

Christ the King Lutheran Church

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026

(* = please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE

Easter Rejoicing

by Douglas E. Wagner

WELCOME & DIALOGUE

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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.** Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

Amen. Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!

ELW 365 st. 1, 2, 4

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Let us pray: **O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

A Jubilant Song

Alan Pote

READING: Acts 10:34-43

(NT page 122)

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

READING: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (*read responsively*)

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

² **Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰ “This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter.”

²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

CHILDREN’S SONG & MESSAGE

I’ll Do My Best

by Steve Archer

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Be Not Afraid

ELW 388

*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 28:1-10

(NT page 31)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW 367 v. 1, 2, 4

APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD’S PEOPLE

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Gymnopedie No. 1

Erik Satie

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OFFERING PRAYER

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS

(front of ELW page 153)

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND PROCLAMATION

LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION *We commune at two stations in front of the pulpit and lectern. Come down the side aisles, receive the bread; proceed to the wine or grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available. Return to your seats by the center aisle. All are welcome.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Lamb of God

(front of ELW page 154)

Now the Green Blade Rises

ELW 379

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

ELW 392 v. 1-4

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW 389 v.1, 5

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Worship Leaders

Ministers	All of you!
Preaching	Pastor Per Halaas
Children's Message	Kristina Elder
Assisting Minister	Naomi Bernier
Lector	Kay Marotz
Prayers	Sean Bernier
Director of Music Ministry	Kristi MacKay
Assistant Music Director/Accompanist	Darin Tysdal
Special Music:	Chapel Ringers, Trinity Choir & Kid's Choir

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- **In your prayers this week, please remember:**
- **Continuing Prayers:** **Ryan Jones** (Jane B's nephew), **Robert Thornton** (Carol's husband), **Pam Novak** (friend of Chris Gabel), **Lavonne Kennedy** (Clare Erickson's sister), **Jim Wegge** (Bev Wegge's brother), **Isaac Hill** (grandson of Gail & John, nephew of Melissa), **Jackie Schmeidlin** (friend of Sean Bernier), **Shirley Gentz**, **Pastor David** and **Diane Lerseth**, **Julie Allen** (friend of Lynne Gasterland), **Michael R. Vogel** (Mike Vogel's son), **Susan Hanson**, **David Niemand** (Holly Hauer's brother), **Donna Woodward** (sister of Dan Pierce), **Geralyn Barone** (friend of John & Kim Gunyou), **Chris Wondra** (friend of Sean Johnson) **Jim and Arlene Knutson**, **Cori Shuck** (sister of Jodi Haddox), **Dan Talbot**, **Bev Ohmann**, **Doug Solberg**, **Erin Gillis**, **Gail Parsons** (Shelly Olson's stepmom), **Meg Schmidt** and **Del Smallfield**
- **Ginny Paulsen** and all who are homebound
- **Our sister in China, Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria, El comunidad de fe bilingue/The bilingual faith community of Tapestry Lutheran Church in Richfield**
- **Leipzig District of the Lutheran Church in Saxony, Germany** (Companion Synod)

This Week at Christ the King

Loaves & Fishes provide a free drive-up meal
Monday-Friday from 5-6pm – all are welcome!

MONDAY – April 6 - Office Closed

TUESDAY – April 7

10:00a Staff Meeting – Office

6:30p Yoga

WEDNESDAY – April 8

2:00p Walk & Talk – Centennial Lakes

2:30p CTK to prep Loaves & Fishes

4:30p CTK to hand out Loaves & Fishes

7:00p Health Cabinet Meeting

THURSDAY – April 9

9:30a-Noon Country Jammers – Social Hall

FRIDAY – April 10

Next Weekend at Christ the King

SUNDAY – April 12

9:30a Worship with Holy Communion

10:30a Maranatha Christian Congregation

10:45a De-Clutter Open Forum – Social Hall

10:45a BLAST – Lower Level

Noon SHINE – Galleria

6:00p Walk & Talk – Centennial Lakes

The office will be closed on Monday, April 6th. There will also be no Bible Study or Worship on 4/8—Pastor Per will be on a well-deserved vacation. Bible Study at 9am will resume on 4/15.

Volunteers for April

If you would like to greet, read, assist, serve/prepare communion, or serve coffee on any of the following Sundays: Greeters **4/12, 4/19, 4/26**
Reader **4/12, 4/19, 4/26**
Assisting **4/12, 4/19, 4/26**
Prayers **4/12, 4/19, 4/26**
Communion servers (2) **4/12, 4/19, 4/26**
Communion prep on **4/19** and Make Coffee **4/19**
Please call the office 952-881-8600 or email Jane V at jvevea@ctkb.org.

Spring Plant Sale

Our Children's Ministry Spring Plant Sale profits will support our summer programs. **Online orders close at 10PM Thursday, April 6** with plants available for pick up at CTK on Tuesday, May 12, 5-7pm. To order, go to www.gertensfundraising.com and enter our ID code **490**.

Walk and Talks

There will be NO Walk and Talk on Easter Sunday! After Easter Sunday, our twice weekly Walk and Talks will be switching to nearby parks and nature centers. Each month we will visit a different park. We meet each week at 6 pm on Sundays and 2 pm on Wednesdays.
April - Centennial Lakes: Meet at the Pavilion 7499 France Ave S, Edina, MN 55435
In the event of inclement weather, we will meet at the Mall of America East side entrance on the first level by the Sea Life down escalator. Text Lynn Lenort @ 612-770-5986 or email llenort@CTKB.org, if you have any questions or wish to carpool.

April 12th – Open Forum

Come join the *Health Cabinet* for our forum as Sarah Marotz presents *Decluttering: Making Life Lighter and Simpler*. Talking about some practical ways to look at your stuff, think about your stuff, and move towards less stuff ... which ... can lead to more peace. Amen!

CTK Loaves & Fishes Wednesday Night

On **4/8 & 4/22** CTK will be preparing and serving the drive-up meals. We will help prepare & get the meals ready and hand them out. The prepping schedule is from 2:30pm-4:30pm and handing out is 4:30 to 6pm.

If you would like to help, please contact the office—952-881-8600. Thank you!

April Gift of Love -

CTK Children & Youth Events

Join us in sharing the *Gift of Love* this April by supporting our children and youth! Your generosity helps provide meaningful activities and events that nurture faith, fellowship, and growth for our young people. Every gift makes a difference in shaping the next generation—thank you for being part of this ministry!

SHINE-April 12th

Will not be the “First Sunday” this month, it will be the second **Sunday, April 12th**. We will go out for lunch and then explore the beautiful flowers and designs at the **Fleurs de villas - FLORA** event at the Galleria, Edina. Please invite a friend to join us. **Sign-up sheet on the counter in the commons.**

YOUTH Night

Opportunity for youth to attend a YOUTH GROUP NIGHT, **April 15th** at Luther Seminary, 6th gr - 12th gr.

*We will need 2 adults to go with the group.

***I need to know who is going to this amazing event by April 10, as I need to sign up all those who are going.** Feel free to share questions, Kristina - kelder@ctkb.org

Defrost those Green Thumbs

It's that time again to start thinking about green things and homegrown tomatoes. Applications for the *Bryant Community Garden* are now available both online and on paper. Pick one up, fill one out and you can rent a garden box for \$20. We ask that you fill one out by April 30th so we can plan. Our growing season will start the 2nd weekend of May ... May 10th. YAY and YUM!! Link:

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