher Fortress Press and amazon.

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### **December 10 — Forum with the Congregation**

The conversation about the parsonage continues. All members of the congregation are welcome to attend.

### **December 17 — Children's Christmas Pageant**

## **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. You may leave contact information or write a note on the worship card in the pew. Donations at the snack table benefit the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

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

## **Last Wednesday Night at Church November 29**

The last Wednesday night activities for the year will be on November 29. Wednesday activities will resume in January.

The Christmas Pageant rehearsals will meet December 6 and 13 at 6:00 p.m. (pizza available at 5:30 p.m.). Brass Choir, Chorus and Choir will continue through December 20.

## **Friday Organ Concerts**

Friday Organ Concerts return this December, with 30 minute concerts each Friday at 12:15 p.m. featuring Brian Glikes and Rick Erickson performing music for the Advent season. These concerts will take place December 1, 8, 15, and 22. All welcome!

## **Johann Sebastian Bach's Great "Magnificat" December 10**

Sunday, December 10 at 6:00 p.m. our Bach Choir and Orchestra present Johann Sebastian Bach's great "Magnificat," BWV 243. This stunning work for choir, soloists and orchestra, will be presented in the setting of Vespers, and will also feature works by Johann Michael Bach, Michael Praetorius, Johann Eccard, Mark Whitfield, and Rick Erickson. Come and join for this festive celebration of the Advent season!

## **Flowers for the Nave**

The 2018 Altar Guild Flower Chart will soon be on the mobile bulletin board. Flower arrangements for weekend services are \$65. Please pay for the flowers when you sign up. Checks can be made out to Christ the King Lutheran Church with "Altar Flowers" in the memo line and placed in the offering.

## **Donate New Toys and Books**

Please donate new, unwrapped toys and books (avoiding items violent in nature) for children ages 0 – 15 to the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC). **You may place donations in the box in the foyer or in the church office during the month of November. Deadline for toys and gifts is December 3.**

## **Fill a Shoebox and Delight a Seafarer**

Christ the King Lutheran Church is collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts to give to seafarers who visit the Port of Houston during the holiday season. The gifts will be distributed by the Seafarers' ecumenical ministry. Check out the mobile bulletin board for a list of suggested items. Please bring your filled shoebox to church by **Sunday, December 3.**

## **Seafarer Wrappers Needed: December 3**

Youth and adult volunteers needed for our SeaFarer Gifts on Sunday, December 3, 5:00 p.m. Volunteers will help in wrapping gifts that we have been collecting to give to sailors that stay in the Port of Houston over the holidays. Donations of wrapping paper is needed as well.

## **The Longest Night of the Year, December 21**

Please join us at **6:30 p.m. in the parish hall** of Christ the King Lutheran Church for a service of hope and comfort on The Longest Night of the year, December 21. This meditative service gives us time for remembering, sharing our hurting places with God, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. Join others for whom the Christmas season is bittersweet to hear scripture, offer prayers for healing and wholeness, and to sing hymns that acknowledge God's presence with those who mourn and grieve, with those who suffer, and with those who struggle. God is the light shining in our darkness.

All are welcome! The service will be followed by a brief time for light refreshments and fellowship.

## **Advent Retreat at Lutherhill: December 1-2**

Awaken to the Advent season as we await for the coming of Christ. Campers in 1st through 6th grade are invited to spend a packed 24 hours worshipping, learning in Bible study, and experiencing fun camp activities like the giant swing, archery, and arts and crafts with Ben Remmert. We will navigate the day largely as a community but we will break into small groups for age specific Bible studies. This retreat will begin on Friday evening with welcoming games, activities, and a devotion. On Saturday, we will have an action packed day including learning more about our theme, experiencing fun camp activities, and being sent out to go in peace and serve the Lord through closing worship. Cost is \$55 per person. RSVP to Ben Remmert at [benremmert@ctkelc.org](mailto:benremmert@ctkelc.org)

## **Mexico Spring Break Trip: March 9-14, 2018**

### **\$500 deposit due asap, Balance due February 1**

The Combined Choir and Chorus of Christ the King Church is travelling south to Mexico City for Spring Break 2018. Members and friends of CTK are welcome to join the choir and chorus for this trip! We will carry the spirit of the Reformation forward as we join in songs and service with sister congregations (Spanish and German Speaking) and with the Lutheran Seminary. We will engage in a day of service through Amextra after preparing prayerfully for this adventure as part of our Lenten Worship. There will be plenty of time for organized cultural and touristic adventures too. Tour Packets are available in the Narthex or via email. **Dates:** March 9-14 with an option to add on two days until March 16.

**Price for Singers and Youth:** \$1,750 for 5 day and \$2000 includes airfare, most meals, lodging (4 star), and activities. \$500 deposit due immediately Balance due February 1.

Travel will be arranged on Southwest Airlines and through Amextra for group travel. Contact Rick Erickson, Alicia Goodrow or Anna Vanbuskirk for more info.

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

Kevin Simpson	Andreas	Lisa Krueger
Luke Winston	Fullaondo-Boker	Maureen Lamson
Rasmus Hoenen	Torsten Louis	Nancy Letness
Cindy Scruggs	Grace Sahualla	Nicholas Lloyd
Patricia Barnard	Peter Boecher	Johnny Longoria
Gerald Gibson	Hilda Boyce	Wendy Wentland
		Jan Petner

**Sunday, November 26**

9:00 a.m. Sunday Forum  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship, Reformation 500 Setting, nave  
4:00 p.m. Installation of Sr. Pastor Duane Larson, nave  
6:00 p.m. Creation Care Web Talk, online

**Monday, November 27** Church Office Closed

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

**Tuesday, November 28**

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

**Wednesday, November 29**

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor  
5:45 p.m. Music Explorers  
5:45 p.m. Love Your Neighbour, nave  
6:00 p.m. Confirmation, council room  
6:00 p.m. Choristers, narthex  
6:15 p.m. Jr. Choristers  
6:15 p.m. Resilient Reformer, 3rd floor  
6:15 p.m. Brass Choir, parish hall  
7:00 p.m. Evening Vespers, nave  
7:30 p.m. Church Choir, nave  
7:30 p.m. Chorus, parish hall

**Thursday, November 30**

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

**Friday, December 1**

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, narthex  
12:15 p.m. Advent Organ Concert, nave  
Advent Retreat, offsite

**Saturday, December 2**

6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave  
Advent Retreat, offsite

**Sunday, December 3**

8:30 a.m. Worship, Setting 5, nave  
9:45 a.m. Advent Wreath Workshop, courtyard  
10:50 a.m. Worship, Setting 5, nave  
12:30 p.m. Annual Meeting, Part 1, parish hall  
5:00 p.m. Luther League Shoebox Wrapping  
6:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols, nave followed by potluck

The Rev. Dr. Duane Larson, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Karin Liebster, Associate Pastor

Deacon Ben Rimmert, 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

Brian Gilkes, Music Associate Robert Walp, Brass Choir Director

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**Bright Stars of Bethlehem**

**November 19 and 26**

The mission offering is collected at the church doors at the end of worship.

Dear Friends,

In a context of despair, we believe in creating room for hope. In spite of the adversities imposed by military occupation, the Palestinian people are determined to work for a better life for their community.

Through Bright Stars of Bethlehem, you are moving people from a stance of reactivity to one of pro-activity, from being victims to becoming visionaries, from waiting to creating, and from surviving to thriving.

There has long been an innovative and entrepreneurial spirit among Palestinian people. They still maintain their rich creative culture and continue to be strong in business, manufacturing and agriculture, and more recently a Palestinian tech sector has also developed.

One recent report notes both the challenge of a "youth bulge in our population" but also counters with "the opportunities provided by a growing, educated, motivated, young work force". Thanks to your support, we see many of these gifted people coming out of Dar al-Kalima University in Bethlehem.

The good news is that in spite of the high levels of youth unemployment (averaging over 40%) many recent university graduates in Palestine are finding ways to use their education and skills.

You are a vital component to that hope. Your gifts and partnership create a platform where hope can survive and thrive in the Holy land.

Please join us in creating a future filled with hope. With your help, the positive spirit of the Palestinian people can persevere.

Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb  
CEO & President

Beth Nelson Chase  
Executive Director