



**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 23, 2023**  
**11:00 a.m.**

**Wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here at  
Christ the King Church, Rice Village!**

Called by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to welcoming and celebrating all people, inclusive of culture, age, race or ethnicity, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, ability, economic status, or family structure. We are committed to the work of racial equity and justice within and through our community that we all may be transformed to be fully the body of Christ in our world. We invite you to worship with us, receive Christ's gift of Holy Communion with us, share your own story with us, and serve with us as we strive to live into God's universal embrace in Jesus Christ.

On May 7, 2023, there will be a special congregational meeting at Christ the King, Rice Village Nave to vote on becoming a Reconciling in Christ Congregation by adopting our Welcome Statement (see above).

Gluten-free Bread for holy communion is freshly baked weekly. The wine contains alcohol. You may receive both Bread and Wine, or either: Christ is fully present in all. If you do not wish to commune, please come to the altar rail with other worshipers for a blessing.

Restrooms are located in the ministry building. From the nave, follow the cloister through the courtyard into the double doors. Restrooms will be on your left.

Firearms are not permitted at any time inside Christ the King Church buildings and courtyard.

Members of the Altar Guild are Jill Bailer, Bette Bowers, Anita Bryant, Kellye Burke, Carole Derr, Nancy Glaeser, Reinetta Hansen, Maureen Lamson, Gaelyn Leshar, Liz Lloyd, Linda Marx, Marie Monroe, Mary Jane Orsburn, Jan Petner, and Nyla Woods.

*The altar flowers are given today to the glory of God by Beverly Davis  
in honor of the twentieth anniversary of Christ the King Community of Hope  
and in gratitude for all our ministries of congregational care,  
especially our Lay Chaplains and Lay Eucharistic Ministers.*

We join the whole church in commemorating: Toyohiko Kagawa, renewer of society, died 1960, April 23; Mark, Evangelist, April 25; Catherine of Siena, theologian, died 1380, April 29

With the churches and peoples of the World Council of Churches we pray for the churches and peoples of: Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia.

Cover: *Supper at Emmaus, He Qi*

Wall hanging in the Sacristy of Christ the King Lutheran Church

2353 Rice Boulevard

Houston, Texas

## HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, *Setting Four*, beginning on page 147.

*All scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.*

### Gathering

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

Pealing of the Bells

Prelude

*Flute Voluntary*  
Benjamin Carr (1769-1831)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
by whose hand we are given new birth,  
by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are welcomed, restored, and supported  
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism as we rejoice with all who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Ray Dittmar, Carolyn Storin, John Thweatt, Bette Bowers, Michael Thorvilson, Sebastian Salas, Alexander Hoogerwerf, Ernie McWilliams, Charelle Webb.

Holy God,  
holy and merciful,  
holy and mighty,  
you are the river of life,  
you are the everlasting wellspring.  
In mercy and might you have freed us from death  
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.  
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,  
and in them we are born anew.  
Glory to you for oceans and lakes,  
for rivers and streams.  
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,  
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.  
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,  
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.  
Wash away all that separates us from you.  
Empower our witness to your resurrection.  
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.  
Satisfy the world's need through this living water.  
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.  
Where despair prevails, grant hope.  
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.  
We ask this through Christ,  
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

*stand*

Processional Hymn 384

*That Easter day with joy was bright*

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.**

Canticle of Praise (*stanzas 1 & 3: low voices, stanzas 2 & 4: high voices*)

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

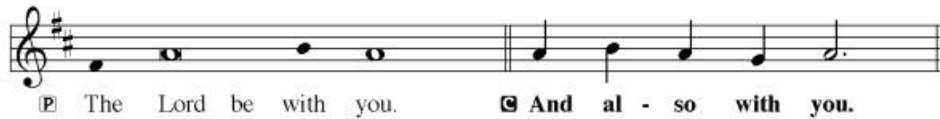
*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



## Prayer of the Day



Let us pray:

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Word

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*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

*sit*

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

*Receiving God's promise through baptism*

*Spark Story Bible, p. 502*

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd],

<sup>36</sup>“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup>And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Word of God, word of life.

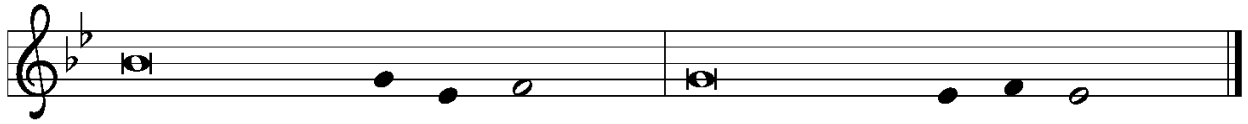
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

*Sung in alternation by verse*



<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,  
and listened to my | supplication,

<sup>2</sup>**for the LORD has given | ear to me  
whenev- | er I called.**

<sup>3</sup>The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;  
I came to | grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup>**Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.”**

<sup>12</sup>How shall I re- | pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has | done for me?

<sup>13</sup>**I will lift the cup | of salvation  
and call on the name | of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup>I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God’s people.

<sup>15</sup>**Precious in your | sight, O LORD,  
is the death | of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup>O LORD, truly I | am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me | from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup>**I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name | of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God’s people,

<sup>19</sup>**in the courts of | the LORD’s house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!**

*Born anew through the living word of God*

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup>You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Word of God, word of life.      The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**                      **Thanks be to God.**

*stand*

## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures. Luke 24:32

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us,

because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel of the Lord.

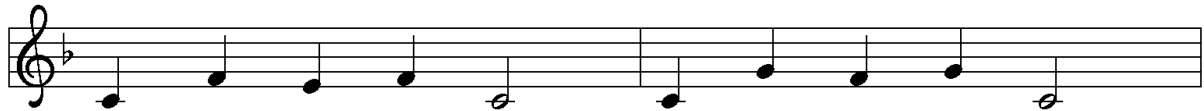
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*sit*

Sermon

*Silence*

*At the conclusion of the introduction, the assembly stands to sing the Hymn of the Day.*



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,  
 2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,  
 3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.  
 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.  
 blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,  
 This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:  
 bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,  
 yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing  
 when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,  
 Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.  
 our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.  
 there Christ is with us in bread and wine.  
 that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

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 Music: RAABE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929  
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*sit*

Prayers of Intercession

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

God of life, **Hear our prayer.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and may say:*

Peace be with you.

**Meal**

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

*sit*

Offering

Motet

*O Paschal Lamp of Radiant Light*

Sam Batt Owens

O Paschal Lamp of radiant light,  
Draw near to us throughout the night.  
That we encircled by its glow  
A peaceful rest may come to know.

O Candle breaking through the dark,  
Hope's glimmer to each one impart,  
So when the sun calls forth the dawn  
New life, new love may greet the morn.

Praise to our God, the Three in One:  
The Father and the Blessed Son,  
and Holy Spirit we adore  
Grant us your grace forevermore.

Alleluia.

*stand*

## Setting the Table



1 We who once were dead now live, ful - ly know - ing Je - sus  
2 We were lost in night, but you sought and found us. Give us  
3 He be - came our bread; Je - sus died to save us. On him  
4 Let us share the pain you en - dured in dy - ing; we shall



as our head. Life is o - ver - flow - ing when he breaks the bread.  
strength to fight; death is all a - round us. Je - sus, be our light.  
we are fed, eat - ing what he gave us, ris - ing from the dead.  
then re - main liv - ing; death de - fy - ing, we shall rise a - gain.

5 Jesus, you were dead,  
but you rose and, living,  
made yourself our bread,  
in your goodness giving  
life though we were dead.

6 This is your design;  
in this meal we meet you.  
Be our bread and wine,  
Jesus, we entreat you.  
This shall be our sign.

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Music: MIDDEN IN DE DOOD, Rik Veelenturf, b. 1936  
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## Offering Prayer

Let us pray:

Generous God,

in this meal you offer your very self.

**We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.**

**In the breaking of this bread**

**reveal to us the Risen One.**

**In the pouring of this wine**

**pour us out in service to the world;**

**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



# Great Thanksgiving

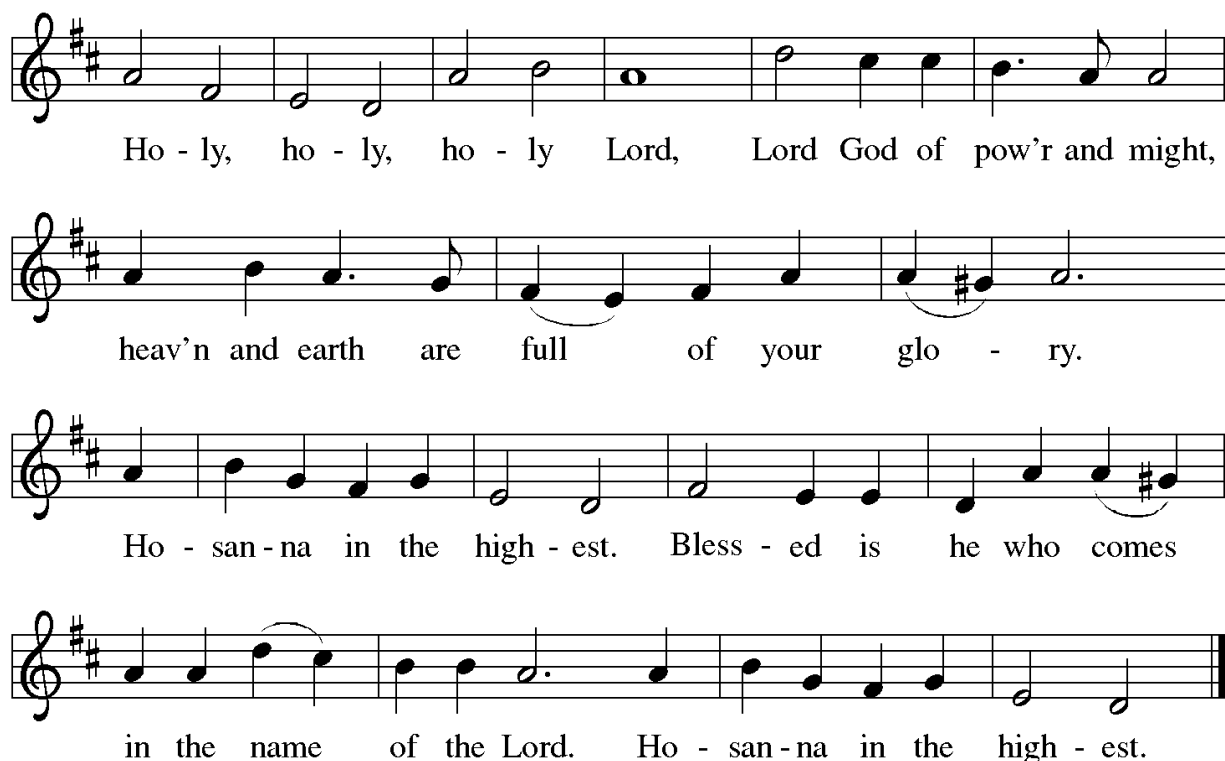
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,  
al - mighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection  
of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself  
to take a - way our sin, who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in ris - ing has brought us to e - ter - nal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the  
res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,  
and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,  
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The presiding minister continues in thanksgiving and intercession.*

You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness;  
 you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence.  
 We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us.  
 We thank you for the new world to come  
 and for the love that will rule all in all.

We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen,  
 the people of your promise:  
 the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land,  
 the memory of the forbears, the homecoming from exile,  
 and the prophets' words that will not be in vain.

In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son,  
 who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup  
we remember the incarnation of your Son:  
his human birth and the covenant he made with us.  
We remember the sacrifice of his life:  
his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death.  
But chiefly we remember his rising from the tomb,  
his ascension to the seat of power,  
and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit.  
We cry out for the resurrection of our lives,  
when Christ will come again in beauty and power  
to share with us the great and promised feast.

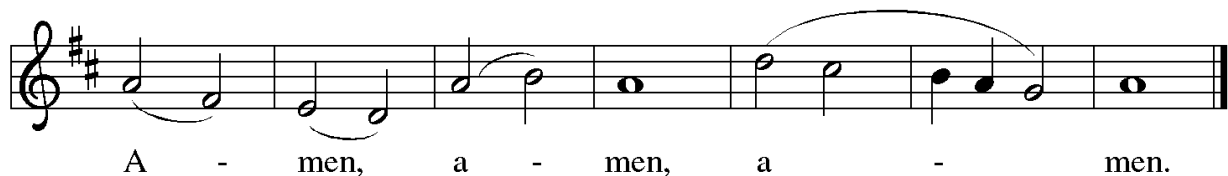
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that we and all who share in this bread and cup  
may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven,  
and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he  
comes as victorious Lord of all.

All honor and glory are yours, almighty God, through Christ Jesus, in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.



Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.


*sit*

## Invitation to the Lord's Table


Alleluia. Christ our Passover is here for us.

**Therefore let us eat the feast. Alleluia.**

## Communion



1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.  
 2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.  
 3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—  
 4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.  
 Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.  
 for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.  
 Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

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### *stand*

#### Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

#### Sending of the Lay Eucharistic Ministers

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

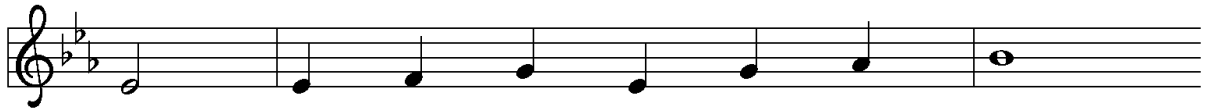
**Amen.**

*The bread and wine are taken from the Lord's table to members who are hospitalized, home-bound, or otherwise unable to be present in the liturgy.*

Post Communion Canticle

*Now all the vault of heaven resounds*

*(verses 1 and 4)*



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray:

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord,  
And unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food.

**Amen.**

## Affirmation of Vocation

Community of Hope Lay Chaplains and Lay Eucharistic Ministers

On this celebration of our congregation's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Community of Hope Center, we invite all Community of Hope Lay Chaplains and all Lay Eucharistic Ministers to join us at the altar for affirmation of vocation and blessing.

Dear friends: United with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are joined in God's mission for the life of the world. We are called to that mission in our daily lives and in the ministries we share as the church of God.

You have been called by God to a special work, and are prepared for a vocation of pastoral care, healing, prayer, and spiritual growth.

*Sisters and brothers*, both your work and your rest are in God.

Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, as you carry out the ministry of lay chaplaincy and lay Eucharistic ministry in this congregation, and in the wider community?

*Response:*

**I will, and I ask God to help me.**

Will you serve with faithfulness, dedication, and hope? Will you rely on God's mercy and grace and rejoice knowing that the Holy Spirit prays within you to empower your ministry?

**I will and I ask God to help me.**

People of God, will you pray for the Community of Hope and our Lay Eucharistic Ministry, support their purpose, and share in their ministry?

If so, answer, **We will and we ask God to help us.**

Let us pray: God of hope, mercy and grace, empower these lay ministers and chaplains with courage and discipline to follow where you lead them. Bless their hands, feet, hearts and minds in extending the love of Christ to those who need your healing presence. May we together as the body of Christ declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world. Amen.

Blessing

God the creator,  
By whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
Open to you the gates of everlasting life.  
**Amen. Alleluia.**

God the redeemer,  
who is bursting from the grave, has set creation free,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.  
**Amen. Alleluia.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
Who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Christ,  
Empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.  
**Amen. Alleluia.**

And the blessing of almighty God,  
Father, Son ✝ and Holy Spirit,  
Be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### Recessional Hymn 368

*With high delight let us unite*



1 With high de - light let us u - nite in  
2 True God, he first from death has burst forth  
3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to



songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all  
in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now  
Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by



bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To  
van - quished see; his death has been death's un - do - ing. "And  
word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So



set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to  
yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave," says  
shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and



all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.  
he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.  
death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

Text: Georg Vetter, 1536–1599; tr. Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–1976, alt.  
Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune  
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## Prayer for Peace and Dismissal

Let us pray.

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace.  
Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give  
peace to your church,  
peace among nations,  
peace in this nation,  
peace in our homes, and  
peace in our hearts  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

Pealing of the Bells

*Earliest accounts of Christian worship testify to an offering following the Eucharist designated to the poor and the alien by those able to give out of gratitude to God and generosity in imitating Christ.*

*Month-to-date contributions are \$4,756.48.*

*Christ the King Lutheran Church thanks you for your generous financial support. Offerings may be mailed to the church office,  
2353 Rice Blvd, Houston, TX 77005,  
or given online through our website, [www. ctkelc.org](http://www.ctkelc.org).*



Cake will be provided in the courtyard by our Community of Hope.

Donations benefit ELCA World Hunger.

## This Week at Christ the King Church

Sunday, April 23

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#### 3 Sunday in Easter

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, nave
- 9:30 a.m. Godly Play Classes
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Forum,  
basement classroom
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class,  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor council room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship, nave
- 12:30 p.m. FaithFULL Feeding,  
parish hall
- 12:30 p.m. PRAY Class, room 204
- 3:00 p.m. Luther League Bowling  
Trip, offsite

### Monday, April 24

Church office closed

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 12:00 p.m. Lectio Divina, online
- 7:00 p.m. Scandinavian Dancers,  
basement adult classroom

### Tuesday, April 25

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
council room

### Wednesday, April 26

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 6:15 p.m. Brass Band rehearsal,  
music suite
- 7:15 p.m. Choir Practice, nave

### Thursday, April 27

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 10:00 a.m. Piecemakers, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor,  
conference room
- 3:00 p.m. Bible Study with Pastor  
Derr, online
- 5:45 p.m. Boy Choir, music suite

### Friday, April 28

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group,  
3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room
- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
council room
- 12:00 p.m. Tag Sale Set up, parish  
hall

### Saturday, April 29

- 8:00 a.m. Tag Sale, parish hall
- 1:00 p.m. Yoga, online
- 6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship,  
nave

### Sunday, April 30:

#### 4 Sunday in Easter

- 8:30 a.m. Worship, nave
- 9:30 a.m. Godly Play Classes
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday Forum,  
basement classroom
- 9:30 a.m. Confirmation Class,  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor council room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship, nave
- 12:30 p.m. Godly Play Meeting,  
2<sup>nd</sup> floor council room

## **Community of Hope Celebrates 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Join us for cake in the courtyard after 11:00am worship to celebrate 20 years of lay pastoral ministry at Christ the King Church.

## **Sunday Forums Series: Reconciling in Christ: April 23, 30 at 9:30 a.m.**

“Since 1983, the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Program has been a public way for faith communities to see, name, celebrate, and advocate for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions in the Lutheran church. The RIC Program is made up of congregations, synods, colleges, seminaries, outdoor ministries, and other Lutheran organizations.”  
(From the RIC website; webpage entitled: How to become RIC)

**April 23:** What does the bible say about welcome and inclusion?

With Rev. Ryan Dockery

**April 30:** Reconciling in Christ: What does this mean for us? with Lisa Miller and members of CTK

## **FaithFULL Feeding on April 23 after worship**

Join us for a home-cooked meal in the parish hall today, thanks to Paul and Marie Monroe.

## **Church Tag Sale on April 29**

Tag Sale at Christ the King Church will be Saturday April 29, 8:00am – 12:00pm in the parish hall. Take advantage of this event to clean out closets, garages, and attics! We will collect items beginning April 23. All items donated will help in making our tag sale a success. Volunteers are always welcome to help set up (on Friday, April 28), help out at Tag Sale, and take donated items to Goodwill after Tag Sale. For details, contact Deacon Ben Remmert.

## **Christ the King T-Shirts for Sale**

Buy a shirt to help our youth go to Germany this summer and support Christ the King Church. The cut-off date for ordering Christ the King shirt will be April 30 (just in time to wear for Pentecost Picnic). \$20 for adult sizes

and \$15 for children sizes. Only a few will be on hand to sale so make sure to order yours now. For More information, please contact Ben Remmert at [benremmert@ctkelc.org](mailto:benremmert@ctkelc.org).

### **Driver's License Milestone Celebration - April 30**

On Sunday, April 30 we will recognize youth who have received their driver license in the last year. Those preparing to receive their license before the end of the school year are also invited. We will bless youth at both worship services on this important milestone. Parents, please contact Ben Remmert to RSVP by Sunday, April 23.

### **John Boles Reception: May 4 at 7 p.m.**

We will host a reception featuring Dr. John Boles in the parish hall at Christ the King on Thursday, May 4 at 7 p.m. to celebrate John's twentieth book, *Seven Virginians: The Men Who Shaped Our Republic*. The book uses the biographies of George Washington, George Mason, Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, and John Marshall to tell the story of the nation's political beginning, from the Revolution through the Constitution and its ratification to the formation of the new government, the evolution of the office of the presidency, the origin of political parties, and the maturation of the Supreme Court. The book is written for a general audience and is surprisingly relevant for our time. You are welcome to bring a beverage to share.

### **Graduate Recognition**

If you are receiving a certificate or degree from high school, undergraduate, certification, or graduate programs, we would like to know! Email us at [ctk@ctkelc.org](mailto:ctk@ctkelc.org) with details about your graduation date and any plans for your future. High school graduates will receive a gift from the congregation. All graduates will be highlighted in our May newsletter.



### **Summer Book Review on Sundays**

The summer book reviews are a beloved tradition as an educational offering on Sundays during the summer months. All interested in presenting a book are invited to contact Pr. Rodriguez at [sergiorodriguez@ctkelc.org](mailto:sergiorodriguez@ctkelc.org) with title, author, and your Sunday availability. We particularly welcome books that explore religious, moral, or ethical concerns withing society and the world.

### **Lutherhill Day Camp: June 12-16, 2023!**

Summer is right around the corner! Lutherhill Staff and Luther League youth are leading Day Camp at Christ the King this upcoming summer! From 7:30am until 6:00pm where children (ages 5 to 11) will learn bible stories through worship, games, snacks, science experiments, drama, and crafts throughout the day. This is always a highlight of the summer, so you'll want to make sure and register! Who Can Attend: Those that have finished pre-K through 6th Grade by May 2023 (ages 4-10) Costs: \$100.00 (Before Camp- \$25.00 & After Camp- \$25.00) Register: Register online at [www.ctkelc.org](http://www.ctkelc.org).

Scan below for our monthly newsletter, *The Kings Banner*:



**On May 7, 2023, there will be a special congregational meeting at Christ the King, Rice Village Nave to vote on becoming a Reconciling in Christ Congregation by adopting our Welcome Statement:**

Called by the Holy Spirit, we are committed to welcoming and celebrating all people, inclusive of culture, age, race or ethnicity, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, ability, economic status, or family structure. We are committed to the work of racial equity and justice within and through our community that we all may be transformed to be fully the body of Christ in our world. We invite you to worship with us, receive Christ's gift of Holy Communion with us, share your own story with us, and serve with us as we strive to live into God's universal embrace in Jesus Christ.

### **Mission Statement**

Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church is a welcoming and inclusive community nourished by Christ in vibrant worship and committed to God's mission of love and service especially to the oppressed and to the poor.

### **Vision Statement**

Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church will be a recognized leader partnering with others to transform lives.

### **Our Values and Beliefs**

- Called by the Spirit, we honor Christ and God's people with integrity.
- We are Christ's Church, which exists not for itself, but for the world.
- We desire to worship regularly together so that God's people can be nourished by Christ, develop and emerging individual and collective spiritual identity, and demonstrate the reality of God's presence in our daily lives.
- We are centered, challenged, and motivated by Christian teachings and practices as viewed through a Lutheran perspective.

- We are Spirit-led, critical thinkers engaged in a learning journey with others.
- We honor and utilize the rich heritage of sacred music, especially emphasizing Lutheran music traditions.
- We believe it is more blessed to give than to receive.
- We welcome opportunities to serve God as a community and as individuals.
- We endeavor to know people, affirm their God-given dignity, and introduce them to Jesus Christ through acts of service so that all may grow in spiritual maturity.
- We believe we are one with all of God's children and creation. We will collaborate with individuals, faith communities, and other organizations with shared values.
- As partners, we will engage in just relationships with other characterized by healthy boundaries

## Serving

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*God gives us gifts and talents so that we might serve.*

Chase Hooks.....Head Usher  
Philip Feldwisch, Janice Stuff, Bill Burgess.....Ushers  
Rustin Buck, Jim Willcockson.....Bellringers  
Karli McGowen..... Crucifer  
Rick Erickson..... Musician  
Rachel McWhirter, Mark Lichtenberger..... Digital Verger  
Janice Stuff..... Lay Eucharistic Minister  
Peter Boecher..... Lay Eucharistic Minister  
Adrienne Winton.....Server  
Trish Chapman.....Server  
Bill Pelham..... Assisting Minister and First Reader  
Sergio Rodriguez..... Presiding Minister  
Amandus Derr..... Preacher

### **Rice Village Campus**

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*The People of Christ the King Church .....Ministers*  
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*Beverly Davis..... Director of Congregational Care*  
*Rachel McWhirter ..... Director of Digital Ministry*  
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*Robert Walp..... Director of the Brass Choir*  
*Vicki Gorman, Calvin Harris, Fernando Grimaldo.....Staff Singers*  
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