



# THE CROWNICLE

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

## A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

We have marked the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. With Martin Luther's famous hymn, "The Battle Hymn of the Reformation" resounding in our ears, we ask "now what?" Perhaps some history about this imperishable hymn will help us understand its enduring hold on our imaginations.

Albert Bailey writes, "It was sung in the streets...It was sung by poor Protestant emigres on their way to exile, and by martyrs at their death...[King] Gustavus Adolphus ordered it sung by his army before the battle of Leipzig in 1631...its first line is engraved on the base of Luther's monument at Wittenberg... Not polished and artistically wrought but rugged and strong like Luther himself . . ." (*The Gospel in Hymns*, 316).

This hymn, held close in the hearts of Protestants, especially Lutherans, is a source of comfort in times of stress and persecution. The text has power to comfort in time of need. Whether the battle is physical or spiritual, God is our fortress to shield and protect us. Jesus Christ, the living Word endures forever.

Luther wrote the text between 1527 and 1529 as a paraphrase of Psalm 46. Some have suggested we should drop this hymn because of its war-like images. Others argue that we need to recognize the historical context in which the hymn was written. It was a time when Christians were fighting to defend their faith, something we can only imagine.

In our time, the hymn is more often experienced in terms of the spiritual struggle against the powers of darkness. Whether we believe in physical demons and tempters, or evil forces in general, it is important to acknowledge that we are in the midst of a real battle between good and evil, however dramatic or cliché that sounds. Luther reminds us that we can't just sit back and watch as horrible things unfold in our world. We are called to join the battle, knowing that God is also in the midst of it. We are called to an ongoing battle against evil, even while we know that the battle has already been won.

We are called to reform the ways in which we are complicit in the continued marginalization of the poor, the immigrant, the vulnerable and the weak. We are called to stand beside our LGBTQ neighbors. We are called to accompany our Latinx neighbors. We are called to protect children. We are called to stand face-to-face against the privileged, powerful Empire and its disregard for the other.

We sing "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" to commemorate Reformation Day. Its powerful message, however, has a much broader significance than one historic event. "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1) is a beautiful reminder of the truth we proclaim in this hymn. It

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**POTLUCK**

Sunday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>

Following Worship

**Thanksgiving Eve  
Worship**

November 22, 2017, 7pm

**JAZZ VESPERS**

At Christ the King

Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>

5 pm



gives us hope amidst the struggles of life. The words, written nearly five hundred years ago, are true today: When life is stormy, we find refuge in the mighty fortress of our God. We're fighting on the right side of a battle that has already been won but is not yet fully realized. No matter what we lose or win in this life, we are victorious through eternity because "the kingdom ours remaineth" (verse 4).

Blessings,  
Pastor Dorothy

<https://www.songsandhymns.org/hymns/detail/a-mighty-fortress-is-our-god>  
<https://hymnary.org/text/a-mighty-fortress-is-our-god-a-bulwark>

## Living in the Word – November 2017

Christ the King joins Protestant Christians around the world by following The Revised Common Lectionary. A three-year cycle of assigned readings from Holy Scripture on which our weekly worship is based. This is year one, or Cycle A, The Gospel of Matthew and parts of the Gospel of John. You are invited to incorporate these readings into your daily Bible study in preparation for each Sunday's message.

### All Saints Sunday (Nov. 5)

*Revelations 7:9-17*  
*Psalm 34:1-10, 22*  
*John 3:1-3*  
*Matthew 5:1-12*

### 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Nov. 19)

*Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18*  
*Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12*  
*I Thessalonians 5:1-11*  
*Matthew 25:14-30*

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Nov. 12)

*Amos 5:18-24 or Wisdom 6:12-16*  
*Psalm 70 or Wisdom 6:17-20*  
*I Thessalonians 4:13-18*  
*Matthew 25:1-13*

### Christ the King Sunday (Nov. 26)

*Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*  
*Psalm 95:1-7a*  
*Ephesians 1:15-23*  
*Matthew 25:31-46*



## DISCIPLESHIP LEARNING

Jesus invited his disciples to "come and see" where he was staying. Discipleship classes are your invitation to "come and see" where Jesus is staying. There are several options from which to choose. Come and see which class will lead you to a closer walk with Jesus. Classes have begun but you are welcome to participate at any time.

**Spiritual Growth Group:** Mondays, 6pm, Library

**Reformation Video Series:** Video and guided conversation; Tuesdays, 7pm, Sanctuary

**Women's Study:** First Wednesday, 12:30pm, Haven Hall

**Opening the Book of Faith:** Paul's letter to the Romans; Wednesdays, 7pm, Rainbow Room

**Lutheran Questions, Lutheran Answers:** A 3-week introduction for seekers and members.

Sundays, 9am, Library, beginning November 5, 2017.

**Grief Support Group:** A community support group for those who are grieving. Facilitated by Pastor Don Voeks, ELCA Pastor. Sunday November 12, 3pm, Youth Room.

**K.I.C.K.:** Kids in Christ's Kitchen, 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, Haven Hall and Kitchen, 4-6pm

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

1	Nathan Henninger
3	Jake Ness
4	Katie Shay
8	Sharon Dickerson
8	Lauri Stollberg
8	Ernie Tucker
10	Brandon Krieg
11	Margaret Westersund
11	Joe Scalia
14	Judy Maggio
19	Thad Clifton
19	Bradley Nesvold
21	Myrna Gleason
23	Carey Cornutt
24	Leah Khalili
26	Tom McLean
26	Dick Renken
28	Ned Snow
30	Harry Brown

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

4	Larry & Sharon Dickerson
14	Roger & Sandy Clifton
16	Karen & Mike McNaught
18	Harry & Sally Brown
29	Jason & Sarah Kruger

Please call the church office if your birthday or anniversary date is not listed or is incorrect.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING**

How many times have you sat down in church only to realize that you forgot your offering envelope? Many of our members have discovered that the only check they write is to church. Surprise! This is more common than you might guess. More financial transactions are handled on-line or electronically than ever before.

In an effort to make giving more convenient and timely, the church council has engaged the services of Vanco, an electronic giving processor. Vanco manages the electronic giving of thousands of not-for-profit organizations nationwide, serving hundreds of ELCA churches. The start-up will come in two phases. Phase I: the council has begun using Vanco. Phase II: there will be an information and set-up session for members after the first of January.

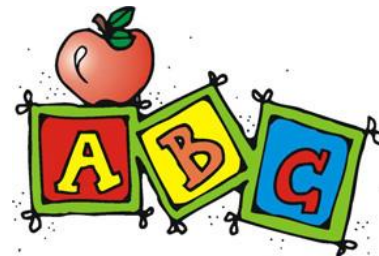
If you have any questions or would like to begin using this option sooner, contact a member of the Finance Team; Tom McLean, Sally Brown, Steve Larsen or Pastor Dorothy or a member of the church council.

**ARE YOU FOLLOWING US?**

Have you “liked” or “followed” Christ the King on Facebook? It’s easy and it boosts our visibility. Login to your Facebook account, go to Christ the King Lutheran Church and click on the “follow” and/or “like” button. You can share any of our events on your personal page. You can invite your friends to follow CTK. Get the word out that we are active in ministry in Tigard.

**AT CHRIST THE KING!  
NOVEMBER 26TH, 5PM**

A classic vespers service in a newly composed style. Hear jazz classics performed by professional musicians and worship to the ancient rhythm of evening prayer. Monthly on the 4th Sunday at 5pm (**EXCEPTION: DECEMBER 31, 2017, 5PM**). All are welcome!

**CTK PRESCHOOL NEWS**

Thank you to all those that came to our Preschool Ice Cream Social and Art Show. A little over \$470 was donated to our SOS Fund and to help Houston area ELEA preschools. Donations can be made by writing a check to CTK Preschool and giving it to Cathy McLean, director, or send it to the church with “attention Preschool” written on the envelope. Thrivent members, please consider designating your Choice Dollars to CTK Preschool.

Thank you,  
CTK Preschool Board

## Kids in Christ's Kitchen (K.I.C.K)



Culinary Class for kids. Ebon Morse, a trained chef will teach children the value of healthier choices while giving them confidence in the kitchen. Members and friends of CTK bring your middle-school children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 4pm in Haven Hall and Kitchen. Classes are free. Register on line at [www.tigardlutherans.com](http://www.tigardlutherans.com)

## TAKE THE RIGHT STEPS

Have you fallen before? Do you have a fear of falling? **"Take the Right Steps"**, is a fall prevention workshop for older adults, presented by Simone Carter, a trauma prevention and community education coordinator at Legacy Emanuel Medical Center. She will be at Christ the King on Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017, 12:30-1:30 pm to bring this special presentation. Everyone is welcome! For more information contact, Judy Maggio, 503-692-5025.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Rick Steves' ***Luther and the Reformation*** CD, which commemorates the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, has been added to our library.

"Weaving the story of Martin Luther into the big historic sweep, we dealt candidly with Luther's human foibles and weakness. His authenticity is endearing. We followed the tortured path of a troubled young monk, as he fought depression, walked from Germany to Rome to sort out his feelings, and climbed the Holy Stairs on his knees...struggling to make sense of it all and eventually becoming the Great Reformer." Rick Steves

Don't forget about the many other books we have in our library about Martin Luther! Check these out!



Wengert, **Martin Luther's 95 Thesis**

Maier, **Martin Luther, A Man Who Changed The World**

Reston, **Luther's Fortress Martin Luther and His Reformation Under Siege**

Leigh, **Luther The Graphic Novel Echoes of the Hammer**

Gretzschel, **In Martin Luther's Footsteps A Pictorial Journey**

DVD ***Luther One Man's Faith in God Launched the Greatest Revolution of All***

Ruth Cooley, Librarian

## HEALING HANDS FUNDRAISER

Save money on your prescriptions and help Christ the King Preschool raise money when you do. Here is how to help:

Sign up for your free RX discount card. Present your card on your next pharmacy visit and ask your pharmacy to save the card on file. Even if you have insurance you can save up to 75%. When you save our CTK Preschool will earn money.

Go to:

[WWW.HEALINGHANDSRX.COM](http://WWW.HEALINGHANDSRX.COM)

Referral Code: ELEA271

## PREPARING FOR ADVENT

Altar Guild will have a meeting on Sunday, Nov 12, 2017 at 9:30am in the library to prepare for Advent. If you are an Altar Guild member, please plan to attend.

## CTK FALL CLEAN-UP DAY




Come join the fun and help at the Fall Clean-up on Sat., Nov. 18 beginning at 8:30am. The fun never ends! And we really need more help at this event please! Snacks, muffins and beverages are provided. Bring your gloves and rakes. Hope to see you there!

George Klein,  
Property & Grounds



NOVEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> 8:30-11:25am Preschool 9-11:45am Quilting 12:30 pm Gather Bible Study 7pm Book of Faith 7pm Vineyard Youth	<b>2</b> 8:30-11:25am Preschool	<b>3</b> 8:30-11:25am Preschool Pastor Dorothy Off  2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>4</b>   <b>Turn your clocks back</b>
<b>5</b> 9am Vineyard Worship  <b>9am New Member Class</b> <b>10:30 CTK Worship</b>	<b>6</b> 8:30-11:25am Preschool  6pm Spiritual Growth Group	<b>7</b> 8:30-11:25am Preschool  4-7pm Kids in Christ's Kitchen KICK 7pm Reformation Video	<b>8</b> 8:30-11:25am Preschool  7pm Book of Faith 7pm Vineyard Youth	<b>9</b> 8:30-10am Preschool	<b>10</b> 8:30-10 am Preschool Pastor Dorothy Off  2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>11</b>  1 – 5 pm Pinochle Group
<b>12</b> 9am Vineyard Worship <b>9am New Member Class</b> <b>9:30am Altar Guild</b> <b>10:30 CTK Worship</b> <b>Potluck &amp; Honoring Wisdom</b> <b>3pm Grief Group</b>	<b>13</b> 8:30-11:25am Preschool Pastor Dorothy on Continuing Ed 6pm Spiritual Growth Group 7 pm Council	<b>14</b> 8:30-11:25am Preschool Pastor Dorothy on Continuing Ed  7pm Reformation Video	<b>15</b> 8:30-11:25am Preschool 9-11:45am Quilting Pastor Dorothy on Continuing Ed  7pm Vineyard Youth	<b>16</b> 8:30-11:25am Preschool Pastor Dorothy on Continuing Ed	<b>17</b> 8:30-11:25am Preschool Pastor Dorothy on Continuing Ed  2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>18</b>  <b>8:30am CTK Fall Clean-Up</b> 
<b>19</b> 9am Vineyard Worship <b>9am New Member Class</b> <b>9am Choir</b> <b>10:30 CTK Worship</b>	<b>20</b> 8:30-11:25am Preschool  6pm Spiritual Growth Group	<b>21</b> 8:30-11:25am Preschool  4-7pm Kids in Christ's Kitchen KICK 7pm Reformation Video	<b>22</b> 8:30-11:25am Preschool  <b>7PM THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE</b> 7pm Vineyard Youth	<b>23</b>  <b>THANKSGIVING</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>  2-7:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9am Vineyard Worship 9am Choir <b>10:30 CTK Worship</b>  <b>5pm Jazz Vespers</b>	<b>27</b> 8:30-11:25am Preschool  6pm Spiritual Growth Group	<b>28</b> 8:30-11:25am Preschool  7pm Reformation Video	<b>29</b> 8:30-10am Preschool  7pm Vineyard Youth	<b>30</b> 8:30-10am Preschool		

**Looking ahead to Holiday Worship!**

Wednesday Advent Soup Supper & Devotion, Wednesdays beginning December 6<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Eve Worship, 7pm, Dec. 24, 2017

Christmas Day Worship, 10am, Dec. 25, 2017

New Year's Eve Jazz Vespers, 5pm, Dec. 31, 2017

CTK OFFICE HOURS  
MONDAY-FRIDAY  
8:30 AM TO 12:30 PM



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**MISSION STATEMENT**

**The mission of Christ the King  
Lutheran Church is to:**

**WELCOME**

All people with God's unconditional love

**CELEBRATE**

Jesus Christ and each other

**GROW**

In faith through the Holy Spirit

**SERVE**

Human and community needs

**Church Staff**

Dorothy Cottingham, Pastor  
Craig Jones, Music Director  
Linda Wesolowski, Business Administrator  
Cathy McLean, CTK Preschool Director

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**Sunday Services**

10:30 am Worship  
Nursery Provided

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