

Palm Sunday 13 April 2025 Christ the King Lutheran Church



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Our Mission:
As God's forgiven family,
we grow in faith through
Word and Sacrament to
share the Gospel of
Jesus Christ.

# WELCOME!

WE ARE HAPPY YOU WERE LED TO WORSHIP WITH US! IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME IN A LUTHERAN CHURCH, WE WANT YOU TO FEEL COMFORTABLE AND "AT HOME" IN OUR WORSHIP SETTING.

The Lord speaks to us through His Word and Sacrament and we respond with joy in song and prayer. This rhythm reflects our rich worship heritage built on the teachings of the Bible placing Jesus Christ at the center of all we do.

Check out the back of this bulletin for information on Bible Classes, upcoming events, how to get involved and more!

Holy Communion: CTK practices "close" communion. This expression means that all who receive the Sacrament believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine, and embrace the teachings of the Lutheran faith according to the Scriptures. If you are not a member of an LCMS congregation, we ask that you please contact one of the pastors prior to receiving the Sacrament. You are welcome to approach the altar with folded arms to receive a blessing.

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AS WE GATHER Today we are brought to the threshold of Holy Week. This was the day the Jewish people chose the Passover Lamb. How quickly things can change in a week! On this Palm Sunday, we see Jesus enter Jerusalem with palms, a symbol of victory, strewn in the road and being waved. Yet it was from that entry that Jesus went to show His true love—His passion—by dying on the cross on Friday. That death showed His love for you. By faith, we believe what Jesus did was for us. Everything about us—our sin, our eternal destination—changed that week because Jesus took the road from palms to passion. Receive what Jesus did for you by faith, knowing your home in heaven was paid for with the King's ransom—His own blood.

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETING** (from the back of the Sanctuary)

P: Hosanna!

C: Hosanna to the Son of David!

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: Hosanna in the highest!

### **PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING** Zechariah 9:9-12 (*The Coming King of Zion*)

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup> I will take away chariots from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup> Return to your fortress, O prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

*L:* This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### + PROCESSION OF PALMS +

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" LSB 442 vv. 1-4 Refrain All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son, Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Blessèd One. Refrain

The company of angels Is praising You on high, And we with all creation In chorus make reply. Refrain

The multitude of pilgrims With palms before You went; Our praise and prayer and anthems Before You we present. Refrain

To You before Your passion They sang their hymns of praise; To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. Refrain

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### + PREPARATION +

### **INVOCATION**

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit C: Amen.

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P: Today is the beginning of Holy Week. This week we shall recall how our Savior gave His life so that our sins may all be forgiven, and heaven opened to us. During worship, our minds wander to other concerns. These concerns are already known to God. Give them into His loving hands for resolution, but turn your hearts and minds to focus on our Lord's step-by-step determination to free us from every sin. Confident of the forgiveness He won through His glorious death and resurrection, let us then admit our sinful condition to Him and to one another.
- C: I confess to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in my thinking, speaking, and acting. I am mired in sin and incapable of saving myself. Heavenly Father, for Jesus' sake and because of His sacrifice for us fallen creatures, we beg You to forgive, strengthen, and turn us to Your will so that we may follow our Savior in loving service to You and to one another.
- P: As a called and ordained servant of Christ, who gave Himself over to death that we might have eternal life, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

### **HYMN OF PRAISE** LSB 442 v. 5

All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King, To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring. As You received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring, O Source of ev'ry blessing, Our good and gracious King.

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### **SALUTATION**

P: The Lord be with you.C: And also with you.

### **COLLECT**

P: Let us pray. Most merciful God, as the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:Amen.

#### + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 32:36–39 (God will vindicate His people)

The LORD will vindicate his people and have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone and there is none remaining, bond or free. <sup>37</sup>Then he will say, "Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, <sup>38</sup>who ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offering? Let them rise up and help you; let them be your protection! <sup>39</sup>"See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god beside me; I kill and I make alive; I wound and I heal; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand."

*L:* This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## **EPISTLE** Philippians 2:5-11

(Because of His humble death, Christ has been exalted by the Father.)

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and

bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*L*: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**HOLY GOSPEL** John 12:12-19 (The triumphal entry)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

## C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

HYMN OF THE DAY "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" LSB 443 Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang; Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang. To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to His breast, The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd, The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud. The Lord of earth and heaven Rode on in lowly state Nor scorned that little children Should on His bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing;
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav'n our King.
Oh, may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice
And in His blissful presence Eternally rejoice!

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### **SERMON**

#### **NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Because our Lord humbled Himself and became obedient even to death on the cross, now He is highly exalted, at the Father's right hand, ready and able to receive our prayers and accept our praise. Let us go to Him in prayer for all people in their various circumstances. For people without the necessities of food, clothing, and shelter, that the Holy Spirit would hear their cries and groans, bringing tears of relief and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

## C:Lord, have mercy.

P: For all who face this day burdened with illness or addiction, ongoing conflict with people around them, or fear of what might happen, that God would assure them of His gracious presence and strengthen their faith in His guidance and protection, let us pray to the Lord.

## C:Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who serve the needs of others as they provide medical and emergency care, as they maintain order in our communities and peace across borders, and as they put themselves in danger that their neighbors may find the protection they need, that God would use the gifts He has placed within them to serve in compassion and love, let us pray to the Lord.

## C:Lord, have mercy.

P: For people near and dear to us, especially . . ., that God would visit, relief, and console them in His grace and mercy, and for the church here and around the world, that our Lord would strengthen our faith and move us to be His servants, drawing people to His glorious death and resurrection and serving Him with all that we are and have, let us pray to the Lord.

## C:Lord, have mercy.

P: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C:Amen.

**OFFERING** + Choir "Rejoice! The King Is Coming" (J. Paige; S. Nordmeyer)

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, the King is coming.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Break forth with loud hosannas to the King of kings.

Rejoice, the King is coming. Throw wide the ancient gates.

Refrain: Hosanna, hosanna! Lift high the palms and sing.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the King of kings!

Behold! Behold! Look upon the Lord! Behold, the King of glory.

Behold! Behold! Look upon the Lord! Behold the Son of David rides.

Behold! Behold! Look upon the Lord! Behold the Son of David rides in majesty. Who is the King of glory? He is the Lord of hosts. Refrain

Blessed is He who comes in the name, who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna! Hosanna evermore!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Sing unto the Lord! Rejoice the King is coming.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Sing unto the Lord!

Break forth with loud hosannas to the King of kings.

Rejoice, the King is coming. Throw wide the ancient gates. Refrain

Hosanna, hosanna to the King of kings! Hosanna to the king of kings!

## **OFFERTORY** LSB 192

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

#### + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

#### **PREFACE**

*P: The Lord be with you.* 2 Timothy 4:22

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Psalm 136

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came into Jerusalem with palms waving, not to be a king, but to pay the King's ransom through His passion and by His blood redeem all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS LSB 178



## **LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9-11*

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: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.

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

### **PAX DOMINI**

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.* 

C: And also with you.

#### AGNUS DEI LSB 198

- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
- O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

### **DISTRIBUTION**

+ Choir "Hosanna to Our Savior King" (Clausen, Tucken)

Hosanna to our Savior King! Hosanna let us ever sing! Hosanna now and ever more! Hosanna sing in this glad hour!

Refrain: Blessed is he who comes from God! Blessed are we his way to trod. Blessed shall be his reign of love. Blessed are those he came to save.

Christ, whom we praise, came down to live In humble form like us, to give Gracious forgiveness for our sin, And died that we might live again. Refrain

Our God above had honored him, Giving a name above all names, That when we hear this name we sing Praise and hosannas to our King! Wave now on high your banners bright! Wave now the palms in God's own sight! Wave now your arms in joyous praise! Wave palms and sing, your voices raise! Refrain

"My Song Is Love Unknown" LSB 430
My song is love unknown, My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I That for my sake
My Lord should take Frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne Salvation to bestow; But men made strange, and none The longed-for Christ would know. But, oh, my friend, My friend indeed, Who at my need His life did spend!

Sometimes they strew His way And His sweet praises sing; Resounding all the day Hosannas to their King. Then "Crucify!" Is all their breath, And for His death They thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He made the lame to run, He gave the blind their sight. Sweet injuries! Yet they at these Themselves displease And 'gainst Him rise.

They rise and needs will have My dear Lord made away; A murderer they save, The Prince of Life they slay. Yet cheerful He To suff'ring goes That He His foes From thence might free.

In life no house, no home My Lord on earth might have; In death no friendly tomb But what a stranger gave. What may I say? Heav'n was His home But mine the tomb Wherein He lay.

Here might I stay and sing, No story so divine! Never was love, dear King, Never was grief like Thine. This is my friend, In whose sweet praise I all my days Could gladly spend!

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"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" LSB 633 vv.1-7

At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King, Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!

Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine, Gives His body for the feast— Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread; With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie; You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

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"Lamb of God" LSB 550

Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God. Refrain

Refrain O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God! O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died: The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain

I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. Refrain

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### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:Amen.

## **BENEDICAMUS**

P: Bless we the Lord!
C: Thanks be to God!

## **BENEDICTION** Numbers 6:24–26

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

<u>RECESSIONAL HYMN</u> "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" *LSB* 441 Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry. O Savior meek, pursue Thy road, With palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die. O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin O'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes To see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh. The Father on His sapphire throne Awaits His own anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die. Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, Then take, O God, Thy pow'r and reign.

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### **POSTLUDE**

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In our prayers this week: Kathie Jenkins, Kim Weidenhamer, John Mewbourn, Margo McKee, Gene Mallett, Marsha & Norman Mundinger, Noah Rhoden, Floyd Bearly, Mark Lemley, Violet Lakatos, Kelly McGugan, Dylan Bruns, Bruce Forsythe, Jeff & Ellen Strum, Sally Hornish Malmi, Lori Nogueira, Julie Bourie, Stephanie Dublin, Zachary Rakow, Kenny Mueller, Loraine Andrews, Leigh Wilson, Chuck Fields, Zane Brooks, Tamara Scott, Jeff & Cheryl Harrell, Bernie & Judy Jacquez, Randy Lusk, Wilber Brown, Marvin Ayers, Jerry House, Jackie Butler, Sarah Siskin Gaddle, Norma & Tom Moore, Jennifer Andrews, Jean & Cliff Gorham, Howard Troyer, Mary Garrow, Carena Swan, Micah Helms, Lorna Schmidt. Comfort Sara Guest as she prepares for her mother, Joan, to be called to heaven. The Future Comfort Dog team that God would provide a Caregiver. Lord, we pray that You would bless and guide our DCE Call Committee. Send them Your Spirit of wisdom as they strive to do Your will for Christ the King.

The Altar flowers last week were given by

The Gable and Wilt families to the glory of God in loving memory of Paul Gable

Jennifer Marley in thanks for 50 years of life on earth

The Altar flowers this week were given by

John & Wendy Arth in celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary Cheryl Lockhart in honor of my husband, Edward Lockhart's, birthday

Sign up for a vase of Altar Flowers by going to <a href="https://bit.ly/CTKAltarFlowers2025">bit.ly/CTKAltarFlowers2025</a> or contact the Church Office and we'll sign you up! Each vase is \$35.

**If you are a first-time visitor** with us today, welcome! Please stop by the Information Desk in the Narthex after the service so we can greet you with a gift of thanks for being with us today. May God bless your worship.

Those Who Serve

Proclaimer Rev. Matthew Lynch

Liturgist Rev. Mark Goble Organist Michella Novy

Choir Director & Accompanist: Chris Cardona

Bell Choir Director: Cissy Welch

Elders Clayton Bettin (L), Henry Askew

Brian Hair (L), Billy Kutteh

Acolytes Luke Frey, Audrey Eldridge

Crucifers Lacey Frey (8:30)

Greeters Don & Carol Owens

Doris Cagle, Fina Behnke

Ushers Dan Seward, Jim Chapin, Bob Bortz,

Jeff Higginbotham, Paul Howell, Gary Carlson, Ross Hornish

Bob Sturzenbecher, Barry Copley, Luke Swan, Keith Murphy, Jeff

Jungkans, David Joffre

Sound Walt Kosman, Murph Ellard, Kim

Goble, Jim Hofer, Peter Cothron,

Aaron Winter

Live Streaming Tyler Wilkinson

#### **CALENDAR**

<u>Today</u>

Monday, April 14 No scheduled events

## Tuesday, April 15

- Men's Bible Study, 7:00<sub>am</sub>, Parlour
- Nehemiahs, 8:00<sub>am</sub>

## Wednesday, April 16

- Adult Bible Study, 10:00<sub>am</sub>, Room 201
- Choir Rehearsal, 6:00<sub>pm</sub>

### Thursday, April 17

• Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00<sub>pm</sub>

#### Friday, April 18

- Church Office closed
- Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7:00<sub>pm</sub>

### Saturday, April 19

• Job Comfort Dog, 10:30<sub>am</sub>, Room 202

#### **CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

<u>PK4 - 6th grade</u>: Join us in the Upper School Building as we continue our curriculum, CPH's Enduring Faith. We will meet in the room next to the exterior gym doors at 9:45am and divide into classes following the opening.

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Meet in Room 203 at 9:45am

### YOUTH (9th-12th Grade)

Hey High Schoolers!

Join Mr. Nathan LeBorious for Sunday School in the youth room. We are exploring the book of John and discussing how it applies to our lives today as Christians and children of God in a world filled with distractions.

#### ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

9:50am

Adult Bible Class Join Pastor Matt in the Fellowship Hall for "In the Beginning" a study of the first three chapters in Genesis.

<u>"St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians"</u> led by Ernie Rakow, in the Library.

Adult Bible class led by Matt Adler & Kyle Brown, Room 202. The Third Day-Living the Resurrection. Join us for a study that explores how the resurrection of Jesus Christ profoundly changed the lives of those who followed him then and how it can transform our lives today.

Women's Sunday Bible Class led by Ashley Baskette, Room 201. "The Names of God".

#### WEEKLY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Wednesday Bible Class Mark your calendars for 10:00am each Wednesday for the adult Bible class. All are welcome.

Men's Bible Study Led by Gary Osing on Tuesdays at 7:00am in the Parlour. They are reviewing the books "The Freedom of a Christian" and "The Bondage of The Will" by Martin Luther.

Thank you to those of you who came to our noonday services this Lent, as well as those who prepared the soup meals and all that entails from start to finish. There are others who served during the services and others who work hard "behind the scenes," and we thank you. Having pastors Neugebauer and Paavola preach was extra special. Pastor Matt, I, and Michella were very pleased to serve you and we hope you were blessed by them.

Pastor Mark

#### **Easter Flowers**

Today is the LAST DAY to sign up for Easter flowers in the Narthex. Hydrangeas or Azaleas are \$25 each. Please leave your payment envelope

in the offering plate or go to ctkmemphis.com and click "Give" in the upper right corner to pay online.

#### **Future Comfort Dog**

Thank you to those of you who have already donated to the Future Comfort Dog fund. We are half way to our goal! Although we are one Comfort Dog Ministry, there is a separate fund for each Comfort Dog and CTK does not budget for this ministry. Use an envelope in the Rotunda or go to: <a href="mailto:bit.ly/GIVE-FCD">bit.ly/GIVE-FCD</a> to give online.

Please pick up a Prayer Card from our Rotunda display and pray daily for God's wisdom and will for this ministry.

#### Men's Ministry

Men's Bible Study has begun a new study of Martin Luther's books "The Freedom of a Christian" and "The Bondage of The Will." Please join us at 7:00am Tuesdays in the Parlour for fellowship, prayer, study and donuts. If you are not getting weekly email reminders from Gary Osing, contact him at garyosing@gmail.com or 901.326.6737.

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Easter Invitation Cards are available this morning to share with friends and family, inviting them to worship with us on Easter. The card has a QR code for visitors to pre-check in so we can welcome on this busy Sunday. Pick up your Invitation Cards in the Narthex or the Rotunda and get ready to share.

Sunday, April 27, is Graduate Recognition Sunday! At the 11:00am service, we will acknowledge all of our 8th grade, high school, and college graduates. Please contact Genie Swan no later than April 13 so we can be sure to include you in the bulletin listing and the Graduate video. Congratulations to all our Graduates!

#### Easter Breakfast

This year's Easter Breakfast is hosted by our Youth Group and will be a fundraiser for their upcoming youth gathering in New Orleans. Please join us for fellowship and great food and support our wonderful youth. Great News! An anonymous donor will match funds raised for the breakfast up to \$5000! Every dollar counts twice!

#### **Baskets for Homebound Members**

LWML has assembled beautiful baskets for our homebound members. If you would like to deliver a basket, please stop by the Rotunda this morning and pick up one (or two!). Each basket is labeled with a name and address.

#### **Easter Pictures**

Easter is a great time to take family pictures and this year we have something special for you. There will be an Easter backdrop set up right outside the Fellowship Hall for you & your family to use. We hope this is a way to capture Easter memories for each of you!

## **Stepping Stones Book Club**

Sunday, May 18 at 12:15 in Room 201. We will be discussing the book: *Findlay Donovan is Killing It* by Elle Cosimano. A stressed out single mom is overheard discussing the plot of her new suspense novel over lunch with her agent. Unfortunately, someone mistakenly thinks that she is a contract killer. Fast pace and witty.

Bring a snack to share and join us for a lively discussion.

On Sunday, April 27, we will gather for our Monthly Potluck at 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our Graduates of 2025 will be our special guests! Come wish them well and enjoy fellowship and homecooked specialties. Sign up at <a href="https://bit.ly/CTKPotluck">bit.ly/CTKPotluck</a>!

#### CTK School

Achievement testing is this week, April 14-17. If you can help a morning or two with testing or proctoring, please email me at ann.laury@ctkschool.com.

On April 1st, Calvary Rescue Mission celebrated their 58th anniversary of ministering to homeless men and neighbors. This is only possible because of God's faithful love for those in need. He has provided volunteers, a wonderful building, an army of supporters, a soon to be new chapel, food and more for all the people that He brings to Calvary Rescue Mission. The Betty Hatcher Memorial Chapel is rapidly taking shape as construction is not far from being completed. The chapel will have 24 pews with each pew costing \$2100 finished and installed. CTK has been dedicated in helping Calvary Rescue Mission for over 20 years. If you, your family, or your Sunday School class, would like to help purchase a pew, we would welcome any amount! Donations are being taken until May 4th. Please place an envelope in the Sunday Offering Plate Marked "Calvary Rescue Memorial Chapel Gift" or give your envelope to either the Church Office, Gary Osing or Cindy/Mike Jurgensen. Any questions, please email Cindy Jurgensen at c3jurgen@gmail.com. Thank you for donating!

#### **Small Group Ministry**

Sign up for any of these groups at bit.ly/CTKSmallGroupRSVP

Steven and Jennifer Andrews "The Arlington Saint and Sinner Club" "Limping with God: Jacob & the Old Testament". Next meeting: April 22 at 7:00pm

Robyn Byrum "Crafting Moms" For parents of teens and college-age kids to share parenting tips, struggles, and prayers. We gather for crafts, devotions, and snacks. Watch the bulletin for the next date. For more info., contact Robyn at <a href="mailto:robyn-byrum2@gmail.com">robyn-byrum2@gmail.com</a>.

Jim Devan – Woodworking and Nehemiahs Woodworking: Meets Thursday nights at 7:00pm in the Nehemiah workshop. Learn, teach, create! Nehemiahs: Meets every Tuesday, 8:00am. Projects around campus. Devotion with lunch provided.

Billy & Carol Kutteh - Rotating leaders on Paul's Letter to the Galatians meet on the fourth Saturday each month at 7:00pm. Contact Carol Kutteh, cckutteh@yahoo.com. Next meeting: May 24 (No April meeting).

Michael Salzgeber and Lisa Bough "The Olive Branch Outpost" "Church History in Plain Language" by Bruce Shelley. Next meeting: April 22 at 7:00pm

Pastor Matt's Group For 20's and 30's will not meet in April. Contact Pastor Matt at pastormatt@ctkmemphis.com. Watch for next meeting date.

Homeschool Moms of CTK - Meets once a month to offer support and encouragement. For more information, contact Ashley Tieman at ashley.tieman@gmail.com.



## APRIL 17 ~ MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 7:00PM

## APRIL 18 ~ GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE 7:00PM

APRIL 20 ~ EASTER SUNDAY 7:00AM 8:30AM 11:00AM

**EASTER BREAKFAST 9:30 - 11:00** 

THIS YEAR'S BREAKFAST WILL BE PROVIDED BY OUR AMAZING YOUTH GROUP AND WILL BE A FUNDRAISER FOR THEIR UPCOMING YOUTH GATHERING IN NEW ORLEANS.