

# Holy Week & Easter at Christ the King Church

## **Palm/Passion Sunday, March 29**

8:30 a.m. Eucharist Service, nave  
9:00 a.m. Breakfast Krewe, parish hall  
9:45 a.m. Stations of the Cross, parish hall and nave  
9:45 a.m. Music Gathering, Sunday School, Confirmation Class  
10:20 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, nave  
11:00 a.m. Eucharist Service, nave  
12:15 p.m. Luther League Meeting, 2nd floor youth room

## **Monday, March 30**

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home  
12:00 p.m. Lectio Divina, online

## **Tuesday, March 31**

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer at home  
6:30 p.m. D&D Meeting, offsite

## **Wednesday, April 1**

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home  
6:15 p.m. Brass Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite  
7:00 p.m. Brass Quintet Rehearsal, parish hall  
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Knitters, online  
7:00 p.m. Ukrainian Egg Decorating, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor youth room  
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, music suite

## **Maundy Thursday, April 2**

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home  
10:30 a.m. Piecemakers, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room  
5:45 p.m. Houston Boychoir Rehearsal, music suite & Nave  
7:00 p.m. Eucharist Service, nave

## **Good Friday, April 3: Church Office Closed**

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home  
7:00 p.m. Adoration of the Cross Service, nave  
9:00 p.m. Good Friday Lock-In

## **Holy Saturday, April 4**

10:00 a.m. Native Plant Pollinator Garden Work Day  
1:00 p.m. Online Yoga  
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Liturgy Service, nave  
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Service, courtyard and nave

## **Easter Sunday, April 5**

8:30 a.m. Eucharist Service nave  
9:30 a.m. Easter Brunch & Flowering of the Cross  
10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt  
10:20 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, nave  
11:00 a.m. Eucharist Service, nave

## **Monday, April 6: Church Office Closed**

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home  
12:00 p.m. Lectio Divina, online

**Breakfast Krewe:** Enjoy Breakfast every Sunday morning, beginning at 9:00 a.m., between the services. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Oliver Doolin or Ron Siemers. Scan the QR code to volunteer to help out the Breakfast Krewe.



## **Stations of the Cross: Sunday, March 29 at 9:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**There will be no Sunday Forum this Sunday.** Instead, we invite you to visit the Stations of the Cross in the parish hall and nave between the services (9:45 - 10:30 am) and following the late service (12:15 pm). We hope this will help you as you get ready for the Mystery of Easter.

### **LWR Personal Care Kits: Building Personal Care Kits for People Around the World**

During Lent, CTK members are invited to help people facing poverty, disaster, and conflict by donating items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. Please bring lightweight bath-size towels bath-size bars of soap, metal nail clippers, adult-size toothbrushes, or sturdy combs (packaging removed). Drop off items in the Narthex or church office by **Palm Sunday, March 29**.

### **Easter Flowers**

All are invited to donate flowers to decorate the nave for Easter on April 5, 2026. **The deadline is Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026.** Note if the lily is “in honor or in memory” of someone. Please make checks payable to Christ the King Lutheran Church and include “Easter Flowers” in the memo line or submit your payment online at <https://ctkelc.org/give> and select “Easter Lilies” from the dropdown menu. Each lily costs \$20 and you are welcome to order more than one.

### **Envelope Fundraiser**

The Envelope Fundraiser has started and will continue throughout the season of Lent and is a fun way to help our youth get to Germany this summer. When you pick an envelope off the bulletin board in the foyer, you match your donation with the number marked on the envelope. Checks should be made out to “Christ the King Lutheran Church” with Youth Trip in the memo line. You may put your donation in the offering plate on Sundays or drop it off at the office during the week. Thank you for your support!

### **Easter Sunday Potluck Brunch: Sunday, April 5 at 9:30 a.m.**

Please join us with an Easter morning potluck Brunch. Between the two services we will enjoy our traditional Easter brunch with all of the delicious offerings that you bring. The Luther League will provide breakfast tacos and congregation members are asked to bring food items to supplement those. **On Palm Sunday, March 29**—all members are invited to bring wrapped candy for the egg hunt. Please avoid peanuts and chocolate that could melt in the sun.

### **Bible Studies at Christ the King Church: Led by Pastor Derr**

Please note: There will be no Bible Study at the Memorial Drive Campus on Wednesday, April 1, and no Bible Study at the Rice Village Campus on Friday, April 3.

### **Ukrainian Egg Decorating Classes: Wednesday, April 1 at 7 pm**

Learn the art of Ukrainian egg decorating. Dyes, tools, and instructions are provided. Feel free to bring eggs, though some will be available to share.

### **Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 2**

#### **7:00 p.m. Eucharist Service, In-person & Online**

On Maundy Thursday we begin the celebration of the Triduum, The Great Three Days. On Thursday we remember Jesus sharing the Last Supper with his disciples before his betrayal and arrest. The service will include confession and absolution, foot washing, Holy Communion, and the stripping of the altar.

### **Church Office Closed**

The church office will be closed on Friday, April 3, and Monday, April 6, in observance of Easter. The office will resume regular hours on Tuesday, April 7.

### **Good Friday: Friday, April 3**

#### **7:00 p.m. Adoration of the Cross, In-person & Online**

We continue our Triduum journey with The Passion according to St. John through readings interspersed with musical reflections, the Bidding Prayer, and Adoration of the Cross.

### **Canonical Hours at Home: Saturday, April 4 at 12 a.m., 3 a.m., 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m.**

The Canonical Hours mark the course of Holy Saturday, every three hours beginning at midnight.

Canonical Hours are short prayer times consisting of readings, a psalm and prayer. A hymn is appointed to each prayer hour which can be read or sung as desired, and all music can be accessed on our YouTube channel. Copies of the canonical hours can be found in the narthex.

### **Holy Saturday: Saturday, April 4**

#### **6:00 p.m. Contemplative Liturgy, In-person**

#### **8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil, In-person**

Join us at 8:00 p.m. in the courtyard for our Vigil of Easter Service. This liturgy includes a Service of Light that begins outside as we bless our Paschal Candle and process it into the nave, a Service of Readings from the Hebrew Bible that remind us of God's faithfulness throughout history, an Affirmation of Baptism, and our first Holy Communion of Easter.

### **Easter Sunday: April 5 The Resurrection of Jesus Christ**

#### **8:30 a.m. Festive Eucharist with choir, In-person**

#### **11:00 a.m. Festive Eucharist with choir, In person & online**

#### **Easter Sunday Festivities for all (especially children):**

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 an Easter Egg Hunt. The festivities are:

#### **9:30 am – Potluck Easter Breakfast in the Parish Hall**

#### **9:30 am - Flowering of the Cross and Egg Hunt**

**10:00 am – Easter Egg Hunt** with specific areas designated for children according to their age: The first area for children age 0-2; a second for ages 3-5; and a third for ages 6 and older.

#### **On Easter Sunday families should bring two things:**

- 1) Lovely flowers which our children can use to flower the cross.
- 2) Baskets for each child to use during the Easter Egg Hunt.

### **Native Plant Pollinator Garden Work Day: Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m.**

Join Christ the King's Creation Care Team in getting your hands dirty weeding & adding plants to the garden. Bring your gardening gloves & tools to weed and plant native pollinator plants in the garden. Participation will be limited to 10 people. Contact Lisa Brenskelle with any questions or to volunteer, at [gcs.lrc@gmail.com](mailto:gcs.lrc@gmail.com).

## **2026 Flower Sign Up**

Sign up to provide altar flowers for our weekend services. Available dates: Apr 12; May 24 & 31; Jun 21; Jul 19; Aug 16 & 23; Oct 25; and Nov 8, 15 & 22.

- Altar guild members will no longer deliver flowers. Donors may take their flowers home after the 11:00 a.m. service (around 12:30). No altar flowers during Advent (Nov 28–Dec 24). You may sponsor the Advent Wreath instead.

**Donation info:** Flowers are \$70/weekend. Sign up online or email Cheryl Gaspard at [cherylgaspard@ctkelc.org](mailto:cherylgaspard@ctkelc.org). Checks: *Christ the King Lutheran Church*, memo: *Altar Flowers*, or pay online.



## **Join the Adult Education Committee or take part in a new Online House Church**

Those interested in supporting adult education and faith formation are invited to serve on the committee. Additionally, Irmi is launching a small online house church that will meet Sunday evenings from 7:30–8:30 PM, twice a month from April 12 through November 22, following the seasons of Easter and Pentecost. Participation is limited to 12 people to encourage meaningful interaction. To learn more or get involved in either opportunity, contact Irmi at [willcocksonconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:willcocksonconsulting@gmail.com)

## **Spring Cleaning for the Tag Sale**

Are you starting your spring cleaning early and decluttering your house? The annual Tag Sale at Christ the King Church will be Saturday April 25, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Take advantage of this event to clean out closets, garages and attics! We will collect items Monday, April 20. All items donated will help in making our tag sale a success. For details, contact Deacon Ben Remmert.

## **Grant Applications Now Open at Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church Foundation**

The New Foundation provides financial support to programs and organizations that support the mission of Christ the King Lutheran Church that are not covered by the annual operating budget. Christ the King members and outside organizations can request funds from the New Foundation. Board members of the New Foundation are Susan Uri, Wendy Wiker, Lucky Sahualla, Donna Olson-Salas, Scott Swanson, Linda Siemers, Mandy Derr (ex officio). To apply, visit [ctkelc.org](http://ctkelc.org), click on “Members,” and select “CTK Foundation” from the dropdown menu. Deadline is **April 24, 2026**.

**Snacks Volunteers Needed:** We need volunteers to provide snacks after worship for: 5/3, 5/10, 5/17 at 11:00 a.m. You can sign up by scanning the QR Code. Plan to provide snacks for 30 people. All monetary donations received at the snack table will benefit ELCA World Hunger. Thank you for signing up!



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