

Christ the King Lutheran Church

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Christ the King is Full of...
Hearts Loved By God
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Through Jesus Christ

We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation. We are called by Christ to care for, love, understand, and listen to each other, regardless of race, age, gender and gender identities, marital status, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, national origin, or economic status.

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Summer Worship Schedule

Sundays:

Worship at 10:00 AM

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The Herald

SUMMER 2019

DISCOVERING WORSHIP

Effective worship invites you in, allows you time to put aside (or offer up) the burdens you brought with you, to refocus on God's redeeming Word that is Jesus, and to, once again, be incorporated into the body of Christ. It is an encounter with God, yet only a glimpse at the mystery of God. It is intended to make us into one body again and prepare us to be about our discipleship when we leave. It is meant to be formative but never rote.

You may be surprised to know that the most important question to be answered when planning worship is Why? Why do we do the things we do? What will point us to God?

Lutheran liturgical worship has three parts: Gathering, Word and Meal. The Gathering portion (which can include confession, Kyrie, a hymn of praise) is intended to help us transition from our world to God's presence.

The Word is at the center (as Christ is at the center); it generates the theme for each week. We can have up to 4 readings (OT, Psalm, Epistle and Gospel). The sermon is a proclamation of God's Good News in Jesus.

The Meal is the culmination of encounter with God. With the living Lord present in the bread and wine, we are made into one body – the body of Christ. It renews our relationship with Jesus, strengthens us through the Spirit's power, and prepares us to carry God's Word of Grace into the world.

All of that can be done without any singing...or videos for that matter. However, people of faith have been singing since Moses crossed the Red Sea. The music has changed throughout the centuries, and it always arises out of the worshipping community. Different times and places generated different music styles and genres. It should come as no surprise that in the 21st century that has included a wide variety of musical instruments, and lots of visuals, primarily projected images and videos.

At first glance it may seem that the old and new cannot coexist. Yet we have always used strong visuals in our worship: the stained glass windows in the cathedrals were intended to teach the Bible stories; the changing colors of seasons is a teaching tool.

Organic Worship (11:15) grew out of a desire for a less formal worship experience that could incorporate more dialogue/conversation, more contemporary instruments and a strong use of visuals and videos. They also wanted to help folks understand the why behind the service.

Summer is upon us, and this year we will be incorporating some of the learning from the Organic Worship team with our Traditional forms.

We will begin worship with a video which succinctly and artistically presents the core Gospel message in 2 minutes. If you walk out of worship remembering nothing other than this video presentation, you will take the Good News of Jesus with you.

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DISCOVERING WORSHIP, continued

We will include some teaching moments during the service, short explanations of the 'why' behind what we are doing. We have chosen a Crowder song/video "Come as you are" for the communion hymn; it is easy to sing. We will use these newer elements for several weeks to help people learn.

You will also find us singing familiar hymns, using some liturgical pieces from the hymnal and retaining the basic form of traditional liturgical worship. All of this with an eye to the clock; our goal is no longer than one hour.

The worship teams will meet to evaluate our choices in mid-July. We will adjust anything that looked good on paper but doesn't work IRL. These summer weeks will help us explore our worship style and expand our repertoire.

May you enter this summer's worship expecting nothing more than to encounter the Holy One of God. May you find yourself enriched by a different worship experience.

~Pastor Gail Wolling

Pastor Wolling's Schedule

If you'd like to connect with Pastor Wolling when she's in town, you can arrange an appointment by contacting her at gwoelling@gmail.com or (518) 225-7537.

Upcoming schedule: *Office – June 6-9, 12-13, 18, 25-26;*
Preach – June 2

Council Update

A Town Hall meeting was held on May 19th. The congregation and Council met and discussed the small group study *What is the Bible*. There seems to be an interest in keeping Small Groups going in the fall. Also, we are looking for opportunities to serve for September's "God's Heart Our Hands".

Summer

WORSHIP

***Our summer worship schedule begins Sunday, June 2nd.
There will be one worship service on Sundays at 10:00 AM.***

Details on mid-week Organic Worship are coming soon.



CTK FAMILY PICNIC
Sunday, June 9, 2019
12 Noon - 3:00 PM
Fellowship...Food...Fun!

Please join the Annual Family Picnic here at CTK for Fellowship, Food, and Fun! Grill Masters Kelli Cruise and Megan O'Hearn will be serving hot dogs, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, veggie burgers and mild/sweet Italian sausages w/grilled onions and peppers. All paper products and utensils will be provided.

Let us know you're coming by putting your name on the sign-up sheet posted in the Entry Way. Sign-up by Sunday, June 2. There is also a sheet to sign-up to bring a dish to pass (optional).

If you have any questions, please see Kelli or Megan or anyone on Council. Hope to see all of you there!

Thrivent Action Team Summary*Choice Dollars – April 2, 2019*

Eight members of Christ the King directed their Choice Dollars back to the church. The total amount deposited was \$510.00.

Easter Luncheon Mission – April 20, 2019

Christ the King Lutheran Church hosted an Easter Luncheon at the First United Methodist Church in Endicott, NY. Volunteers from our church shopped, prepared, served and socialized for this event. This was an Easter meal for those who otherwise would not have one. The honor of someone cooking a meal: joy of company and conversation during the holiday season and maybe best of all, not having to do dishes and cleanup. The funds from Thrivent were used to purchase the quality food that our volunteers prepared. Nine volunteers shopped, cooked and served for the 66 people that we feed. The Action Team spent a total of 161 hours.

Soup Kitchen

On the third Saturday of each month, we serve our neighbors at the Soup Kitchen. Each month different menu items are offered which receive many positive comments from those partaking.

Upcoming summer dates are: June 15, July 20, and August 17. If you would like to contribute to the meal, watch the bulletin insert or e-newsletter for specifics then sign up in the Entry Way or contact Todd Eames (hteames@gmail.com or text at 761-3744).

If you would like to help with preparation, serving, and /or cleanup, the Soup Kitchen is held at First United Methodist Church (corner of McKinley and Monroe) in Endicott. Preparation starts at 10:30 AM and the meal is served at noon.



Marsha will be on vacation a few days in June. The office will be closed Friday, June 7, and Friday, June 21—Tuesday, June 25.

As a reminder, regular office hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9:00AM—1:00 PM.