

Fifth Sunday in Lent April 6, 2025 11:00 a.m.

### **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.

### Welcome Statement

Wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here. 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.

Whether you are a new member or visiting for the first time, we welcome you to our spiritual home.

- If this is your first Sunday with us, please stop by our information kiosk to learn more about our church community.
- During our worship service, children are invited to enjoy the prayground area. For families with infants, our nursery attendants are available to provide care. The nursery is accessible through the courtyard.
- Our Holy Communion elements are free of gluten and alcohol. You may choose to receive both the bread and cup, or either one: Christ is fully present in all.
- Restrooms are conveniently located in the ministry building. From the nave, simply follow the cloister through the courtyard and enter the double doors; you will find the restrooms on your left.
- Please note that firearms are strictly prohibited within all Christ the King Church buildings and courtyard at all times.

We are delighted to have you join us and hope you have a meaningful experience with us.

Cover: Mary anoints Jesus, contemporary, artist unknown.

### The Season of Lent

The Church's 40 weekday season of Lent begins with the confession of sin on Ash Wednesday and concludes with both corporate and individual absolution (the announcement of forgiveness) on the Thursday before Easter Sunday called Maundy Thursday. Sundays are <u>in</u> Lent, not <u>of</u> Lent and share some, but not all, of the season's discipline and relative austerity. Lent is the second oldest liturgical season - only the 50-day (from Easter to Pentecost) celebration of Jesus' Resurrection is more ancient – and originally was meant to provide catechetical instruction for new converts in preparation for their baptism and welcome to communion at the Easter Vigil. These days, Lent offers us a structured opportunity to reflect on and take away aspects of our lives that hinder us from loving God and our neighbor with our whole heart, mind, and strength. Violet, the Church's ancient color for repentance (although brown is also in the tradition) is Lent's vestment color.

Lent is the most austere liturgical season. "Alleluia," an ecstatic song of praise, and other songs of praise such as "Glory to God in the highest" are neither spoken nor sung. On Transfiguration, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, this was symbolized as an "Alleluia" banner was ceremoniously "buried." This banner and other words of praise return to our worship life at the Easter Vigil.

Throughout this bulletin, we have included explanations for Lenten liturgical choices in *violet*.

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting Five, beginning on page 156.

## Gathering

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

Pealing of the Bells

Prelude

*Trio Sonata in C major BWV 529* II. Largo – J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

The organ prelude serves as an opportunity to center oneself before worship. We ask the congregation to refrain from conversation once the prelude begins.

Christians trust that because of Jesus' death and resurrection, we are always forgiven whether we confess our sins or not. Lent's 40 weekdays are supposed to allow us time to reflect on those things which hinder faithful living and that time is reflected each Sunday in Lent as we confess our sin and hear these words: "God grant us time for amendment of life and the grace of the Holy Spirit." Lent's 40 days conclude with words of forgiveness spoken to all of us in the congregation and to each of us individually on Maundy Thursday.

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Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

## Silence for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. God grant us time for amendment of life and the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 



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### Greeting

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.

In place of singing "Lord, have mercy," we are singing this hymn. The Hymn of Praise, "Glory to God" is omitted during Lent.



## Prayers of the Day

The first Prayer of the Day is based on the themes of this Sunday. The second Prayer of the Day, from Ash Wednesday, is the theme for the season.

# Let us pray:

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### Word

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

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First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

The LORD gives water in the wilderness to the chosen people

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup> who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup> Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup> I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. <sup>20</sup> The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Word of God, word of life.

or

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

## Sung in alternation by verse



- <sup>1</sup> When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion, then were we like | those who dream.
- <sup>2</sup> Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great | things for them."

- <sup>3</sup> The LORD has done great | things for us, and we are | glad indeed.
- <sup>4</sup> Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD, like the watercourses | of the Negeb.
- <sup>5</sup> Those who | sowed with tears will reap with | songs of joy.
- <sup>6</sup> Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed, will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

To know Christ and his resurrection, to share in his sufferings

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup> If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and

be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, word of life. or The Word of the Lord.

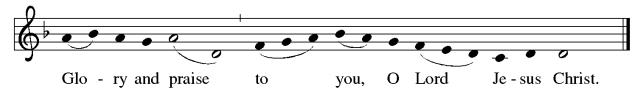
Thanks be to God.

Thanks be to God.

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### **Gospel Acclamation**

Notice that "Alleluia" is omitted here.



Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. *Phil. 3:13-14* 

Gospel John 12:1-8

Mary anoints Jesus for his burial

Whirl Story Bible, p. 370; Spark Story Bible, p. 444

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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Sermon

Silence

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



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Music: ALABASTER JAR, Anne Krentz Organ, b. 1960 Text © 2016 Susan Palo Cherwien, admin. Augsburg Fortress Music © 2020 Augsburg Fortress

## Baptism Anniversaries and Nicene Creed

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism as we rejoice with all who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Emily Heath, Claudia Brookover, Madison Hann Deckert, Grayson Smith, Kim Williams, Andy Winesett, Olivia Winesett, Donna Olson-Salas, Nicholas Kolb, Daryl Elles:

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Prayers of Intercession

Sit or kneel. Those in the Prayground are invited to light a tea light on the Prayground altar or color their prayers on the provided coloring sheets. These colored prayers will be collected during the offering.

In your steadfast love, O God, receive our prayer.

We join the whole church in commemorating: Albrecht Dürer, died 1528; Matthias Grünewald, died 1529; Lucas Cranach, died 1553; artists, April 6; Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, died 1945, April 9; Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, died 1557, April 10.

#### stand

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.

sit

### Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

# Offering

If you give through your bank or online, please place a reusable "Our Offering" card in the basket. These cards are located in front of you in the pew backs.

Motet: Give Me Jesus

arr. Layy L. Fleming

O, when I am alone, give me Jesus.

You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

O, when I come to die, give me Jesus.

And when I want to sing, give me Jesus.

And when I am alone, give me Jesus.

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THOMAS

### Offering Prayer

Let us pray:

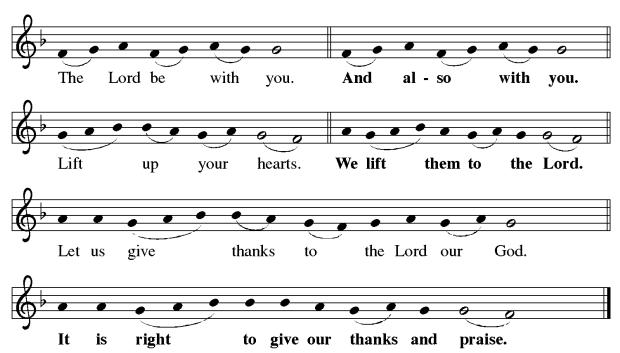
Gracious Provider,

you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.

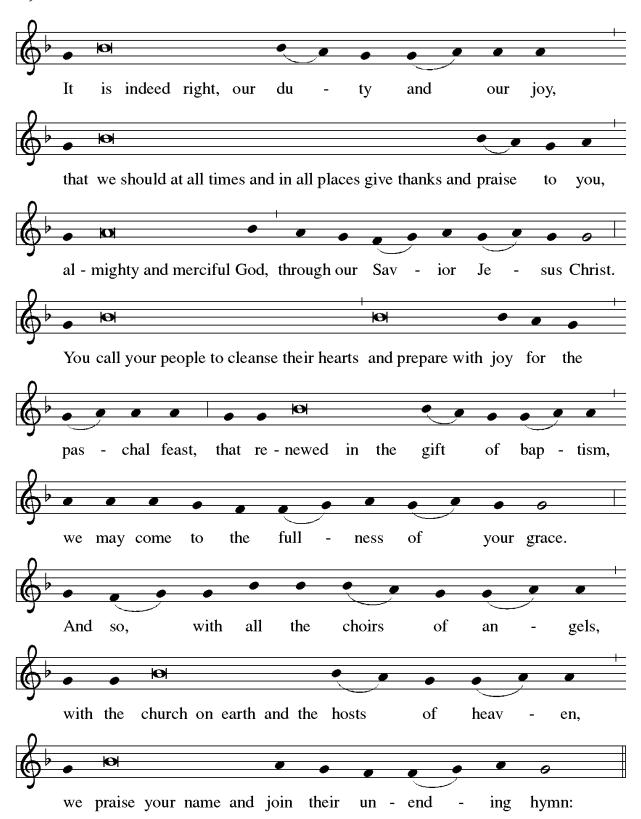
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

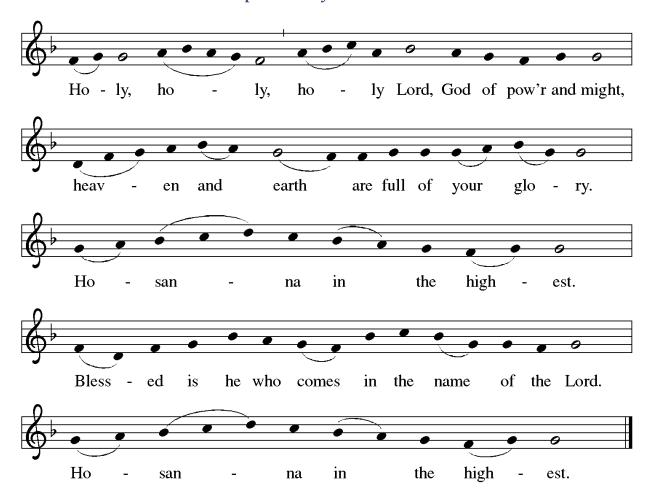
# **Great Thanksgiving**



The "proper preface" said/chanted by the Presiding Minister changes with each season. This preface connects our 40 days of reflection to Christ's 40 days in the wilderness.



"Holy, holy" is a song of praise that has always been connected to Holy Communion and is seldom omitted. From Isaiah 6, this song reminds us that we are in the awesome presence of God.



This Prayer of Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer) builds on the times God's people have spent 40 days/years repenting and reflecting on their response to God's Promise. The "Words of Institution from 1 Corinthians, in which we are reminded of Jesus' own words at the last supper; a call for the Holy Spirit to work in us through the elements; and a three-part statement praising God (doxology) are always included in this prayer. Likewise, this prayer always concludes with the Lord's Prayer.

The presiding minister continues in thanksgiving and intercession.

O God, creator of our wilderness world,

O God, Savior of the lost.

O God, comforter of the sick and sorrowing. we give you thanks for your everlasting might; we glorify you for your covenant of compassion.

For forty days you cleansed the earth with the waters of the flood. For forty days, you illumined Moses with the words of your law. For forty years, you fed your people in the wilderness with manna from heaven.

You became truly human in Jesus our brother. For forty days, with fasting and prayer, he renounced the powers of evil.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Transform us, O God, with your lively Spirit.

Make this food into manna for our journey, the body and blood of your Son.

Teach us your words of wisdom and justice.

Renew the whole earth with baptismal grace.

And, at the last, lead your pilgrim people through our deserts to your promised garden.

To you, O God, Creator, Savior, Comforter, be our worship and praise, adoration and thanksgiving, now and forever. **Amen.** 

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.

#### Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread. Healing Prayer and Anointing may be received at the south window after communing.

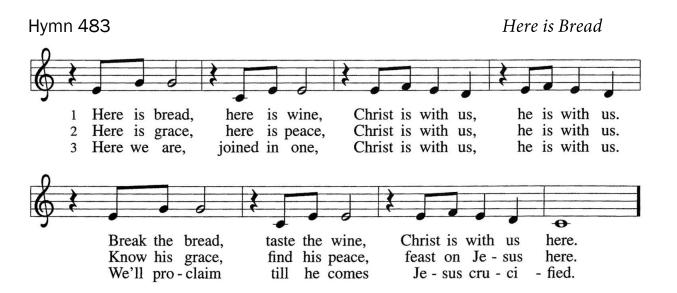
All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. You are invited to take an individual communion cup from the table at the corner of the pews and approach the altar rail from its corner. You may receive the sacrament or a blessing, kneeling or standing. Please return to the seats through the short center aisles where there are trays for used glasses. Children of all ages are invited to commune or receive a blessing. Our Holy Communion elements do not contain gluten or alcohol.

If you do not wish to commune, please come to the altar rail with other worshipers for a blessing.

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HERE IS BREAD

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### Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's 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 Prayer

Let us pray:

Generous Host,

you have shared your feast with us and made us new.

Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## Sending

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

Affirmation of Vocation

Community of Hope Lay Chaplains & Lay Eucharistic Ministers

Today we celebrate our congregation's participation as a Community of Hope lay chaplain training center by commissioning three new lay chaplains and inviting all Community of Hope Lay Chaplains and all Lay Eucharistic Ministers to join us at the altar for affirmation of vocation and blessing.

Brandi Ford Kim Williams

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Matt Kramer

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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.

Siblings, 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?

### Response:

### 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? *Response:* 

## We will and we ask God to help us.

Let us pray: God of hope, mercy and grace, empower these chaplains and lay eucharistic ministers 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.** 



Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

### Blessing

God our tender parent,
God the crucified one,
God the reconciling Spirit,

+ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

*Jesu, meine Freude, BWV 1105* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

You are invited to remain seated and enjoy the postlude or depart quietly and greet the pastors in the courtyard.

Pealing of the Bells

Mission Offering

Meals on Wheels

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.

March contributions to Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) were \$1,683.65.

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.



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Bridget Jensen and family in celebration of her ninety-third birthday on April 24.

Snacks are provided by Martha Hughes.

Donations benefit the ELCA World Hunger.

## **Snacks Volunteers Needed**

We need volunteers to provide snacks after worship for:

- April 13 at 11 a.m.
- April 20 at 11 a.m.
- May 4 at 8:30 a.m. and 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!



### Serving

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

David Karohl	Head Usher
Ute Cezeaux, Liz Lunden, KC Lunden	Ushers
Tate Williams	Bellringer
Anneliese Williams	Acolyte
Maureen Sahualla, Beverly Davis	Anointers
Ben Kerswell	Cantor
Martin Jones	Music Associate
Rachel McWhirter, Mark Lichetenberger	Digital Vergers
Trish Chapman	Lay Eucharistic Minister
Maria Campos	Lay Eucharistic Minister
Linda Thomas	Lay Eucharistic Minister
Dcn. Aimee Elles	Lay Eucharistic Minister
Trish Chapman	Crucifer
Bill Pelham	Server
Rustin Buck	Server
Lisa Krueger	Assisting Minister
Dcn. Aimee Elles	Liturgist
The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Hope-Tringali	Preacher & Presiding Minister

## Members of the Altar Guild:

Jill Bailer, Bette Bowers, Anita Bryant, Kellye Burke, Carole Derr, Reinetta Hansen, Maureen Lamson, Gaelyn Lesher, Liz Lloyd, Linda Marx, Peggy Mathis, Jacquelyn McAnelly, Marie Monroe, Mary Jane Orsburn, Jan Petner, Eleanor Verret, and Nyla Woods. Members bake bread and order flowers, deliver flowers to church members, rotate paraments, arrange the communion ware, and generally prepare the nave for worship. Contact Janis Petner, jhpet1@gmail.com, for more information.

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

