

The King's Herald

March 2025

The LORD is my
light and my
salvation; whom
shall I fear? the
LORD is the
strength of my
life; of whom
shall I be afraid?
Psalm 27:1



Service Times!

Sunday

8:00 a.m. (Traditional)

10:40 a.m. (Contemporary)

Wednesday

11:45 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

Mark Your Calendar!

March 1

Monthly Black Belt Mission

March 2

Prayer & Healing at 10:40am

March 4

Shrove Tuesday

March 5

Ash Wednesday

March 7

PJ Prayer Time

Monthly Prayer Summit

March 9

Daylight Savings Time

March 15

Church Dr

March 17

St. Patrick's Day

March 23

Church Council Meeting

March 26

Youth Led Worship

**Lent 2025: "Changed by Grace" - Ash Wednesday March 5th through
Holy Week (end of April)**

Lenten Question:

How does Father God transform us for Abundant Life now and unto Everlasting Life?

Lenten Answer:

Father God graciously sends his Son, Jesus Christ, and Holy Spirit to transform us from the inside out through the indwelling Christ and His redeeming work.

Lenten scriptures:

1 - Ezekiel 36:26 - Moreover, I [The Lord God] will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you, and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

2 - 2 Corinthians 3:18 - But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

(This is the Word of the Lord! Thanks be to God!)

Lenten book:

"Amazing Grace" - a book about God's gracious transformation of John Newton from earthly wretch to servant of Christ. Holy Spirit inspired Newton to write the famous hymn, "Amazing Grace".

Lenten Invitation:

Indeed, thanks be to God for God's Living Word transforming us by God's redeeming grace and Spirit.

Let's heed God's sobering Ash Wednesday declaration from scripture: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return!" (Genesis 3:19)

And let's, in accord with God's declaration, **gather in worship on Ash Wednesday, March 5th and receive ashes on our forehead.** The ashes are imposed in the shape of a cross, indeed Christ Jesus's cross, reminding us that our most certain mortality (signified by the ashes) will receive immortality from God at the resurrection because of Christ's own cross and resurrection. At the 2nd Coming of Christ, Christ himself will usher in the resurrection of all the dead for the final judgment unto everlasting life. Those who have received, in faith, Christ Jesus himself and his saving work will hear God declare them holy and righteous because of Christ's righteousness and everlasting life put by God onto our accounts. Death is sure for each of us, but so also is God's promise of transformation to Abundant Life in this life and resurrection from the dead unto everlasting life and peace with God.

Trust and follow Jesus. He gives you power, love, and self-control.

Children & Youth Ministries

March Happenings:

March 5 - Ash Wednesday Service

March 7 - PJ Prayer Time

March 12, 19, 26 Wednesday Night Activities

March Youth Fellowship - TBD



Check out the bulletin board filled with art from Youth-led Worship on January 29. If you did not get to attend, please click below to watch the recording.

<https://www.youtube.com/live/ddYOIol2quk?si=eWj0E3i1f0hwi7pQ>

2025 Youth Retreat



We hiked.



We did some detective work to determine whether or not our favorite songs honor God and others.



We solved a case. Who died? We did! Ours sins caused our spiritual death. But in the waters of baptism, we were cleansed. We are new creations in Christ.



We made S'mores.



And we danced ... A lot!

Youth In Action

**Serving on
Sunday
morning!**



**February game night with the
Segrest's**



Hey Everyone!

We are looking forward to a very fun and busy month ahead! The theme we will be focusing on is Dr. Seuss & Things of Nature. We will be learning the letters S, T, U, color black and brown, & the core value Sharing.

Below is a list of upcoming events:

Dr Seuss week will be Monday, March 3rd- Friday, March 7th.

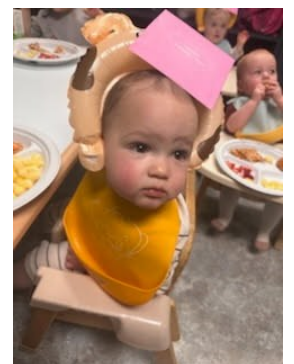
Parents Night Out/ PJ Prayer Friday, March 7th .

Book Fair March 10th-14th.

The Spring Pictures will be Thursday, March 27th

As always, pray you have a great month ahead! God Bless!

Ashlyn Stuckey





Have you ever written a Google review of our congregation? It will help our online presence, our invitation, and our outreach. Just Google our congregation. (Make sure it's Christ the King LUTHERAN!) Scroll down to the bottom of our Google page. Rate and review us by speaking of specific ministries that are most meaningful and encouraging to you.

We're so blessed to have a very active congregation...

- ++Rich and substantial Worship at least two days every week.
- ++Encouraging Ministries for all ages.
- ++Fellowship groups for children, youth, men, women, and adults.
- ++Ongoing prayer ministries some weekly, some monthly, and some on a quarterly basis.
- ++Many weekly Bible Study groups.
- ++Missions to share acts of love every week to our congregation and surrounding community and every month to our region and the world.
- ++Loving one another informally in so many ways and through ministries like our Elders.
- ++A strong Preschool for children in our surrounding community.
- ++Summers of service by our youth and adults.
- ++A staff and pastor who care.
- ++A congregation and pastor who are well-known and loved in our community for being a loving and serving presence in our community for almost 50 years.
- ++A helpful website and online presence.
- ++A Beautiful property.

CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP & PAINT

What to expect:

***Fellowship**

***Fun**

***Step By Step
Instructions**

***Light Refreshments**

\$35

Includes all supplies

Kids welcome



Painters Choice

11in x 14in

canvas

or 14 inch wooden

Rounds

**Looking for a fun and creative way to spend your evening?
Come join us for a Paint Party! No experience is needed – just
bring your enthusiasm and a smile.**

SUNDAY, March 2nd

4:00PM - 6:00PM

HOSTED BY SERENA DUNCAN

611 RIVERCHASE PARKWAY WEST

HOOVER, AL 35244

PHONE: (205) 988-5004

**IF YOU ARE A CHURCH MEMBER YOU CAN REGISTER BY
CALLING THE CHURCH OFFICE OR STOP BY AND SIGN UP.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE. YOU CAN ALSO
REGISTER BY TEXTING 205-259-8837
(Please register by Feb. 25th.)**





Tuesday, March 4 ~ Shrove Tuesday

Join us for our annual Pancake Dinner @ 5:45 p.m. in the Luther Room, including Songs & Fellowship followed by the burning of last year's Palm's for this year's ashes.

Wednesday, March 5 ~ Ash Wednesday

Holy Communion & the Imposition of Ashes will be at:

6:30 a.m.

11:45 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

Lenten Theme:

"Changed by Grace"

Lenten Scripture:

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Lenten Book:

"Amazing Grace" by Bruce Hindmarsh & Craig Borlase

You may obtain a copy of the book from Wendi in the church office, kindly requesting that you 1) pray about being a Lenten Speaker (3 minutes on a Lenten Sunday or 13 minutes on a Lenten Wednesday) and 2) also consider making a donation to "CtK" for the "Book Fund".

Christian Education Classes

Sunday:

“The Gospel of John” led by Ralph Hyatt & Pastor Chris in the Library. This class is for everyone

Oasis with Maizie Nelson and Martha Green in the Luther Room Foyer:

Oasis = An area made fertile by a source of freshwater in an otherwise dry and arid region.

Oasis is a place for God to nurture the wellsprings of our souls. We seek the guidance of Holy Spirit as we grow together toward Christian maturity. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, strengthens the weak, heals the sick, brings back the outcast, and seeks the lost. We study God’s word, Old and New Testament, worship and praise him, sing, pray, and give mutual encouragement to one another. To God be the Glory as he produces fruit for the building up of his kingdom in our homes, the church, community, and the world. All are welcome, on any Sunday, to come for prayer or come for our entire class.

Children & Youth Sunday Education - NURSERY IS available for infants & children 3 years of age during each worship service, and education time. Following are where everyone will meet:

Tuesday:

Sermon Prep 8:45 a.m. with Pastor and friends in the Library

Nursery (infant - 3 years old) ~ Main Bldg, preschool nursery

3K & K ~ led by Debbie Fick & Christine George in the John Room

1st – 3rd grade ~ led by Jennifer Minner & Cassie Carter in the Matthew/Mark Room

4th – 5th Grade ~ led by Lydia Pizner & Maureen Lynn in the Disciple Room

Jr High ~ led by Amanda DeGreen in the Jr. High Room

Sr High ~ led by Shandra Graf & Kathy Stepanksi in the Youth Room

EVERYONE Tuesday Morning 10:14 - 11 a.m. for everyone, both in person in the Library and on the phone. Those not physically present call 425-436-6342 Access Code: 328663.

Prayer and Bible study (worship night) Tuesday night 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. call 425-436-6342 Access Code: 328663.

Wednesday:

The Prophets and St. Paul led by Pastor, Wednesday's at 10:00 a.m. in the Middle School Room. All are welcome!

Children's Time (Bible Basic's) each Wednesday at 5:45 p.m. in the Jr. High Room

Youth Bible Study led by Amanda DeGreen at 5:45 p.m. in the Youth Room.

Bible/Book Club Discussion Group led by Pastor Chris, Wednesday's at 5:45 p.m. in the Library. All are welcome!

Thursday:

Disciple 3 Bible Study 1:00 p.m. at Barbara Scott's home. A 32-week deeper study of the prophets in the Old Testament and Paul's letters in the New Testament.

Finance **UPDATES**

*Thank you so much for
your generosity!*

Ways to contribute financially:

Plates are passed during worship, or Give at www.ctkbham.org, or

Mail a check (611 Riverchase Pkwy W, Hoover, AL 35244)





Aaron's Staff

Serving at First Baptist Church of Alabaster, 903 3rd Ave NW, Alabaster.

Aaron's Staff is a monthly respite care ministry to families of special needs children and adults. It is scheduled for the 3rd Saturday of each month from 3:30 to 8:00. We are always looking for volunteers. No experience needed. You will not be responsible for feeding or changing clients. You will interact with clients and assist them with various activities such as music, story-telling, art, sensory, and service projects. Please contact Debbie Fick for further information if you are interested. 205-862-1704

Black Belt Saturdays

Black Belt (Rich Soil Region) Saturday Mission

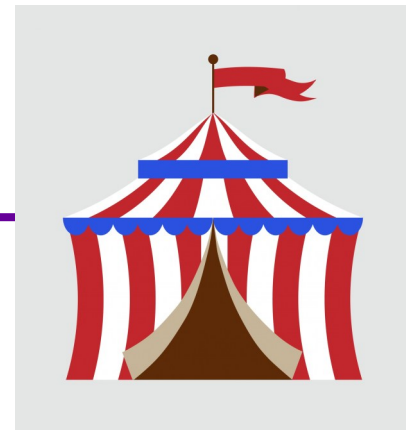
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Contact Pastor or the church office to coordinate transportation

Websites:

A Promise To Help <https://www.apromisetohelp.com/>

The Black Belt News Network <https://www.facebook.com/The-Black-Belt-News-Network-2313921062224293/>



A food donation bin will be available in the hall, just outside the narthex, next to the choir cabinet. Please consider purchasing an extra food item when you grocery shop and donate toward the food box ministry. *A featured food item will be suggested each month, but any non-perishable food may be donated.*

March - Mac N Cheese

If you would like to participate in this ministry or learn more about it, email Wilma at wswen4423@gmail.com or call her at 847-915-5803.



**Our 1st Friday of the Month Prayer Summit will be on
the 1st Friday, 03/07/2025!**

It will be held from **7:00pm - 8:00pm.**

To join us by **Phone**, please call 425-436-6342

Access code #328663

PJ Prayer Time for Kids

March 7, 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Contact Ms. Jennifer or Ms. Ashlyn to sign up!



Safety & Security

| March 2025 | March 2 | March 9 | March 16 | March 23 | March 30 |
|---------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| 8:00 a.m. | Cole Remillard | Dave Demsky | Dick O'Brien | Dennis Stanek | Todd Vegter |
| 10:40 a.m. | Jeff Minner | Jake Daniel | Robbie Wahl | Jeff Minner | Jake Daniel |

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| Children Time 8:00 am | Patsy Scott | Patsy Scott | Patsy Scott | Patsy Scott | Patsy Scott |
| | Maureen Lynn | Maureen Lynn | Binnie Myles | Binnie Myles | Binnie Myles |
| Lector 8:00 am | Laurel Stanek | Ann Dawson | Lydia Pizner | Phyllis Nichols | David Walter |
| | Arden Melton | Anita Humphries | Amy Hoaglund | Doug Sweeney | Casey VanKralingen |
| Prayers 8:00 am | Daphne Phillips | Carla Demsky | Maizie Nelson | Laurel Stanek | Kathy Stepanski |
| | Prayer & Healing | Binnie Myles | Gerry Roden | Maizie Nelson | Shandra Graf |
| Ushers 8:00 am | Cole Remillard, Steve Owen | Dave & Carla Demsky | Steve & Connie Owen | Lee & Joye Sherrill | Cole Remillard, Sherry Gilbert |
| | Jeff Minner | Jake Daniel | Casey VanKralingen | Elizabeth Cooper | Jake Daniel |
| Communion 8:00 am 10:40 am | Mike & Matsy Remillard | Wendi & Todd Vegter | Dick & Cheryl O'Brien | Mike & Matsy Remillard | Dave Walter, Robert Johnson |
| | Lydia Pizner, Sharon Swysgood | Camille Stanek, Shandra Graf | Amy & Eric Hoaglund | Doug & Wilma Sweeney | Amanda Degreen, Elizabeth Cooper |
| Crucifer 8:00 am | Mikal Remillard | Lizzy Plaia | Ranae Remillard | Lizzy Plaia | Ashton Gorby |
| | Camille Stanek | Megan Durbin | Arden Melton | Cate Wahl | Megan Durbin |
| Acolyte 8:00 am 10:40 am | Ranae Remillard, Ashton Gorby | Russell & Vera Moore | Mikal Remillard, Ashton Gorby | Russell & Vera Moore | Mikal & Ranae Remillard |
| | Gabe Swysgood, Aubrie Nagel | Olivia Durbin | Ella Grace George | Madison Daniel | Olivia Durbin, Aubrie Nagel |
| Banner 8:00 am 10:40 am | Lydia Pizner, Chaplain Kathy | John & Judy Roberts | Retha Foster, Daphne Phillips | Volunteer | Lydia Pizner, Chaplain Kathy |
| | Kendall Cross | Volunteer | Mason Fleming | Volunteer | Volunteer |



3:33 Prayer

Please join our 3:33 prayer ministry by stopping each day at 3:33 to pray, "Lord please bring/continue revival in this nation and your church, and start/continue your revival in me."

40 Days of Prayer

As God has led us in this chapter of our life in Christ, when in 2003, it was put on our hearts to daily pray together the 3:33 prayers. So too, it's only through prayer that we can see where God would lead us now. Please join together in daily prayer:

1. *Dear God, help me to see with your eyes, (Matt. 14:14; 15:32) and reach out with your hands, (Mark 13:16; Luke 8:54) and be your body. (1 Cor. 12:27)*

And

2. *Lord God, I pray for Christ the King Lutheran Church, along with the surrounding community you've given us to serve. Show us your way, both dismantling what you didn't start, and also removing the opposition in each of us so that you can accomplish, through us, the ministry that you want to do.*

Please join us in stopping to pray EVERY DAY at 7:14 am and 7:14 pm and pray and act in accord with this command of God from 2 Chronicles 7:14 – "...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." Spread the word!



March Memory Verse:

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the defense of my life;
whom shall I dread? Psalm 27:1

Let's Celebrate!!

March Baptisms

| | | | |
|------|---------------|------|------------------|
| 3/1 | Debbie Fick | 3/26 | Russell Moore |
| 3/1 | Sherri Vaughn | 3/30 | Flaviano Armando |
| 3/1 | Bob Bender | 3/31 | Kelley Key |
| 3/6 | Nathan Page | 3/31 | Addison Nagel |
| 3/14 | Caden DeGreen | | |
| 3/22 | Ashton Gorby | | |



March Anniversaries

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|------|----------------------------------|----------|
| 3/14 | David & Jo Walter | 44 years |
| 3/20 | Mike & Karen Camlic | 26 years |
| 3/20 | Wally & Catherine Baker | 5 years |
| 3/26 | Christopher & Danielle Grossmann | 31 years |



April Birthdays

March Birthdays

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|------|------------------|------|-------------------|
| 3/2 | Shandra Graf | 3/15 | Katie Hoaglund |
| 3/3 | Ilene Holmes | 3/21 | Dave Horton |
| 3/3 | Rolf Wrona | 3/22 | Mary Rich |
| 3/4 | Eric Rasmussen | 3/23 | Carmen Vaccarella |
| 3/8 | Antonio Troha | 3/24 | Olivia Durbin |
| 3/9 | Jim Coe | 3/25 | Al Dampier |
| 3/9 | Bernie Gregson | 3/26 | Mary Foster |
| 3/9 | Carol Hyatt | 3/26 | Ruth Wilger |
| 3/9 | Ben Abercrombie | 3/27 | Amanda DeGreen |
| 3/11 | David Durbin | 3/28 | Patric Brasher |
| 3/11 | Charles Williams | 3/28 | Joseph Brasher |
| 3/12 | Jon Young | 3/28 | Debra Peel |
| 3/13 | Dennis Stanek | 3/30 | Charlie Cain |
| 3/14 | Doug McPhail | | |
| 3/14 | Bob Kasper | | |
| 3/14 | Isaac Whitehouse | | |
| 3/14 | Joseph Gelinas | | |

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|------|-----------------|------|----------------------|
| 4/1 | James Scoggins | 4/21 | Nolan Page |
| 4/2 | Debbie Flint | 4/22 | Kathy Williams |
| 4/2 | Tara Slater | 4/22 | Connie Kasper |
| 4/6 | Val Stiffler | 4/22 | Barbara Scott |
| 4/6 | Alicia Melton | 4/24 | Alexander Grossmann |
| 4/8 | Nell Betz | 4/25 | LaTrina Steele |
| 4/9 | Jon Reinicke | 4/26 | Neisha Glapion-Palao |
| 4/13 | Arden Melton | 4/29 | Dominick Ciambrone |
| 4/14 | Dave Demsky | | |
| 4/15 | Martha Dampier | | |
| 4/15 | Annabel Kasper | | |
| 4/16 | Roger Dubble | | |
| 4/17 | Lizzy Plaia | | |
| 4/20 | Eric Vaccarella | | |
| 4/21 | Bunny Hayden | | |





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6:30 p.m.

Sunday:

8:00 a.m. Traditional
10:40 a.m. Contemporary

Other ways to connect with or worship with us:

Facebook

www.facebook.com/ctkbham

YouTube

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UC237g0ckx5mXo3yUynJmJ2g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC237g0ckx5mXo3yUynJmJ2g)

Instagram

[ctlutheranbham](https://www.instagram.com/ctlutheranbham)

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