The Trumpet

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Crossing Thresholds
Pastor Susie



Grace and peace to you! These first few weeks of the interim transition have been busy. I've had opportunities to worship with you, dine at soup suppers, remember loved ones, and meet with committees. The faces encountered have been kind, and their welcome has been warm. It makes one want to know you more and brings new excitement to a season of ministry together.

Lately, there's a word that's been making an almost daily occurrence in my thoughts. When things like this happen, I pay attention and sit with it. I don't think these moments are coincidental. I think they're gentle nudges from God to notice this.

The word I'm noticing lately is "threshold." We cross thresholds daily; in our comings and our goings. Some thresholds are so familiar, we hardly notice, and our feet automatically adjust for them. Others are more abrupt and cause us to pause, even evaluate before moving ahead.

The Irish poet, John O'Donohue says, "Thresholds require us to ask ourselves questions like: What threshold am I now standing at? What am I leaving? Where am I about to enter? What prevents me from crossing the next threshold? And what gift would enable me to do it?" Some are thresholds we chose, and others are unexpected. We can't choose the ones we'll encounter, but we can choose the spirit in which we will enter into them.

It makes me think about the goodbyes CTK has said. I think of Bobbi French, our Office Administrator. Early in her time here, she remembers placing COVID precautions in place, and now as she prepares to cross a new threshold, she's beginning to remove them. There's a sense of gratitude and completeness in that timing.

It also makes me think about the welcomes embraced. Those who have said, "We haven't been here since the beginning of the pandemic. It feels good to be back." Or those who have reached out to say, "We're ready to celebrate a sacrament, when can we come?" Or "How I've missed being at the Holden Evening Prayer services!" Thresholds include both departures and returns.

Thresholds also offer invitations and promises of protection. I think of celebrating First Communion with our youth on Maundy Thursday. I think of the Israelites who marked thresholds with the blood of a lamb to ensure the safety of their children during the Passover. I think of God's provisions as the Israelites crossed thresholds to journey towards the promised land.

To step over a threshold requires courage and movement. It involves change and transformation. Our community of faith currently stands at a threshold, seeking to call a new pastor. Our next steps will require trust in our call committee and in God's provision. As we travel towards the cross for Holy Week, let us remember the ways God has provided opportunities for new life. And let us give thanks for God's faithfulness during times of transition.

WORSHIP & EDUCATION

April Worship

Sunday, 4/3: Lent 5—Making All Things New
9 am Worship w/ Organ & Communion
Is 43:16-21, Ps 126, John 12:1-8



Sunday, 4/10: Palm Sunday
9 am Worship w/ KHB
Ps 118:1-2, 19-29; Phil 2:5-11; Luke 19:28-40

Thursday, 4/14: Maundy Thursday
7 pm Worship w/ Organ & Communion

Friday, 4/15: Good Friday
7 pm Worship w/ Organ



Sunday, 4/17: Easter Sunday
9 am Worship
w/ Organ, KHB, & Communion
Acts 10:34-43, Luke 24:1-12
Join us following worship for juice, coffee, & rolls!

Sunday, 4/24: Doubting Thomas
9 am Worship w/ KHB
Ps 118:14-29, Rev 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

Children & Youth

Sunday School, 10:15 am
Age 3 through 5th grade



4/3: Mary Anoints Jesus
4/10: Luke's Holy Week
4/17: Easter! ***NO SS***
4/24: Alpha & Omega

Confirmation & Youth Group

Planning is underway for *Confirmation Sunday on May 1* and a 6th-12th grade end-of-year party. Stay tuned!

Adult Education



Led by Pastor Laurel

- Bible Study on Wednesdays, 10 am
- *Women's* Bible Study, 3rd Wednesday, 10 am

April Worship Volunteers

	AV	Altar Guild	LAM	Ushers
4/3	Craig/Mike	Connie/Peggy	Cyndi	Scott & Beth
4/6 (W)	Mike/Janelle	—	—	—
4/10	Jason/Joe	Ann/Isabel	Pastor Laurel	Sandy & Sterling
4/14 (Th)	Craig/Mike	Cathy/Stephanie	Pastor Laurel	Howard & Michele
4/15 (F)	Jason/Joe	—	Pastor Laurel	Mike Wallace
4/17	Craig/Mike	Lori/Lori	Pastor Laurel	Howard & Peggy
4/24	Janelle/Jason	Karen/Becky	Sally	Ann & Mike W.

If you are faced with a conflict, please attempt to trade with one another and let the office know. Thank you for your faithful service!

EASTER: A TIME OF TRANSFORMATION & INVITATION

As most of you know, ELCA Bishop Michael Rinehart is one of my favorite prayer partners. On Ascension Sunday in 2020, he said:

> Life is filled with "hellos'' and "goodbyes.'" Think about it. Think about all the special hellos in your life: When you said hello to your child for the first time the day they were born or adopted; When you first laid eyes on the love of your life; When you met your best friend for the first time; When you greeted your beloved pet for the first time. Some hellos are holy and special, and they're ones we'll always remember.
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> And it's the same with some goodbyes. Think about the holy, special goodbyes in your life. Some may have had good feelings associated with them: Saying goodbye to your car loan or mortgage after making your final payment; Saying goodbye to the doctors and nurses as you leave the hospital after recovering from a long illness.
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> However, some goodbyes are holy and significant, but evoke painful feelings. For example, saying goodbye to a loved one who is near death; or saying goodbye to a marriage that you worked at for so long, but were unable to salvage; Or having to say goodbye to your home of 50 years as you move into an assisted living facility.
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> Life is full of hellos and goodbyes, many that are dull and unimportant, but some that are life-changing and significant.
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> [Then think of Christ's Passion and Death]. This was a profoundly good and holy goodbye, one that healed and made up for all the pain that came from his crucifixion and death. And it could be tempting to join the disciples in standing and staring into the skies… to stand around, waiting for something (anything) to happen.
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> I wonder if we the Church today also sometimes catch ourselves standing around staring up at the skies, perhaps waiting for Jesus to come back, for him to come and fix "all the things." Because

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> there still seems to be a lot of broken things in the world… Racism, sexism, homophobia… Disease, war and gun violence in our schools… Anxiety, addictions, a restless sense of meaninglessness… I think we often stand around staring into heaven, waiting for Jesus to come back because the world still seems like a big old mess that only Jesus can fix.
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> But the Ascension of Jesus gives us a Mission and a Promise. The Mission is that we now have work to do. Jesus' ascension transforms us from mere observers to active co-workers in Christ's mission. It changes us from people who only receive from Jesus, to those who now have been equipped, empowered and sent to go and serve others.

Each Easter Sunday, we are invited. May we always have the faith and courage to acknowledge Christ's invitation and take the next steps as his disciples.

Prayerfully in Christ, Michael Stepan

PASTORAL ACT



A ***Memorial Service*** for Brian Andrew Jones (September 3, 1983 - February 25, 2022) was held on March 4, 2022, at Christ the King Lutheran Church with Pastor Susie Modrow officiating. Brian was the son of long-time CTK members Bea & Mike Jones. We continue to hold Bea & Mike and all of Brian's family and friends in our prayers, trusting in the healing power of the Holy Spirit to bring them comfort in this time of tragic loss and deep grief.

A message from the Jones family:

"Thank you to all our CTK family for your prayers, kindness, and many ways of support after the loss of our son. We are truly blessed."

- Bea, Mike, and family

EASTER FLOWERS

Thank you to all who lovingly contributed to this year's Easter flower display. Please feel free to take your plants home following our Easter Sunday worship—or leave them at the altar for more of the Easter season!

Sharon Burback, *in memory of all loved ones*
Connie Carlson
Craig & Cathy Carlson
Clapper family
Janet Getchell & Bill Hughes, *in loving memory of Bruce Getchell & Paula Hughes*
Bonnie Jackelen, *in memory of Bill Jackelen and Fred & Muriel Clauson*
Jonell family, *in memory of loved ones*
Howard & Billie Juni, *He is risen! Alleluia!*
Isabel Karon & Tom Sandhei, *remembering our loved ones*
Terry & Peggy Keohen, *in the glory of the Lord*
Bob Korbel
Joan Macheledt, *in honor of my precious family*
Polly Morrison, *in memory of my brother*
Michele Murray, *in loving memory of Robert & Jodi Williams*
Mark & Wendy Ness, *in loving memory of Terry & Joan Wagener, Todd Wagener, & Karen Ness*
Alvina Peterson, *He is risen! Alleluia!*
Sandy Serier & Sterling Hintz, *to the glory of God*
Erin Simunds, *for my mother Ann Hammer*
Becky Thompson, *Happy Easter!*
Beth & Scott Tradup, *in loving memory of Grace Tradup, Paul Tradup, and Jim Beebe*



Christ in our Home devotionals for April/May/June are now available in a basket at the NE entrance to the church. Feel free to help yourself. A few large print copies are available. Please call the church office if you are interested in one of those.



PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

President Elect Bonnie Jackelen and I had a very productive meeting with Patricia Lull, Bishop of the St. Paul Area Synod, and Rolf Lowenberg-DeBoer, Assistant to the Bishop for Lay Leadership, to discuss transition and the call process. Rolf works with congregations on the call process and will be guiding us. While Pastor Susie is with us during this interim, her role is to serve as pastor, and she will not be directly involved in the call process. CTK will elect a call committee which will, with assistance and guidance from Rolf and Bishop Lull, screen and interview potential pastor candidates. Their recommendation is that we form the call committee in the early summer for this very important work. They also recommend that we carefully form a call committee representing a cross section of the congregation. If you have an interest in serving on the call committee or have a recommendation of another congregation member, please let Bonnie or me know. Ultimately the congregation will elect the call committee.

Most of you are aware that we received a very generous memorial gift from the Boyce family in memory of our long-time pastor Bruce Boyce. The Memorial Team will work with Pastor Susie and the Boyce family on recommendations for its use. A memorial service for Pastor Boyce is being planned for Saturday, May 7, with the exact time to be determined.

Given the continued decrease in COVID cases, the COVID Task Force has recommended changes to our COVID policies including having mask wearing be optional, removing the ribbons blocking alternate pews, and having communicants coming forward to receive the individual kit. At the same time, we respect and encourage individual congregation members to continue wearing a mask based on personal preference. The COVID Task Force and the Council will continue to monitor for any changes with COVID in our surrounding community and will follow guidance as recommended by the CDC and the Minnesota Department of Health.

As always, I would welcome and encourage any questions, ideas or suggestions you may have.

In Christ's Service
Howard Juni

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

Bobbi's Farewell



Who would have thought that these two photos would serve as the bookends to my time at CTK?! No longer in short supply, the empty wipes canister seemed a fitting cylinder for rolling up pew ribbons now removed.

During this time of pandemic, I have been so very grateful for safe employment at CTK. Now the time has come to emerge from "my glass cage" to return to pursuits that fulfill my desire to bring beauty and creativity to the world through music.

I am fond of this congregation and so many of the members I have come to know. I will miss you but trust that all will be well for you as you move through transition with new leaders into new life in Christ.



God's richest blessings to you,

Bobbi



We need your help!

Please talk to Pastor Susie I f you are interested.

Current volunteer opportunities include:

1) Create the weekly worship bulletin. This task is completed within Publisher (part of the Microsoft Suite) and can be done from home. It takes roughly 1-2 hours to complete. Haven't worked with Publisher before? Not a problem! It's easily learned, and we are happy to teach you.

2) Create weekly worship PowerPoint. This task takes about 3-4 hours per week to create slides for use during worship. Lyrics, liturgy, scripture, and clip art are provided.

Giving to CTK

In addition to using offering envelopes and automatic electronic giving, you may now give to CTK online through our website at www.ctkwbl.org. Click on the "Give" tab on the front page. You may also use Amazon Smile: simply go to **smile.amazon.com** before you shop at Amazon, choose CTK as your charity of choice, and 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases will be donated to CTK.

Here is the CTK financial report for ***February 2022.***
CTK is so blessed by your generosity!

Envelope and online offerings monthly comparison:
2/01/2022 through 2/28/2022 = $17,481
2/01/2021 through 2/28/2021 = $19,063

Envelope and online offerings Year-To-Date comparison:
1/01/2022 through 2/28/2022 = $32,563
1/01/2021 through 2/28/2021 = $36,902

Expenses Year-To-Date:
1/01/2022 through 2/28/2022 = $42,494
1/01/2021 through 2/28/2021 = $44,731

Cash account balances as of Feb. 28: North Star Bank: Checking = $7,356, Savings = $46,671, Memorial Savings = $30,936, and Online Giving = $20. Mission Investment Fund demand account = $40,799. The amount of temporarily restricted funds, including memorials, is $85,116 and are not available to be used for day-to-day operational expenses. The mortgage balance as of Feb. 28 = $189,472.

Is there a ***2022 high school or college graduate*** in your household? We would like to celebrate CTK member graduates later this spring. Please let us know by emailing the church office.



MISSION & SERVICE

Holy Hammers/ Habitat for Humanity Project for 2022

The Holy Hammers coalition of churches is helping to build affordable housing again this year. We will work on two projects sequentially. The first is finishing up a new home already underway, and the second is the rehab of an existing home.

Registration at the online site will be open for any Holy Hammers volunteer to sign up for any day in the project. **However, we encourage volunteers to first sign up for one of the days assigned as a focus day for your congregation if those dates work for you.** That way folks are more likely to find others they know at the site and will help us distribute volunteers evenly across the project. **CTK's focus dates are May 23-25 (the rehab project in St. Paul).**

Please click on the links below for more information about COVID safety guidelines, general volunteer guidelines, and to complete the online registration.

If you have questions or need help getting signed up, please contact Craig Carlson at carlsonc751@gmail.com.

Volunteer COVID Guidelines.pdf (tchabitat.org)

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Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity (volunteerhub.com)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Christ the King Lutheran Church in White Bear Lake is seeking a part-time (24-30 hr/week) Office Administrator. Duties include: producing weekly publications, greeting visitors, answering phones, maintaining records, updating website/social media, and providing general support to staff. The ideal candidate would have 3+ years of administrative experience and be proficient in Word, Publisher, PowerPoint, Xcel, Facebook, and WordPress. Essential skills include: being self-motivated, trustworthy, accurate, and able to meet deadlines. Candidates should also possess strong interpersonal skills. Please send your resume or inquiries to susiem@ctkwbl.org.

CTK WOMEN



Women's Spring Luncheon
Saturday, April 23, 11 am
Theme: "Hats Off to Spring"
Cost: $5.00
Sign up on the narthex window.

Please bring a favorite hat—old or new—and include a personal story or history text. These will be on display around the Fellowship Hall. Join us for food, fellowship, and fun!

Annual Rummage Sale



Thursday & Friday, June 2-3
The Red Room will be available for drop-offs beginning the week after Easter. Detailed instructions for dropping off sale items will be emailed soon!

Workers will be needed from May 30 (Memorial Day) through June 3. We especially need help starting at noon on the 3rd for clean-up.





A ***HUGE thank-you to Elida Olson*** for planning and organizing our Lenten soup suppers. Those who participated really appreciated the return to fellowship! Thanks also to the following people who helped set up, serve, and clean up: Sally Hesse, Bonnie Jackelen, Bea Jones, Isabel Karon, Alvina Peterson, Tom Sandhei, & Mike Stepan.

A word of thanks from WBL ISD #624:
". . . Thank you for your donation of $100 to Birch Lake Elementary for field trips. [We appreciate] you supporting White Bear Lake Area Schools."

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Bread Min. 7A King's House Band 9A
3 9 am In-person & Livestream Worship w/ Organ & Communion 10:15 am SS 11:00 am Cherubs	4 WMA 6:30P	5	6 Adult Bible Study 10 A Soup Supper 6 P Lenten Svc. 7 P King's Choir 7:45 P	7 Property 7 P	8	9 Bread Min. 7A King's House Band 9A Girl Scouts 10:30A
10 Hosanna! 9 am In-person & Livestream Worship w/ King's House Band 10:15 am SS 11:00 am Cherubs	11 Holy Week Girl Scouts 5:30P	12 Admin 7P	13 Adult Bible Study 10 A Bell Choir 6:30 P King's Choir 7:45 P	14 Maundy Thursday Worship 7P	15 Good Friday Worship 7P	16 Bread Min. 7A King's House Band 9A
17 9 am In-person & Livestream Worship w/ Organ, KHB, & Communion *Juice & rolls following!* NO SS or Cherubs	18	19 Church Council 7P	20 Women's Study 10 A Bell Choir 6:30 P King's Choir 7:45 P	21 Trumpet Deadline	22	23 Bread Min. 7A King's House Band 9A
24 9 am In-person & Livestream Worship w/ King's House Band 10:15 am SS 11:00 am Cherubs	25	26 Family Shelter Meal	27 Adult Bible Study 10 A Bell Choir 6:30 P King's Choir 7:45 P	28	29	30 Bread Min. 7A King's House Band 9A

Office Hours
Variable during a time of transition
Please call ahead
Thank you for your patience!

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