

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 19, 2023

(* = please stand as you are able)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MUSIC

Amazing Grace

arr. Cynthia Dobriski

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God, **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life.

This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN*

Kyrie

(front of ELW page 147)

*GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** Let us pray. **Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

(OT page 263)

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

(Children are Invited forward for Children's Message)

**1. I have decided to follow Jesus; I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus; no turning back, no turning back.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.



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*GOSPEL READING: John 9:1-41
REFLECTION

(NT page 97)

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Sun of Justice

on screen

*LENTEN CREED

Let us confess our faith together in a new way, using the words of this Lenten creed:

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs. We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted. We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child. We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts. We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine. We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us. This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ. Amen

*SHARING PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE *Grand Duo Concertant, op. 85, II. Andante Molto Sostenuto* - Mauro Giuliani

OFFERING

Amazing Grace

ELW 779 stanzas 1, 2 & 4

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*GREAT THANKSGIVING

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*LORDS'S PRAYER

COMMUNION

Lamb of God

on screen

MUSIC

Serenade, op. 127, V. Variation 2, piu lento

Mauro Giuliani

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

ELW 553 stanzas 1 & 3

*DISMISSAL Go in peace. Discover among the stones the promise that is growing for you and for all.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

We Come to You for Healing, Lord

arr. Robert B. Farlee

Worship Leaders

Preaching & Presiding

Pastor Rory Philstrom, Pastor Per Halaas

Children's Message

Kristina Elder

Lector

Holly Hauer

Director of Music/Organist

Bjorn Gustafson

Special Music

Chapel Ringers, Anthem Academy of Music: Jeremy Hiniker
and Jesús Andrés Guzmán; Dave Westermoe & Ryan Marotz, horn

All worship and music leaders have been fully vaccinated.

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In your prayers this week, please remember:

- **Continuing Prayers:** Lois Torvik, Jim and Arlene Knutson, Jaden Hanson (relative of Lorie Aljoe), Pat Andersen, Jacquie Craig (Jodi Greiner's sister), Jason Bohrn (Mike Haddox's nephew), Sean Austin (brother-in-law of Carolyn Tillotson), Molly Huyber (Bev Dorsey's daughter), Brian Radman (Rick Turnquist's brother-in-law), Diane Backus (niece of Carol Thornton), Marilyn Linqvist, Isaac Hill (grandson of Gail & John, nephew of Melissa), Ryan Jones (Jane B's nephew), Kim Moen (Lynn Lenort's sister) Danielle Powel (Chalisa Everson's mom), Ed Beckler, Stephanie Hatfield (cousin of Carolyn Tillotson), Ronnie Humble (Nettie Beckler's son), Don Ganje (Jan Gasterland's cousin), Sandy Loehnis, Kay Talbot, Mabel Bohn and Edward Anderson
- Sharon Haugesag and all who are homebound
- Rev. Philip and Lou-Marie Knutson, South Africa; Our sister in China and Peace Center for the Blind in Jerusalem and the Ukrainian Refugees
- The Rev. Dr. Elisabeth Johnson, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Meiganga, Cameroon

<p>This Week at Christ the King Loaves & Fishes provide a free drive-up meal Monday-Friday from 5-6pm – all are welcome!</p> <p>MONDAY – March 20 8:30a Church Chore Crew 9:00a Quilters – Social Hall</p> <p>TUESDAY – March 21 10:00a Staff Meeting – Office Noon Judean Circle - Lounge 6:00p Chapel Ringers 6:30p Yoga – Commons 7:00p Council - Lounge</p> <p>WEDNESDAY – March 22 Noon Bible Study & Soup - Lounge 6:00p Worship with Holy Communion 6:45p Confirmation – Room 10/11 7:00p Trinity Choir</p>	<div data-bbox="901 703 1331 850" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Next Weekend at Christ the King SUNDAY – March 26 9:30a Worship with Holy Communion 10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation 10:45a Open Forum – Social Hall 5:00p BSO – Social Hall</p> <p>Bible Reading for next week: Ezekiel 37:1-14 John 11:1-45 Psalm 130 for 3/29</p> <p>The Crossroads Room The Crossroads Room is available for anyone who is in need of a place to relax, wait or visit – either after worship on Wednesdays or Sundays.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">NURSERY NEWS</p> <p>Hello CTK! CTK's Nursery has been full of giggles and joyful play Sunday mornings. As the nursery group grows, our nursery team also needs to grow. To ensure we continue to provide the best care we can to our little ones while their parents/guardians enjoy their time with Christ. We are looking for two fabulous, fun-loving adults who would enjoy sharing their time and talents with our younger children on Sunday mornings at Christ the King. We would appreciate your help. I look forward to hearing from many of you. Kristina Elder- at kelder@gmail.com</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Easter Altar Flowers</p> <p>Yellow order sheets for Easter flowers can be found on the Library desk or in the office during Lent. Flowers can be ordered in honor of, or in memory of loved ones for display in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Orders are due by March 20th!</p>	

Easter Egg Project

CTK members – please go to our website at www.ctkb.org/news/eggs-by-the-dozen-project for more information!

We also need of you empty egg cartons! Please drop them off in the office by March 30th!

Any questions contact Kristina at kelder@ctkb.org. Thank you!

Andrew English, a candidate for Eagle Scout with CTK's BSA Troop 439, will be holding a U.S. flag donation day at Christ the King. Your tattered, worn or faded flag will be retired appropriately. A limited number of new 3x5 US flags will be available for exchange. **Drive up drop off Saturday, March 25 - between 10am and 1pm.**

Spring Plant Sale

Our Children's Ministry Spring Plant Sale profits will support our summer programs. Gertens has moved all fundraising groups to an online selling format to prevent tally mistakes and over-selling what is grown. **You can start ordering NOW! Please order early to avoid having your favorites sold out!** **Online orders close at 10PM Thursday, April 6 with plants available for pick up at CTK on Monday, May 15th 4-6pm.** To order, go to www.gertensfundraising.com and enter our store ID code 490.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you haven't already done so, you can direct your *2022 Choice Dollars* and you can make an impact on the causes you care about most. In fact, you can choose from over 45,000 organizations to support ... Christ the King being one of them. **2022 Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2023** so don't miss this opportunity. Go to thrivent.com/directnow

VEAP Food Drive - Help them raise \$250,000 and 100,000 lbs of food! February 27 – April 9, 2023

Most needed items: whole grain rice (1-2 pound bags), whole grain pasta, hearty soups (high protein, low sodium), whole grain cereal, canned proteins (meat and beans), canned fruit and vegetables, laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, diapers (size 5-7) and baby wipes, cooking oil, baking essentials (flour, sugar, spices, baking soda/powder), dish soap, personal care items (shampoo, toothpaste, hand soap, shaving cream, toiletries, etc.), gluten-free products. Lists can be found on the VEAP table and on the bulletin board. **They are in need items for Birthday bags – cake mix, frosting, candles, plates/napkins & favors (bubbles, balloons etc.).**

Open Forum for March

March 19 - Ricky Kamil from Beacon Interfaith on Beacon's mission & changes to Families Moving Forward

March 26 - Pastor Rory on the SEEDS Fellowship and planting new seeds for ministry at the intersection of faith and culture

March Gift of Love - Feed My Starving Children

Since 1987, Feed My Starving Children has delivered nutritious meals to malnourished children, and since 2009, to 110 countries – places where hunger related illnesses are the leading cause of death for children. Providing FMSC MannaPack meals to those without a sustainable source of food creates a solid foundation to help them regain their footing. Feeding children for a year will help ensure that children will continue to grow and thrive, and eventually be able to sustain themselves. FMSC partners are embedded in communities and help them advance as circumstances realistically permit. Feed My Starving Children depends on volunteers to package the meals. If you wish to volunteer go their website at <https://www.fmsc.org/get-involved/volunteer>. **FMSC's mission: Feeding God's starving children hungry in body and spirit.**