

Program Description and Calendar of Events



MATTHEW 25
PROJECT

Loving and Serving in Lent...and Beyond

Christ the King Lutheran Church

2026

ABOUT THE MATTHEW 25 PROJECT

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.”

Matthew 25:34-36

Again this Lent, CtK is joining with several community partners in an effort to serve those who are **hungry, thirsty, unknown (a stranger), poor, sick, and imprisoned.**

This effort—called the **Matthew 25 Project**—offers many ways to explore the issues named in this well-known Scripture reading. There are opportunities to understand more fully with one’s mind, to experience more deeply with one’s heart, and to serve in some small way with one’s hands.

The following pages describe all of the Matthew 25 Project events in detail. For your convenience, we’ve organized the events into four broad focus areas: **Worship, Giving, Service,** and **Arts and Awareness.** Near the end of the booklet, you’ll find a color-coded calendar that shows the day, time, and location of each event at a glance.

Please look over the schedule of events now and mark your calendars for whatever moves your heart or fits into your busy life.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

From Ash Wednesday through Easter, CtK will offer multiple opportunities to worship each week.

Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, February 18 + 11 am and 7 pm*

Join us in the sanctuary for a traditional Ash Wednesday service, including Holy Communion and imposition of ashes. The 11 am service will be followed by a light soup lunch in Van Oort Hall. The 7 pm service will be livestreamed on [YouTube](#) and our [Worship on the Web](#) page for those who are unable to join us in person.

Sunday Worship

Each Sunday in Lent + 8:15 am, 9:30 am*, and 11:15 am*

Throughout Lent, Sunday worship services will be held at their regular times: 8:15 am (traditional), 9:30 am (contemporary), and 11:15 am (traditional).

Holden Evening Prayer

Wednesdays from February 25 through March 25 + 7:00–7:25 pm

Join us on Wednesdays at 7 pm for this brief musical service, to be held following “Soup & Art.” (See page 8 for more about “Soup & Art.”)

Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, March 29 + 8:15 am, 9:30 am*, and 11:15 am*

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, with services held at 8:15, 9:30, and 11:15 am. All three services will include a processional with palm branches.

Stations of the Cross Walk

Wednesday, April 1 + 6:30 pm

Come participate in an interactive liturgy, walking the 14 stations depicting Jesus’ Passion from his condemnation to his burial.

* All services marked with an asterisk (*) will be both livestreamed and recorded for viewing at your convenience. Livestreams and recorded services can be accessed online via the CtK website (ctkluth.com/worship) and the church’s YouTube channel (youtube.com/ctkluth).

Maundy Thursday Dinner Worship

Thursday, April 2 + 6 pm

Join us for dinner worship! Gathered in Van Oort Hall, we'll hear the story of Jesus' last supper while sharing a Mediterranean-style meal with one another. As dinner ends, we will offer and receive Jesus' holy presence in bread and wine by communing one another around the table. Watch for signups starting March 8.

Good Friday Worship

*Friday, April 3 + 7 pm**

Reflect on Jesus' final hours at this meaningful service, presented in dramatic "reader's theatre" style and featuring music from the Sanctuary Choir and Alleluia Ringers.

Easter Vigil

*Saturday, April 4 + 7 pm**

Join us for a hymn festival featuring music by *Xalt!*, plenty of congregational singing, and celebration of Holy Communion.

Easter Sunday Worship

Sunday, April 5 + 8:15 am, 9:30 am*, and 11:15 am**

Join us at 8:15, 9:30, or 11:15 am to celebrate this most joyful day of the church year! The 8:15 and 11:15 services will feature traditional music from the Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary Choir, and young musicians, while the 9:30 service will feature contemporary music from *Xalt!*

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GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout Lent, CtK will engage in special giving initiatives in several focus areas. Read on for details about each initiative and ways you can contribute.

Easter Basket Outreach

Sunday, February 22 + Sunday, March 1

In partnership with First Presbyterian Church, CtK is providing Easter baskets for approximately 230 children at LaSalle Park Homes, El Campito, and Hope for the Hungry. Bring in items to fill the baskets and help us bring joy to children in our community. Shopping lists and collection boxes will be available in the narthex on Sunday and throughout the week. (For more ways to participate in the Easter basket outreach project, see page 6.)

“God’s Global Barnyard” Banks

Pick up on Sunday, February 22 + Return filled banks on Sunday, March 29

This Lent, we invite you to help purchase farm animals for families in need through God’s Global Barnyard (an ELCA Good Gifts program). CtK youth have built and decorated barn banks that will be distributed to the congregation on Sunday, February 22. Fill your bank throughout Lent, then return it to CtK on Palm Sunday (March 29), when our youth and Sunday school kids will be in the narthex with buckets to collect your gifts. (See page 9 for more ways to participate in the God’s Global Barnyard project.)

Spring Break Food Pack Collection

Sunday, March 8 + Sunday, March 15 + Sunday, March 22

All are encouraged to bring in product donations for the Spring Break Food Pack initiative conducted in conjunction with Clay Food Pantry. Shopping lists, bags, and collection boxes will be available in the narthex on Sunday and throughout the week. (See page 7 for more ways to support this program.)

Soup and Baked Goods Donations

Wednesdays from February 25 through March 25

Help feed attendees at our Wednesday “Soup & Art” discussion series (described on page 8) by bringing in soup, bread, and/or cookies. Cook or bake at home (or make a stop at the grocery store), then drop off your items in Van Oort Hall by 5:30 pm each Wednesday. Please sign up in the narthex or contact Sarah Felde (sfelde@ctkluth.com) to indicate which date(s) you would like to donate.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

There are plentiful opportunities to love and serve the world this Lent. Please consider joining us for one or more of these events.

“Soup & Art” Hospitality Team

Wednesdays from February 25 through March 25

Help make “Soup & Art” a success! Volunteers are needed to set up, serve soup, and/or clean up after the meal. Setup begins at 5:30 pm, and cleanup occurs after the conclusion of Holden Evening Prayer in the sanctuary (around 7:20 pm). If you would like to help, look for the signup sheet in the narthex or contact Sarah Felde (sfelde@ctkluth.com). For additional details on “Soup & Art,” see page 8.

Meal Making at Cultivate Food Rescue

Monday, February 23 + 6–8 pm

Cultivate Food Rescue + 1403 Prairie Ave., South Bend

Come to Cultivate and work together in an assembly line to fill trays with food, seal trays, and stack finished meals. The nutritious meals made by volunteers will feed food insecure children and neighbors throughout Michiana through Cultivate's Backpack Program. Reserve your space by signing up at ctkluth.com/events or in the narthex.

International Women’s Day “Party with a Purpose”

Thursday, March 5 + 10 am–4 pm

IUSB Fireside Room + 1700 E. Mishawaka Ave., South Bend

Stop by IUSB to celebrate International Women’s Day and learn about ways to help women across the globe. Enjoy presentations by nonprofits dedicated to women’s empowerment; buy fair-trade goods made by women artisans; help make reusable sanitary pads for girls and women in Malawi; and donate feminine hygiene supplies for women in need in Michiana.

Easter Basket Assembly

Sunday, March 8

10:30–11:10 am + Van Oort Hall

People of all ages are invited to Van Oort Hall to help sort Easter basket donations and/or assemble fun surprises that will be included in each basket.

Spring Break Food Packs Sorting

Saturday, March 28

9 am + Clay Church Firehouse Campus

Join us at the Clay Church Firehouse Campus to help sort and repackage donations for the Spring Break Food Packs project. Sign up online at claychurch.com/events.

ARTS AND AWARENESS OPPORTUNITIES

Explore Matthew 25 themes through concerts, film, art, and other special events.

Soup & Art

***Wednesdays from February 25 through March 25 + 6–7 pm
Van Oort Hall***

Every Wednesday evening from February 25 through March 25, CtK will host “Soup & Art.” We’ll gather at 6 pm for a simple meal of soup and bread, then view and discuss a piece of art housed at the Raclin Murphy Museum of Art on Notre Dame’s campus. From photography to sculpture to painting, each stand-alone session will be accessible to all (even those who don’t like museums) and will focus on how the piece might inform your journey through Lent.

We need your help to make these evenings a success! If you would like to provide soup, bread, or cookies or assist with meal setup and cleanup, look for the signup sheet in the narthex or contact Sarah Felde (sfelde@ctkluth.com) for more information.

“Monday at the Movies” Film and Discussion Series

***Mondays from February 23 through April 6 + 6 pm
St. Joseph County Public Library Auditorium + 304 S. Main St., South Bend***

Join us for a series of films addressing community issues. Movies will be screened on six consecutive Mondays, starting at 6 pm. Each film will be followed by discussion with local nonprofit leaders and community advocates. This series is sponsored by First Presbyterian Church in cooperation with Notre Dame’s Browning Cinema and Department of Film, Television, and Theater. Dates and films are as follows:

February 23	<i>Brooklyn (2015)</i>
March 2	<i>Gut Renovation (2012)</i>
March 9	<i>West Side Story (2021)</i>
March 16	<i>The Breadwinner (2017)</i>
March 23	<i>No Other Land (2024)</i>
March 30	<i>In the Heat of the Night (1967)</i>
April 6	<i>Evicting the American Dream (2025)</i>

Please see the signup sheet in the narthex if you are interested in meeting up with other CtK folks at the film screenings.

God's Global Barnyard Learning Event

Sunday, March 29

10:30–11:10 am + Van Oort Hall

Join us at 10:30 am on Palm Sunday for an all-ages learning event in Van Oort Hall. Through hands-on demonstrations, we'll learn about the lasting impact that our gifts make through the God's Global Barnyard project. (See page 5 for more information about God's Global Barnyard.)

Raclin Murphy Museum Tour

Thursday, April 30 + 6:30–7:30 pm

Raclin Murphy Museum of Art + University of Notre Dame

Join Pastor Caroline and others from CtK for a tour of the Raclin Murphy Museum of Art at Notre Dame. The tour will be led by Emily Normand, a fellow for Religion and Spirituality and the Visual Arts at the museum. Our primary focus will be the pieces discussed at our "Soup & Art" evenings throughout Lent. All are welcome, even if you weren't able to attend "Soup & Art." Watch for paper and online signups in April.

FEBRUARY 15–MARCH 15, 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
FEB 15	FEB 16	FEB 17	FEB 18 Ash Wednesday Worship 11 am & 7 pm	FEB 19	FEB 20	FEB 21
FEB 22 Sunday Worship 8:15, 9:30, & 11:15 am Giving Focus: Easter Basket Outreach God's Global Barnyard Bank Distribution	FEB 23 Meal Making Cultivate Food Rescue 6–8 pm Film: <i>Brooklyn</i> St. Joseph County Public Library 6 pm	FEB 24	FEB 25 Soup & Art Van Oort Hall 6–7 pm Holden Evening Prayer 7 pm	FEB 26	FEB 27	FEB 28
MAR 1 Sunday Worship 8:15, 9:30, & 11:15 am Giving Focus: Easter Basket Outreach	MAR 2 Film: <i>Gut Renovation</i> St. Joseph County Public Library 6 pm	MAR 3	MAR 4 Soup & Art Van Oort Hall 6–7 pm Holden Evening Prayer 7 pm	MAR 5 "Party with a Purpose" IUSB Fireside Room 10 am–4 pm	MAR 6	MAR 7
MAR 8 Sunday Worship 8:15, 9:30, & 11:15 am Giving Focus: Spring Break Food Packs Easter Basket Assembly Van Oort Hall 10:30–11:10 am	MAR 9 Film: <i>West Side Story</i> St. Joseph County Public Library 6 pm	MAR 10	MAR 11 Soup & Art Van Oort Hall 6–7 pm Holden Evening Prayer 7 pm	MAR 12	MAR 13	MAR 14

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MAR 29 <div style="background-color: #e6e6fa; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;"> Palm Sunday Worship 8:15, 9:30, & 11:15 am </div> <div style="background-color: #ffcc99; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;"> God's Global Barnyard Bank Collection </div> <div style="background-color: #e0ffff; padding: 2px;"> God's Global Barnyard Learning Event Van Oort Hall 10:30–11:10 am </div>	MAR 30 <div style="background-color: #e0ffff; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;"> Film: <i>In the Heat of the Night</i> St. Joseph County Public Library 6 pm </div>	MAR 31	APR 1 <div style="background-color: #e6e6fa; padding: 2px;"> Stations of the Cross Walk 6:30 pm </div>	APR 2 <div style="background-color: #e6e6fa; padding: 2px;"> Maundy Thursday Dinner Worship 6 pm </div>	APR 3 <div style="background-color: #e6e6fa; padding: 2px;"> Good Friday Worship 7 pm </div>	APR 4 <div style="background-color: #e6e6fa; padding: 2px;"> Easter Vigil Service 7 pm </div>
APR 5 <div style="background-color: #e6e6fa; padding: 2px;"> Easter Worship 8:15, 9:30, & 11:15 am </div>	APR 6 <div style="background-color: #e0ffff; padding: 2px;"> Film: <i>Evicting the American Dream</i> St. Joseph County Public Library 6 pm </div>	APR 7	APR 8	APR 9	APR 10	APR 11

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