



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

Advent Wreath Workshop 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.

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 8, 15, and 22. All welcome!

Johann Sebastian Bach's Great "Magnificat"

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!



Today we collect pledges for the stewardship campaign, "Living and Learning God's Love." Thank you for placing your pledge in the offering (or mailing it to the office).

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.

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 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).

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SUNDAY FORUM

9:45 a.m. in the parish hall

December 3 —

Advent Wreath Workshop
on First Sunday of Advent

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**
in the parish hall. Waffle Café by Luther League.

December 24 — No Sunday Forum
Worship at 10:00 a.m.

December 31 — No Sunday Forum
Worship at 10:00 a.m.

Christ the King Young Adults Christmas Potluck

Friday, December 15 7:00 p.m.

Anyone “young at heart” join for the end-of-year CTK YA Soiree! Bring a dish and beverage to share. Hosted by Nathan Wiker. Contact nathan@wikernet.com for directions. We'll enjoy each other's company, sing carols, and take time for Advent devotion. Newcomers welcome! For more information, contact Pastor Duane at duanelarson@ctkelc.org.

Keeping Connected to Christ the King Church

Christ the King Church has many opportunities to stay connected to life in and outside the church through facebook and our **weekly MailChimp email service**. Keep an eye out for these great opportunities to participate and keep in touch with the life of Christ the King Church. Please let us know if you are not getting out weekly emails, and for extra assistance, please contact the church office at ctk@ctkelc.org.

Like Us On Facebook—Christ the King Lutheran Church—and stay connected.

Advent Star

During Advent through Epiphany a star appears at Christ the King Lutheran Church. In the early nineteenth century special multi-pointed stars began to be used in the Moravian churches of Saxony. They are made from paper, perhaps originally as geometry projects. Soon the stars were very popular in the churches as reminders of the light of creation, of the prophecy that a star would arise out of Jacob, of the Star of Bethlehem, and of the bright and Morning Star, Jesus Christ. They also became popular in the Lutheran churches of Saxony and beyond. The star appears in Advent and remains until the Epiphany of Our Lord and sometimes even later.

Montrose Grace Place

It's December, and that means it's time to sign up to serve at Montrose Grace Place on **Thursday, December 7!** Bette Bowers will be preparing the meal, but we need 4-5 volunteers to serve it to at-risk LGBTQ youth. If you would like to help with this community project, contact Rebecca (rsields63@gmail.com) know if you are available!

Service of Hope and Comfort on the Longest Night

December 21, 7:00 p.m.

Join us at 7:00 p.m. in the nave 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.

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.

First Sunday of Advent

December 2

6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship with Holy Communion

December 3

8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Holy Communion

12:30 p.m. Annual Meeting of the Congregation, Part 1

6:00 p.m. Service of Lessons and Carols

7:00 p.m. Advent Potluck in the parish hall

Friday, December 8

12:15 p.m. Advent Organ Recital

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9

6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship with Holy Communion

December 10

8:30 and 10:50 a.m. Holy Communion

6:00 p.m. Bach Magnificat - Vespers for Advent

Friday, December 15

12:15 p.m. Advent Organ Recital

Third Sunday of Advent

December 16

6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship with Holy Communion

December 17

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant

10:50 a.m. Holy Communion

The Longest Night - December 21

7:00 p.m. A Service of Hope and Comfort

Friday, December 22

12:15 p.m. Advent Organ Recital

Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve

December 23

6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship with Holy Communion

December 24

10:00 a.m. Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion
(Only one morning service!)

4:00 p.m. *Weihnachtsmesse* German-language service

6:00 p.m. Holy Communion around the Crèche
with Carols and Candlelight

10:00 p.m. Holy Communion
with Carols and Candlelight (Incense)

Christmas Day

December 25

11:00 a.m. Carols and Communion

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

Richard Oechslin Ron Brownlee Michael Vollmer
Franz Liebster Charles Hooks
Janning Hoenen Susanna Schuster

Flowers for the Nave

The 2018 Altar Guild Flower Chart is 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.

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

Monday, December 4 Church Office Closed

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

Tuesday, December 5

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

Wednesday, December 6

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 5:30 p.m. Pizza
- 6:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Pageant rehearsal, parish hall
- 6:15 p.m. Brass Choir, parish hall
- 7:30 p.m. Church Choir, nave
- 7:30 p.m. Chorus, parish hall

Thursday, December 7

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

Friday, December 8

- 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

Saturday, December 9

- 6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave

Sunday, December 10

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, Setting 5, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:50 a.m. Worship, Setting 5, nave
- 12:30 p.m. Luther League,
- 6:00 p.m. Bach Vespers, nave

The Rev. Dr. Duane Larson, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Karin Liebster, Associate Pastor

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

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ELCA World Hunger Appeal

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

The December Mission Offering is designated for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America World Hunger Appeal. The ELCA's commitment to supporting people who live with chronic hunger, disease, and poverty around the corner and around the world is carried out by ELCA World Hunger through relief, development, education, and advocacy. **Last year, we contributed over \$24,000** to the World Hunger Appeal and, historically, our congregation has regarded the World Hunger Appeal as one of our distinctive global mission priorities.

All money raised by the World Hunger Appeal comes through specially designated offerings and donations from ELCA members, congregations, and friends. ELCA World Hunger receives no benevolence (general budget money from general ELCA member offerings); the ELCA's world hunger ministry is based in congregations, where most of the fundraising takes place.

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.**