



THE TRUMPET



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Christ the King Lutheran Church

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Pastor's Corner

*"Here's my heart. Take and seal it.
Seal it for thy courts above."
– Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Dear Family in Christ,

This March marks the mid-point of our Lenten journey alongside Peter. We still have more time exploring Peter's experience as a disciple alongside Jesus and his faith journey. We've already heard stories of Peter's bold courageous faith and his fear and doubt, often seeing both expressed within the same stories. The rest of the season of Lent will feature more stories of Peter's wandering heart and his steadfast following of Jesus.

The last week of March will bring Holy Week into focus for us, beginning on March 24 with Palm Sunday. We'll wave palms and sing to remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Our cries of "Hosanna!" will cry forth as we witness to Jesus' ministry and his kingship. But we know that Palm Sunday is only the beginning of Holy Week and the start of Jesus' movement towards the cross.

Holy Week will begin in earnest on March 28 with a Maundy Thursday service as we gather just as Jesus' disciples did for a final meal, focusing on communion as a gift that Jesus leaves for us as he prepares for his crucifixion. We will also remember that Jesus washed feet to serve his disciples. Love is poured out over the disciples and over us too, as Jesus served the disciples through this tender act of love. We will remember Jesus' final loving act of service and pray that we might echo Jesus in serving one another and living with love.

Worship will continue on March 29 as we mark Good Friday with a service focusing on Peter and his response to Jesus' crucifixion. The Fools for

Christ will present dramatic readings of the Good Friday gospel as we remember Jesus' death. Peter will be our companion and focus for this year's Good Friday service, giving us an opportunity to imagine how we might have behaved if we had been there as one of Jesus' followers and friends.

Easter Sunday will again be a festive day complete with all the wonderful musical offerings CTK has to offer. Our Easter theme will be "And I hope..." as we witness the women experience the empty tomb and Peter running to the tomb to see with his own eyes the absence of Jesus. We're invited to live in wonder this Easter, wonder of how our faith in Christ's resurrection can truly change the world.

The three worship services that make up Holy Week – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday – is actually one continuous worship service that can also be referred to as the Triduum, a Latin root that means "three days." If you attend all three services, you may notice that both Maundy Thursday and Good Friday do not end in the traditional way with a sending. Worship continues the very next day – only to end on Easter Sunday as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and proclaim "Alleluia! Christ is risen!"

I hope to see you at all three of the Triduum services at CTK this year as we experience the highs and lows of Peter's faith journey and experience a sense of wonder in the familiar story being retold yet again.

Peace,
Pastor Rebecca





MARCH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

JOIN US

Please join us in person, watch us live via livestream or watch a recording later at ctkwbl.online.church. You can access the Bulletin by clicking at the top of the livestream page.

SUNDAYS

MARCH 3	MARCH 10	MARCH 17	MARCH 24	MARCH 31
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT	FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT	FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	PALM SUNDAY	EASTER SUNDAY
<i>Exodus 20:1-17</i> <i>Psalms 19</i> <i>Matthew 16:13-20</i>	<i>Numbers 21:4-9</i> <i>Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22</i> <i>Matthew 16:21-23</i>	<i>Jeremiah 31:31-34</i> <i>Psalms 119:9-16</i> <i>Matthew 18:15-22</i>	<i>Isaiah 50:4-9a</i> <i>Psalms 31:9-16</i> <i>John 12:12-16</i>	<i>Acts 10:34-43</i> <i>Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24</i> <i>Luke 24:1-12</i>
Wandering Heart: Praise the Mount	Wandering Heart: I'm Fixed Upon It	Wandering Heart: Teach Me	Wandering Heart: Songs of Loudest Praise	Wandering Heart: And I Hope
9 am Worship Organ / Communion	9 am Worship KHB/ Communion	9 am Worship Organ / Communion	9 am Worship KHB / Communion	9 am Worship Organ & KHB / Communion

WEDNESDAYS

MARCH 6	MARCH 13
LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE	LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE
Soup Supper 5:45 pm	Soup Supper 5:45 pm
Worship 7:00 pm	Worship 7:00 pm
Special Music	Special Music

HOLY WEEK

MARCH 20	MARCH 28	MARCH 29
LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE	MAUNDY THURSDAY	GOOD FRIDAY
Soup Supper 5:45 pm	<i>1 Corinthians 11:23-26</i> <i>Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19</i> <i>John 13:1-20</i>	<i>John 13:31-38</i> <i>John 18:1-27</i> <i>John 19:1-30</i>
Worship 7:00 pm	Wandering Heart: Streams of Mercy	Wandering Heart: Prone to Leave the God I Love
Special Music	7 pm Worship Organ / Communion	7 pm Worship Organ

March

WORSHIP LEADERS

	AV	Altar Guild	LAM	Reader	Ushers	Communion	Acolyte
3.3	Mike / Janelle	Lori / Lori	Beth	Lee	Michele / Carol	Sally / Ann	Jack
3.10	Mike / Janelle	Karen / Becky	Trip	Sterling	Mike / Scott	Mike / Karen	—
3.17	Jason / Brianna	Connie / Peggy	Bill	Mike	Ann / Michele	Howard / Billie	Julia
3.24	Mike / Joe	Ann	Julie	Sterling	Mike / Joe	Sally / Polly	—
3.28	Janelle	Cathy / Stephanie	—	Mike	Scott / Howard	Sally / Lily	—
3.29	—	—	—	Michele	Mike / Kathy	—	—
3.31	Jason / Julia	Lori / Lori	Michele	Ann	Scott / Howard	Bonnie / Billie	Nathali / Alex

Hospitality: Becky Thompson, Jackie & Stewart Shelstad, Jennifer Sivertson

If you are faced with a conflict, please attempt to trade with one another and let the office know. Thank you!

Council Corner

Greetings from the 2024 council. We're off and running. We had a full, busy February meeting. Most of the council meeting was spent doing council orientation. As part of the orientation, we signed a Behavioral Covenant to guide our behaviors and interactions. The signed Covenant will soon be posted in the conference room.

We did manage to do some business.

- We approved a fundraising request by Bill Hughes. He would like to raise some money to purchase vegetable seeds for people in the Ukraine. More information will be coming in March. Please consider supporting this ministry.
- We approved committing our Lenten offerings for Habitat for Humanity. This has been a long-standing tradition. Once again our annual commitment is \$3,500.
- We approved updates to our Continuing

Resolutions. We removed a section about remote meetings that was just added to the Constitution.

The council did some planning for its March retreat where we are looking to set some short term and long term goals. The council will be taking a new look at our vision and mission statements. They are more than 10 years old and we want to see if they still define us and our mission as a congregation. Don't be surprised if we ask for input from the congregation to help us in our planning. Please be willing to participate when called upon.

Finally, Cyndi Frankel, Mike Stepan and I attended the Synod Toolkit last weekend. We attended workshops on Creation Care, Local Mission across Generations and Service through Meaningful Work. We will be looking for ways to incorporate the information we learned into our ministries at CTK.

In Christ's Service,
Scott Tradup

COMING SOON

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women's Ministry News

Save the Dates



Spring Luncheon
Saturday, April 27



Rummage Sale Setup & Sale
May 27-31



The Chosen Viewing & Discussion

The Chosen is the first multi-season TV series about the life of Christ, as witnessed through the eyes of those he impacted. We'll continue to gather in the Library once a month to watch an episode and discuss it after worship.

Sunday, March 17
"The Wedding Gift"

MISSIONS



Intergenerational Mission Trip **Information Session**

CTK is heading north for an intergenerational mission trip in Duluth August 19-24. Join Pastor Rebecca on Wednesday, March 6 at 6:30 pm in the Library to learn more about our plans to serve the Duluth community and our accommodations at Camp Amnicon, thirty minutes outside Duluth. All CTK members and friends are invited to consider attending. All ages are invited for five days of service, fun, and faith this summer!

Registration forms are available on the Worship Center and are due with a \$150 deposit on April 1.



SEEDS for UKRAINE

Turning empty storerooms into gardens of hope! For the first time in two years, some Ukrainians are braving a return to their war-torn villages and homes. On Sunday, March 3, CTK begins a humanitarian effort to supply them with vegetable seeds for their gardens, bringing hope and health in the name of Jesus.

UPDATES

ADMIN & FINANCE

February Financial Report

Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:

01/01/23 through 01/31/23 = \$15,468

01/01/24 through 01/31/24 = \$17,150

Expenses Year-To-Date:

01/01/23 through 01/31/23 = \$17,912

01/01/14 through 01/31/24 = \$22,095

Cash account balances as of December 31:

North Star Bank:

Checking = \$28,915

Savings = \$1,011

Memorial Savings = \$19,592

CD = \$40,510

ELCA Mission Investment Fund = \$52,375

Mortgage Balance = \$126,935

Endowment Fund = \$90,000



Good Stewards Together: Intergenerational Sunday School

Did you enjoy Journey Together this summer? The fun and learning continues this year at CTK. Join us on the following Sundays to learn and have fun together. We'll gather in the back of Fellowship Hall at 10:15am.

March 3: Food to Share

Disciples of all ages are called to share what they have so everyone has enough.



Lent 2024

Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Faith with Peter

This Lent we are continuing to follow the wandering heart of Peter. His journey is not polished or linear, but he is always tethered to the love of God. As we follow Peter this Lent, we'll see how Jesus is present at each step: offering him abundance, catching him when he begins to sink, challenging him when he stands in the way, washing his feet, predicting his betray, and offering him love (agape). We join with Peter in figuring out faith this Lent. As we wander alongside Peter, we open ourselves to what we might learn about Jesus and ourselves by stepping into Peter's shoes.

A Lent devotion booklet to accompany us as we journey with Peter's wandering heart this Lent is available on the table in the Narthex.



Easter Breakfast

The Discipleship Team along with members of the Fellowship Team will be hosting an Easter Breakfast after worship on Easter Sunday, March 31. Sign up to help contribute breakfast sausage, fruit, or juice to be served alongside pancakes. A free-will offering will be taken to support our Intergenerational Mission Trip to Duluth in August. Join us after Worship for breakfast!

Our Companion Peter

While our hearts have been wandering with our Lenten devotional, I have especially appreciated that we have a good example of a faithful disciple in Peter. For me, it is because Peter is such a good example of being human and someone with whom I can identify, e.g., caring, dedicated, serving, impatient, humble, joyful, fearful, passionate, doubting, stumbling, but forgiving, and in need of forgiveness – gracious, grateful, generous, and willing to learn.

One of my favorite scriptures is chapter 6 of John's gospel, where, among many other things, Jesus feeds five thousand men, plus women and children, and where Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35. This, and some other things Jesus was about to say, upset some of his followers and the religious leaders of the time.

Jesus then said, "It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who were the ones who did not believe and who was the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." John 6:64-65.

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So, Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." John 6:66-69. Can you hear Peter speaking those words? You can almost hear the intonation.

Peter demonstrated his willingness to learn and to believe in such a way that he felt compelled to profess – to share his faith. Although Peter would later deny Christ three times in proximity to

crucifixion, faithful Peter is believed to have ultimately died as a martyr for his faith.

Redeeming God, we thank you for the example of Peter. May we be good examples of faith to others. We pray this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayerfully in Christ,

Michael Stepan



Please help us decorate the Altar for Easter

The following varieties are available to order. Color preference may be indicated; however, they cannot be guaranteed. The cost is listed beside the plant.

- Calla Lilies** (\$24.00) (white, yellow, red/pink)
- Azaleas** (\$26.00) (red, pink, white)
- Hydrangea** (\$24.00) (blue, pink, white)
- Kalanchoe** (\$17.00) (yellow, orange, pink)
- Mums** (\$17.00) (white, yellow, lavender)
- Begonia** (\$17.00) (yellow, orange, pink)
- Cyclamen** (\$17.00) (white)

Please see the kiosk in the Narthex for an order form. All orders should be placed in the locked box next to the office door. Alternatively, please e-mail or phone the church office to place an order and mail your payment to the church office. In your e-mail or voice message please provide:

- 1) Color selection
- 2) Quantity
- 3) Name of person or persons giving the plant
- 4) Message you would like placed in the bulletin
- 5) Preference if plant is unavailable

Checks should be made out to
"Christ the King Altar Guild".

Orders must be received by Sunday, March 10.

Due to supply constraints, some varieties may become unavailable. If your selected variety is unavailable, please indicate one of the following options:

1. Substitute plant of similar value (may be non-blooming plant)
2. Refund Payment (Payments will not be deposited until the order is confirmed)

MARCH 2024



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		Regular Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 3:00pm				1	2
*Bells rehearse on Sundays after worship.						Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am	
3 Worship 9am Intergenerational Sunday School 10:15-11:00am	4 WMA 6:30P	5	6 Lenten Midweek Soup Supper 5:45 pm Worship 7pm King's Choir 7:45pm	7 Property 7P	8	9 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am	
10  Worship 9am	11	12 Admin 7P	13 Lenten Midweek Soup Supper 5:45 pm Worship 7pm King's Choir 7:45pm	14	15	16 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am	
17 Worship 9am The Chosen 10:15-11:00am	18	19 Church Council 7P	20 Lenten Midweek Soup Supper 5:45 pm Worship 7pm King's Choir 7:45pm	21  Trumpet Deadline	22	23 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am	
24 Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15am 	25	26  Family Shelter Meal 4:30-6:15pm	27 Bells 6:30pm King's Choir 7:45pm	28  Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm	29  Good Friday Worship 7pm	30 Bread Ministry 7am KHB 9am	
31 Easter Worship 9am 							

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