



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.

Rally Day August 27

Join us for breakfast tacos in the courtyard and the start of our new Sunday School year. Sunday School classes are offered for children and youth ages two through high school. Children, youth, and parents will meet in the parish hall and then children will go to their classrooms to meet their teachers and have class pictures taken. Parents wanting their children to newly join Sunday School or Confirmation class please contact Pastor Liebster (karinliebster@ctlkc.org).

8:30 and 10:50 in the nave

Blessing of all school children and youth

Third grade Bible presentations

Welcome for Music Associate Brian Glikes and teachers

9:45 courtyard and Sunday school rooms

Breakfast Tacos and

Sunday School Kick-off

Picture taking in classrooms

Reformation Quiz for Adults –

What Do YOU Know

about the Reformation?

REFORMATION 500 CELEBRATION

Liturgical Sunday Walk through Time

Beginning on Rally Day, August 27, worshipers will step into a liturgical journey through time. Each Sunday throughout the fall pieces of the liturgy will be selected with a view to Lutheran liturgical history and global richness. In loosely chronological order we will progressively sing pieces from Martin Luther's *Deutsche Messe* (German Mass), from the American-Lutheran liturgical traditions and from the 20th century hymn books which we knew as the red book and the green book (LBW). The global Lutheran musical and liturgical traditions will enrich our liturgy throughout the fall. Cantor Rick Erickson will present a Sunday Forum on October 8 with a fascinating look into our Lutheran worship history.

First Guest Speaker for CTK's Reformation 500 Celebration



On **Sunday, September 3**, Msgr. Dennis Mikulanis will be the first in a series of outstanding guest speakers for Christ the King Lutheran Church's Reformation 500 observances. Msgr. Mikulanis will preach at both services on Sunday morning (8:30 and 10:50), speak at the 9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, and address a luncheon following worship at 12:15 p.m. The luncheon will be open to the public as well as to those unable to attend the morning's Sunday Forum. An informal luncheon conversation for area clergy and lay leaders is also scheduled for Saturday, September 2, at 11:30 a.m.

Fr. Mikulanis is the diocesan ecumenical officer for the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego and Pastor of San Rafael Catholic Church in San Diego, CA.

The public is welcome to attend any of the presentations.

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Last Summer Book Review

August 27:

Lisa Brenskelle,
Dream of the Earth, by
Thomas Berry

This landmark work has established itself as a foundational volume in the ecological canon. In it, Thomas Berry provides nothing less than a new intellectual-ethical framework for the human community by positing planetary well-being as the measure of all human activity.



Confirmation Class Fall 2017

Confirmation Class for 7th and 8th grade students begins with a Milestone Celebration for youth and parents on Wednesday, August 30 at 6:15 p.m. Students will receive their study bibles and Small Catechisms at this meeting. Weekly classes for students are Wednesday nights 6:00-7:30 p.m. beginning September 6. Pastor Liebster and Ben Remmert will lead the class through a year of studying Martin Luther's Small Catechism, thereby exploring, experiencing and studying the key components of faith in the Christian life.

Confirmation class is generally for students in grades 7 and 8, though special circumstances may be accommodated as to when a student joins the class. New students are welcome anytime. Please contact Pastor Liebster, karinliebster@ctkelc.org or Ben Remmert, benremmert@ctkelc.org.

Wednesday Night Alive! and Evening Prayer

Christ the King Church's

Wednesday Night Alive! program resumes **September 6**. Programs and activities run from 5:30 p.m. through 9:00 p.m. Dinner is served starting at 5:30 p.m. until 6:40 p.m. Children's regular programs end at 7:00 p.m.

Vespers service for everyone is held at 7:05 p.m. in the parish hall. This 15 minute service of prayers, readings, and hymns is less formal than our Sunday worship and includes a variety of forms and styles for all ages.

Following are program options by age group.

Music Explorers*(birth-18 months) 5:45 - 6:15 p.m.

Music Explorers* (18 months-3 years) 6:20 - 6:50 p.m.

Music Explorers* (4-5 years) 5:45 - 6:15 p.m.

Jr. Choristers (K-second grade) 6:15 - 6:55 p.m.

Choristers (third-sixth grade) 6:00 - 6:50 p.m.

Grades 7-12: Confirmation class, homework, nursery volunteers, kitchen, chorus or church choir

Adults: Sharing dinner, adult classes, choir, chorus, brass choir, greeters, servers, kitchen helpers

The courtyard and playground are open for fellowship and play.

*Music Explorers - \$65 per child per semester (12 classes) All Choristers - no fee

A Summer Discussion Group All are Welcome! Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m., at the parsonage

The "Love Your Neighbour" discussion group invites you to an ongoing discussion about racism in American society. The group is committed to caring, honest, and safe conversation on issues of race, seeking how more faithfully we as Christian individuals and as church can bring our part to God's intended rule of reconciling love to neighbor and world. The book basis for our conversations is Michael Eric Dyson's, *Tears We Cannot Stop, A Sermon to White America*. All is casual; snacks and beverages to share are welcomed.




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Saturday September 9
 Leave the church at 7:30
 Return at noon
 For information, contact ctkhfb@gmail.com

Sunday Evening Conversations on Creation Continue...

Sunday, August 27, 6:00 p.m.:

Connections between People & Nature:

An Economist's Viewpoint

Professor Peter Hartley, the George and Cynthia Mitchell Family Professor of Economics at Rice University, will discuss the economic perspective on environmental issues. If you would like to join this online conversation, please register at www.eventbrite.com. For more information, contact Lisa Brenskelle at gcs.lrc@gmail.com.

Friday Morning Bible Study Resumes September 8

All are invited to Friday Morning Bible Study. We gather after 10:00 a.m. for snacks and fellowship in the 2nd floor council room. Bible Study and prayer begin at 10:30, and we finish approximately 11:40 a.m.

Altar Guild Open House

September 10, 9:45-10:45 in the parish hall

Do you know what a pulpit antependium is? You don't? Well join the Altar Guild for a morning of discovery on September 10 in the parish hall. During Sunday Forum time the Altar Guild and Pastors will discuss duties and various items that are used during Services. We will also discover the meanings behind some of the symbols you see every Sunday. Members of the Altar Guild will treat those who have not seen the new sacristy to a personal tour. Hope to see you there.

Training for Acolytes September 2 and 16

All acolytes who are currently serving or are newly training will meet with Ben Remmert and Pastor Liebster on September 2 at 10:00 a.m. in the nave. A make up session will be held on September 16 at 1:00 p.m. Generally, children who are in fourth grade are invited to become acolytes. We invite all children and youth to consider serving as worship leaders in these ways. For more information contact Pastor Liebster at karinliebster@ctkelc.org or 713-400-0516.

Crucifer Training September 9

A Crucifer Training will be held on **September 9, 1:00 p.m.** in nave. All youth and adults who currently serve as crucifers and those wishing to become crucifers are invited to attend. Contact or Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org with questions.

2018 ELCA Youth Gathering Meeting September 10, 9:45 a.m.

Youth in 6th-12th grade and parents are invited to our first Youth and Family Breakfast of the year. We will begin preparations for 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering. Our first planning meeting will be on September 10 where we will discuss about fundraising, itinerary of the trip, and other preparations for youth and families. We will meet in the council room at 9:45 a.m. If you plan on bringing a breakfast item to share, please let contact Ben Remmert.

Reformation Market - Opens September 10

Want the latest merchandise to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation? Opening on September 10, we will have a booth set up in the narthex selling all different kinds of Lutheran merchandise. We have "Here I Stand" socks, t-shirts, travel coffee mugs, and bags. All proceeds go to help the synod's hunger appeal to raise \$500,000 by October 31, 2017. If you would like to volunteer to help out in the booth, please contact Beverly Davis at beverlydavis@ctkelc.org or Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org.

Lego Blocks Needed

We are planning to build a giant **Lego Luther Rose** so if you have a collection of Lego blocks (not the big blocks but regular size) in BLUE, RED, YELLOW, BLACK or WHITE that you could donate, please bring them to the narthex any Sunday.

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

Jacob Thweatt	Sara Dobbs	Veronique Eberhard
Richard Baker	Amy Allen	Zachary Goodrow
Marec Bela Steffens	Alice Olson	Eric McAnelly
Anthony Goodoff	Mike Bradshaw	Wambui Wa-Ngatho
Erling Hansen	Oliver Doolin	Janet Neberman
		John Weida



CAMPUS MINISTRY

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

Sunday, August 27

- Blood Pressure Screening after services
- 8:30 a.m. Worship, Reformation Celebration Setting, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Summer Book Reviews, basement classroom
- 9:45 a.m. Rally Day program, parish hall
- 9:45 p.m. Breakfast tacos in the courtyard
- 10:50 a.m. Worship Reformation Celebration Setting, nave
- 6:00 p.m. Luther League, youth room
- 6:00 p.m. Creation Care webinar, online

Monday, August 28

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

Tuesday, August 29

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

Wednesday, August 30

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 6:00 p.m. Love Your Neighbour discussion group, parsonage
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation milestone, parish hall
- 6:15 p.m. Brass Choir, music suite

Thursday, August 31

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 10:00 a.m. Piecemakers, second floor

Friday, September 1

- Church Office Closed
- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3rd floor

Saturday, September 2

- 10:00 a.m. Acolyte training, nave
- 1:00 p.m. Yoga, basement classroom
- 6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave

Sunday, September 3

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, Reformation Celebration Setting, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum with Msgr. Dennis Mikulanis, basement classroom
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:50 a.m. Worship Reformation Celebration Setting, nave
- 12:15 p.m. Luncheon with Msgr. Dennis Mikulanis, parish hall

Is The Church Dying? What Do You See?

As I stand on the corner of Rice and Greenbriar what stands out for me is a parking lot for students, staff and faculty of Rice University. A parking lot we share on Sundays, Wednesdays and high holy days for overflow. What else do we share?

A love for education is at the root of our Lutheran faith. Did you know Lutherans were the first to start campus ministry in 1905? A group of Lutheran students meeting at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, made the case for calling the first full-time campus pastor in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. And by 1909 it was determined that, "Religious work in universities and colleges is no longer an experiment. . . . It has been established as not only a legitimate, but also a necessary sphere of general church activity."¹

The Lutheran church is ever reforming. Over a hundred years ago campus ministry became a vital and necessary activity of the whole church. Why? Because it continues our baptismal promise to journey with each other in some of the most faith challenging times of our lives.

This past year I moved from interim to the called pastor for HLCM. I will be installed as Campus Pastor on August 17 at the Metro Meeting of the Gulf Coast Synod pastors and leaders.

I'm excited to lead along with our Board, with the support of the Gulf Coast synod and every individual and congregation that gives to our ministry together. Over half of our gifts come from individuals like you! So thank you! Just look on the faces of these students, staff and faculty as we worship, pray, study, and serve together...what a difference your generosity makes!

Together in ministry,
Pastor Janelle Rozek Hooper
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¹ Quoted in Mary Markeley, *The Lutheran Church and Its Students* (Philadelphia: The Muhlenberg Press, 1948), p. 23.

The Rev. Dr. Duane Larson, Interim Pastor
The Rev. Karin Liebster, Associate Pastor for Faith Formation
Deacon Ben R Emmert, 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 Glikes, Music Associate Robert Walp, Brass Choir Director
Noelle Jung, Church Business Administrator