



Stations of the Cross Passion Sunday

Today we invite you to visit the Stations of the Cross in the parish hall between the Sunday services (9:30 - 10:30 a.m.) and following the late service (12:15 p.m.). 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. Starting with a presentation about Jesus in the Garden, the Stations depict Jesus' way from the Garden to the Resurrection. 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.

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 the items to be carried away for each story. 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.

St. Matthew Passion April 14 and 19

Bach Society Houston presents Bach's towering masterpiece, the *St. Matthew Passion*, on **Palm Sunday (April 14, 6:00 p.m.)** and **Good Friday (April 19, 3:00 p.m.)**. These performances have no admission charge and are open to all in the community. This year, we will present the Passion in a manner seldom heard in the United States: the choir comprises only eight singers, and each of the singers sings solos in addition to the ensemble parts. This approach is described in historical materials from Bach's own time, according to research by musicologist Daniel Melamed, who will give the pre-performance lecture on Sunday, April 14 at 5:15 p.m. Come join us for this powerful work, and hear a fresh take as well!

HOLY WEEK

April 14 Sunday of the Passion (Palm Sunday)

- 8:30 a.m. Procession of Palms
Holy Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross
- 10:50 a.m. Procession of Palms
Holy Communion
- 12:15 a.m. Stations of the Cross
- 6:00 p.m. St. Matthew Passion
by JS Bach, Bach Society Houston

April 18 Maundy Thursday

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

April 19 Good Friday

- 3:00 p.m. St Matthew Passion
by JS Bach, Bach Society Houston
- 7:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Word
Adoration of the Cross

April 20 Holy Saturday

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

April 21 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. *Ostergottesdienst*,
German-language Easter Eucharist

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SUNDAY FORUM

9:45 am in the parish hall

April 14

Palm Sunday:

Stations of the Cross, presented by students of the Sunday School

April 21

Easter Sunday:

No Sunday Forum
Potluck Breakfast, Egg Hunt and Flowering of the Cross

April 28:

The Ecological Crisis & The Response of Faith

presented by

Lisa Brenskelle

What is our present ecological crisis? What specific issues are central? Lisa Brenskelle will examine the science that explains the present state of our world and the major environmental issues we face. She will then consider how our faith both informs and enables our response to this crisis.

Donations for Wine and Chocolate Basket Needed

**Items will be collected
in the narthex through
Sunday, April 21.**

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The Three Days

The congregation is preparing for The Three Days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Day. starting with the vigil on Saturday. 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 of Hands, 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.

“Praying Vigil” 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.

	Canonical Hour	Host Group
12:00 am	Matins: The Virgins (watchful waiting)	Luther League
3:00 am	Lauds: The Tomb (ecstatic praise)	Luther League and Night Owls
6:00 am	Prime: The Martyrs (consecrated service)	Luther League and Early Risers
9:00 am	Terce: The Fire (unceasing dependence)	Altar Guild
12:00 pm	Sext: The Cross (humble supplication)	Congregational Care
3:00 pm	None: The Throne (steadfast perseverance)	Congregation Council
6:00 pm	Vespers: The Supper (fervent thanksgiving)	Worship

Tag Sale — May 4

The Tag Sale at Christ the King Church will be Saturday May 4, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Give us anything you want out of your closets, garages and attics! **We will collect items starting the Sunday before the sale, April 28.** Furniture sells well so we would gladly take it if you can get it to the church. **Larger items and large volume donations can only be accepted in the parish hall on Thursday May 2 and Friday May 3.**

We need volunteers to set up, sell and clean up on Friday, May 3 (all day) and Saturday, May 4 (7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.). We are looking for help with advertising. If you live or work near Rice Village, you could distribute fliers, or if you have a connection to a local newsletter you may be able to facilitate getting an ad in for our event. Sign-up on the bulletin board, or email Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org.

Easter Flowers -

Palm Sunday is the final day to sign up

Please use the envelopes in the narthex with correct payment and dedication, or use the links provided in the weekly Thursday email. Each lily costs \$15. We thank the Altar Guild for their dedication to the beauty of our worship and nave. Only paid flower donations will be listed on the dedication steet.

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 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.

Blues, Brews, and Good News

Friday, April 26, 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy this monthly community outreach worship again with The Healers as our house band, playing the Blues with authority and authenticity. Different beers will be available again. AND a conversation will be hosted about religion and race relations. It'll be a powerful evening of song, brews, thoughtful reflection, and interfaith spiritual reconciliation. Spread the news!

**The Night's Theme:
Will You Be My Neighbor?**

with Diversity Expert, Federico Salas-Isnardi

Experience Israel and Palestine

October 11-22, 2019

Optional extension to Istanbul, October 22-25

Hosted by Pastor Duane and Joen Larson

Registration deadline with deposit is June 1, though registrations by May 1 are most encouraged.

Brochures are available now.

Join us on a pilgrimage and study introduction to Israel and Palestine. Ten days that include time in the region of the Galilee, Caesarea Phillipi, the new Palestinian city of Rawabi, Megiddo, Nazareth, Ramallah, with focused time in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Dead Sea and Qumran. We'll meet with the Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb at Dar Al Kalima University, learn about the various ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, and worship at Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem. We'll pray at The Western Wall and visit the Muslim holy site of the mosque of Al Aqsa atop the Temple Mount, and, of course, at The Church of the Nativity (the birthplace of Jesus) and the Holy Sepulcher. We'll have the opportunity in evenings for fine dining, casual leisure and/or further conversations with Jewish, Christian, and Muslim leaders.

The minimum number of participants (in addition to the hosts) is 20, maximum 25, with cost (excepting extra personal and entertainment expenses, passport fees, and the Istanbul add-on option) of \$3550 based on 25 registrants. All trip arrangements will be made by the highly reputable Group Travel Directors, based in Minneapolis. Direct your further questions to Pastor Duane. Information/Registration brochures are available in the Narthex and Church Office.

Personal Care Kits for Season of Hope

Deadline: Maundy Thursday

We continue to have a tremendous response in support of Lutheran World Relief's Season of Hope appeal. We are on track to meet our goal of assembling 115 Personal Care Kits.

We DO need:

- Need 77 more bars of soap
- Need 10 more nail clippers.

Due to your generosity, we DO NOT need more towels, combs, or toothbrushes.

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

Haley Goodrow	James Rahman	Bette Bowers
Lee Herrick	Jemma Varghese	Jonathan Miertschin
Ray Dittmar	Emilia Haymon	Michael Thorvilson
Magnolia Doolin	Carolyn Storin	Alexander Hoogerwerf
Winston Hoang	Anne Morrow	Sebastian Salas
Maya Kolb	John Thweatt	

Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship ELW 5, nave
9:45 a.m. Stations of the Cross
10:50 a.m. Worship ELW 5, nave
12:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross
6:00 p.m. St Matthew Passion, nave

Monday, April 15

Church Office Closed
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
7:00 p.m. Science and Religion, 3rd floor

Tuesday, April 16

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

Wednesday, April 17

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
6:15 p.m. Brass Choir
7:30 p.m. Church Choir, nave
7:30 p.m. Chorus, parish hall

Thursday, April 18 Maundy Thursday

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
10:00 a.m. Piecemakers, 3rd floor
7:30 p.m. Individual Absolution with Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar, nave

Friday, April 19 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, narthex
3:00 p.m. St Matthew 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 20 Holy Saturday

Midnight until 3:00 p.m. Canonical Hours (every three hours)
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship (no communion), nave
9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil, nave

Sunday, April 21 Easter Day

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



The Christian Community Service Center (CCSC) is a coalition of 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. CCSC was created out of faith and founded in the belief that we are called to help all of God's children heart to heart and hand in hand.

In 2018, Christ the King Church contributed \$ 9,296 to CCSC including gifts designated for CCSC's Back to School program, Capital Campaign, 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 for members and neighbors in need.

Donations for Wine and Chocolate Basket Needed

By special request, Christ the King Church will once again donate a wine and chocolate basket for the silent auction at the fundraising dinner of the Christian Community Service Center (CCSC). Contributions can be made by everyone – the greater the variety, the greater the basket! **Items will be collected in the narthex through Sunday, April 21.** Contact Wendy Wiker at wendy@wikernet.com. Thank you for supporting CCSC!

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