



THE TRUMPET

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PASTOR'S CORNER

“Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. ... All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.”

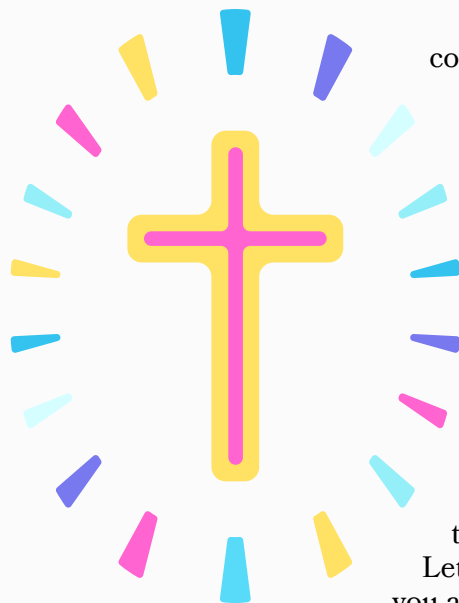
- *“All Are Welcome,” ELW 641, Marty Haugen*

Dear Siblings in Christ,

“All Are Welcome” is one of my favorite hymns in the Evangelical Book of Worship. I love the message that it conveys through all the verses – the idea of creating a house where everyone is welcome, where love is freely shared, where worship occurs, and the sacraments are distributed. Marty Haugen, the author of the words and music, truly captured all of the elements that we hope to find in a church – a warm welcome and a place where we experience God in community.

We are already most of the way through Lent, with just a few weeks left in April before we reach Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. Easter is often seen as the high point in the church’s life – a time when we celebrate Jesus’ triumph over death and the fact that the tomb is empty. This is a time when people want to experience God. There is a desire to be a part of a church service on Easter, to experience the special music, see the beautiful flowers, and remember that Jesus is risen. CTK does such a great job making Easter service feel special with extra music, singing Handel’s Messiah, and adding special flowers and banners to mark this special occasion.

I encourage you to consider who you might invite to be a part of CTK this Easter. Could you invite your extended family to attend Easter worship with you? Is there a family down the block from you that you



could extend an invitation to the Easter egg hunt on Palm Sunday (April 13)?

Might your book club friend be looking for a place to participate in a Good Friday service?

Invitation is the way that most people find their way to church.

I imagine if I were to ask how you ended up participating in church or at CTK, someone would come to mind. Someone who invited you to participate, who connected with you when you visited for the first time, and shared that invitation that Jesus used: “Come and see.”

Let this Easter season be the time when you are the one doing the inviting. Pick up one of the cards on the Welcome Center and share it with someone as you invite them to worship here at CTK.

Your invitation might be the one that makes a difference in the life of another believer. The Bible teaches us that we are the ones who plant seeds, who tend and water, but God is the one that provides the growth. This April, I encourage you to consider how you might plant and tend to the seeds – the people in your life that are desiring to be closer to God but aren’t sure how. Your care and invitation, even if it does not result in someone accepting the invitation today, will plant those seeds – and God will provide the growth. Perhaps in the future, you will be their person who comes to mind when they are asked about who helped them come to faith.

Blessings to you this April!
Peace,
Pastor Rebecca

JOIN US

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APRIL WORSHIP SCHEDULE

MIDWEEK WORSHIP

Midweek Lenten Worship Schedule

April 2 & 9
7:00pm

Soup Supper 5:45pm
Services 7:00pm

Sign up
to bring soup on
Wednesday night.

APRIL 6

Fifth Sunday
in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalms 126
Luke 19:1-10

“Everything
[In] Between:
Righteousness & Mercy”

9am Worship
Organ / Communion

APRIL 13

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalms 31:9-16
Luke 19:29-40

“Everything
[In] Between:
Shouting & Silence”

9am Worship
KHB / Communion

APRIL 17

Maundy Thursday

1 Corinthians 22:1-27
Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19
Luke 22:1-27

“Everything
[In] Between:
Power & Humility”

7pm Worship
Organ / Communion

APRIL 18

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalms 22
Luke 23:32-49

“Everything
[In] Between:
Acceptance & Resistance”

7pm Worship
Organ

APRIL 20

Easter Sunday

Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24
Luke 24:1-12

“Everything
[In] Between:
Grief & Hope”

9am Worship
Organ / Communion

APRIL 27

Second Sunday
of Easter

Acts 5:27-32
Psalms 118:14-29
John 20:19-31

The blessing of the
resurrection is also for
those who “have not
seen and yet believe.”

9am Worship
KHB / Communion

THURSDAY

APRIL 24

Women's
Bible Study

March's Study
is titled:
“Faithfulness:
Peter and Cornelius
Acts 10-11”

9:30am
in the library.



April

WORSHIP LEADERS

	AV	ALTAR GUILD	LAM	READER	USHERS	COMMUNION	ACOLYTE
4.2	n/a	Cathy / Stephanie	n/a	Mike	Mike	n/a	n/a
4.6	Mike / Janelle	Cathy / Stephanie	Cyndi	Cyndi	Mike / Carol	Ann / Julie	Abby
4.9	n/a	Lori / Lori	n/a	Beth	Howard	n/a	n/a
4.13	Janelle / Mike	Lori / Lori	Trip	Thomas	Scott / Michele	Peggy / Thomas	n/a
4.17	n/a	n/a	n/a	Mike	Howard / Scott	Wayne & Kathy	
4.18	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Peggy / Scott	n/a	n/a
4.20	Craig / Jason	Karen / Becky	Mike	Howard	Scott / Mike	Peggy / Howard	Alex
4.27	Mike / Joe	Connie / Peggy	Julie	Ann	Mike / Howard	Wayne & Kathy	n/a

Hospitality: Sue Kohler, Craig & Cathy Carlson, Howard & Billie Juni

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

DEVOTION

A Three-Day Liturgy

Over Winter Term at Luther Seminary, I had the privilege of taking the course Public Worship – Leadership in Word and Sacrament. Part of the course involved preparation of the Good Friday liturgy with my small study group. But our professor taught us that Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, as well as the Easter Vigil (when the Sacrament of Holy Baptism is common), are each stepping-stones for the hope of Easter Sunday’s glory, on a three-day continuum of a single paradigm of worship. In my mind, and euphemistically, each is a “to be continued...” in choreography of “episodes” for the expectation of Easter Sunday. I was reminded how we are invited to embrace the unified message of a kept promise of expectation, for this most special three-day liturgy, which culminates with the Easter Sunday Resurrection celebration. As we approach

Palm Sunday, I invite you to reflect on the components of this truly Holy Week, especially the “three days,” as we walk together through a unique, unified worship service - in fulfillment of God’s Promise through Christ.

Prayerfully in Christ,
Michael Stepan



COMING SOON

YOUTH & FAMILY



Hello all!

We took a break in March for Lent so there's not much to report. Look at next month's article for a review of our DnD night on March 31st.

Looking forward to this month, the youth will be helping with the Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday and the Pancake Breakfast on Easter Sunday! Regular youth group and confirmation activities will begin after Easter.

Join us for youth group on Wednesday, April 23rd at Lutheran Seminary! The seminary is hosting a St. Paul area youth group night! It will take place at the seminary from 6:30-8:30pm and dinner is included! Watch your email for registration information!

Hannah Grove

2025

INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION TRIP

Want to grow in faith, deepen relationships, and serve in Duluth? CTK is heading north to spend time at Amnicon Camp and serving in the Duluth/Superior communities. All ages are encouraged to join in the trip.

Date: Saturday, July 26 – Tuesday, July 29

Cost: Full trip: \$375

Two Days (Sat-Sun or Mon-Tues): \$175

We'll spend Saturday and Sunday at Amnicon Camp building relationships, enjoying outdoor activities, and growing in faith through Bible study and worship. Monday and Tuesday will be spent serving in Duluth/Superior before heading home on Tuesday night. You can come for the full three nights, spend the weekend at Amnicon for a retreat, or come up to serve on Monday and Tuesday.

Registration deadline: April 30

See Pastor Rebecca for a form and submit a \$100 deposit with CTK Mission Trip in the memo.

Community Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for a Community Easter Egg Hunt after worship on Palm Sunday, April 13 at 10:30 am. All ages are welcome to participate!



We will gather in the Fellowship Hall to go over guidelines for the hunt at 10:30 am. Invite our neighbors, classmates, and friends to participate.



Easter Pancake Breakfast

Stay after worship on Easter for a pancake breakfast! The Discipleship team will be serving a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, and all the toppings. Free will donations will go towards the Duluth Mission Trip in July.

Volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up for the breakfast are needed. Let Pastor Rebecca know if you can volunteer for one of these roles.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Coming Soon:

Ladies Luncheon - Heritage Hour May 3rd at 11:00am

The Women's Ministry will host a brunch featuring your heritage. Please bring an item from your family's past history that is meaningful to you (jewelry, clothing, dish, utensil or trinket/toy). We will share these at your tables while you enjoy the "Impossible Quiche", mixed fruit, homemade muffins, juice and coffee. Invite family and/or friends. Sign up on the library window poster. \$10 each at the door. Please make checks out to CTK.



Annual Rummage Sale coming soon!

Set up: May 26, 27, 28

Sale dates: May 29, 8am-7pm
May 30, 8am-noon

Clean Up: Friday, May 30 – noon until 3pm

We need your clean, reusable donations. Please NO baby furniture, car seats or similar items. NO electronics.

Check Goodwill's list if questions regarding appropriate items. Leftover items will be distributed amongst Goodwill, Habitat Restore or Bridging.

Watch the Trumpet for more information regarding donation dates and room location.

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY



Holden Village Trip - 2026

We are planning a CTK congregation trip to Holden Village in Washington State in 2026! If you're interested in learning more or have any questions about this potential adventure, please connect with or contact Craig or Cathy Carlson, Kristen Jackelen, Lori Fredericks, or Bonnie Jackelen. More information will be forthcoming over the next few months, but we wanted to give ample notice for you to think and pray about joining us for a life-changing opportunity. We'd love to hear from you and gauge interest as we start to make plans.

Let us know if you'd like to be part of this exciting journey!

You can find more information about Holden Village at their website, <https://www.holdenvillage.org/>.



CTK Clean Up Days Friday, April 11th & Saturday, April 12th starting at 9am.

Bring your favorite cleaning items.
Your help is needed to have things
looking good for Easter Sunday.
Many hands make light work!

UPDATES

CHURCH COUNCIL

Council Corner

Greetings! The Council started reading *Faithful Innovation: Following God into a Hopeful Future* at our March meeting. We read the introduction and explored what innovation, faithful, and leadership mean. The book offers some guidance for taking steps to ministry experiments as we seek to listen to where God is calling us as a congregation and the desires of our neighbors.

The Council will be having a retreat on Sunday, March 31 to discuss potential themes from last year's one-on-one conversations as well as working on discerning the values that CTK holds. We look forward to gathering and spending time together as a Council and continue to listen for God's leading.

Other important business that was covered included the audio system project, which was installed on March 25, and the property team's replacement of the pulley system in the sanctuary.

The CTK Council always welcomes feedback and input from congregation members. Please feel free to share your thoughts with me or any other Council members. We are also always looking for leaders to serve at CTK in a variety of capacities. If you feel called to serve at CTK, please let any Council member know.

In Christ's service,
Michele Murray

HOLY HAMMERS

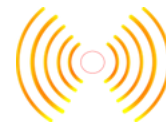


Details on this year's Holy Hammers build with Habitat for Humanity are on a poster located across from the office. More information about food for our three build days will become available in the coming weeks.

PROPERTY

Property Team Update

Thank you to the Property Team and Craig Carlson for their work completing the lighting in the Youth Room hallway, and working to complete the lighting in the education wing hallway. Thank you also to Mark Ness and Tom Johnson for their work on the sanctuary pulley system.



Sound System

The new equipment we ordered for the sound system was installed on March 25. We look forward to having everything ready for the Easter season. Donations for Sound System Upgrades are currently being accepted. Please indicate "Sound System" in the memo line of your check. Thank you for your generosity in supporting CTK.

ADMIN & FINANCE

Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:

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01/01/25 through 2/28/25 = \$40,232

01/01/24 through 2/28/24 = \$44,043

Expenses Year-To-Date:

01/01/25 through 2/28/25 = \$49,267

01/01/24 through 2/28/24 = \$38,708

Cash account balances as of February 28, 2025

North Star Bank:

Checking = \$8,037

Savings = \$59,659

Memorial Savings = \$24,558

ELCA Mission Investment Fund = \$57,221

Endowment Fund = \$91,638

Mortgage Balance = \$108,378

APRIL

2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 5:45pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Worship Choir 7:45pm	3 7pm Property Team	4	5 7am Bread Ministry KHB 9am
6 Worship 9am Sunday School 10:15	7 Bells 6:30pm 6:30pm WMA	8 7pm Admin Team	9 5:45pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Lenten Worship Choir 7:45pm	10	11	12 7am Bread Ministry KHB 9am
13 Worship 9am Easter Egg Hunt 10:30am	14	15 7pm Church Council	16 Bells 6:30pm Choir 7:45pm	17 Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00pm	18 Good Friday Worship 7:00pm	19 7am Bread Ministry KHB 9am
20 Easter Worship 9am Pancake Breakfast 10:30am	21	22  Family Shelter Meal 4:30pm	23  Trumpet Deadline Bells 6:30pm Choir 7:45pm	24  Women's Bible Study 9:30am	25	26 7am Bread Ministry KHB 9am
27 Worship 9am	28	29	30 Bells 6:30pm Choir 7:45pm	<div style="background-color: #92d050; padding: 10px; border-radius: 10px; display: inline-block;"> Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9am-3pm </div> 		