

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

“To know... To teach... To share Christ”

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**Third Sunday of Easter
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Our Worship Today

Service Theme: "Walking With The Risen Lord"

Welcome! We pray that your worship here will draw you closer to your Savior and equip you for a continuing life of Christian discipleship. For your spiritual needs we offer you the Word of Him who can supply all our needs - Jesus Christ, our Savior. Rejoice in His love for you. He cares for you. You are His own dear child.

Prayer Before Worship O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Guide For Today's Service

Morning Praise, pages 45-51

Our Songs CW 249 "God of Mercy, God of Grace"
CW 452 "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"
CW 282 "Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear"
CW 333 "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

Psalm CW 91 Psalm 67

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship 56 Holy Communion: 43 Sunday Offering \$1763
Sunday Bible Class 14 Midweek Bible Class 10
Organ Fund Donations \$935 and a pledge for \$1000

Serving In Worship Today

Minister
Organist
Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm
Jodie Roberts
Larry Martin

Opening Hymn

CW 249 “God of Mercy, God of Grace“

Invitation To Worship

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C:  **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

C:  **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

P: The Lord is risen: Let us worship Him.

Oh, Come, Let Us Sing To The Lord

CW 46

The First Lesson

Acts 2:14a, 36-47

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (NIV1984)

The Psalm

Psalm 67, CW Page 91

 *gregation sings refrain and the second half of each verse*

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 1:17-21

Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. (NIV1984)

The Gospel

Please Stand

Luke 24:13-35

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said,

but him they did not see.” He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going further. But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.” (NIV1984)

Seasonal Response

C: The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Death has been swallowed up in victory. Alleluia!

Sermon Hymn

CW 452 “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

Sermon

“Walking With The Risen Lord”

Luke 24:15-16

Hymn

CW 282 “Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear”

Offering

Our Offerings to the Lord are free will. Let your offerings be a joyful response to God’s grace to you.

Prayer of the Church

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 50

The Lord's Prayer

CW Page 50

Prayer For Grace and the Benediction

CW Page 50

Closing Hymn

CW 333 "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

WELLS Connection

Announcements

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Tuesday, May 2: Bible Class, 9:30 AM
Mary/Martha, 10:30 AM
Barefoot Bookies Book Club, 11:30 AM
Tuesday, May 9: No Bible Class
Wednesday, May 10: Choir, 6:30 PM
Thursday, May 11: Men's Breakfast, 8:00 AM
Church Council, 9:00 AM

Blessings to our newest members, who have officially been accepted into our Christ The King Family; Rev. Alan W. & Carolyn Gumm, Robby & EyVonne Robinson.

Pastor in the Office: Tuesday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM & 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Please bring "Goodies" for Sunday Fellowship.

Please continue to bring food items for our food pantry, especially protein items.

Don't forget to check the sign up sheets in the Narthex.

Serving our congregation: President-Larry Martin, Finance Chairman-John Smith, Worship Chairman-Marlyn Rische, Education Chairman-Ron Gorske, Outreach Chairman-Don Schoening, Properties Chairman-Wally Jordan

*May Birthdays: David Giddings, John Smith, & Sue Whittier-16th;
Ellen Laurencell-21st; Terry Fleming-22nd*

May Anniversaries: George & Carol Davis-25th

*Prayer List: Doris Cox, Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Fran Stecher, Keith Haslam,
Dick Clemens, John & Joan Smith*



GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK

Hope Restored. The certain hope of eternal life with God is founded on the sacrificial death and victorious resurrection of Christ. God had promised this ancient hope in the Garden at the dawn of time. God had carried this ancient hope in his Word through the ages. How did the disciples fail to anticipate the resurrection? How did the teachers and people of Israel fail to see the Messiah God had promised and delivered? They let their wants and cultural expectations color their view of Scripture, and hope was lost. But God restored this ancient hope by raising Jesus from the dead and pointing his people back to his promises.

First Lesson: Genesis 37:1-11

This lesson continues Peter's Pentecost sermon from last Sunday with the culmination of his message to the people of Israel. They had lost the ancient hope long promised, and instead they placed their hope in the punctilious performance of human ordinances. Peter's sermon dashes their false hope to pieces. Could there be a better preachment of specific Law than Peter's words here? Could there be a better preachment of specific Gospel as Peter restores their hope through the sweet message of Christ crucified and risen for sinners? Pastors, preach Law that kills and Gospel that raises to life. C.F.W. Walther's *Sixth Thesis on Law and Gospel* says, "God's Word is not properly divided when the Law is not preached in its full severity nor the Gospel in its full sweetness..." Rightly dividing Law and Gospel leads to hope restored in the Savior.

Second Lesson: Romans 8:1-10

This is the second in a series of five continual readings from 1 Peter. Peter's first epistle is a letter of hope in the midst of suffering. He wrote to believers elected by God but persecuted for their faith. Trials and grief try to choke out our hope. But how empty life would be if we followed the way of the world! We would have nothing but a short life in this world of pain with no hope for a better future. Our hope is restored when we remember that we were bought by the blood of Christ, and that one day we will join our glorious Savior in our heavenly home. Until that day, we live in this world as strangers who are focused on going home.

The Gospel: Matthew 20:17-28

Note: The events of this lesson precede last Sunday's lesson. Care will need to be taken to establish the timing and setting of these events on Easter Sunday afternoon.

For these two disciples on the road, it was a day of great puzzlement, sadness, and disillusionment. They left the Holy City having heard the report of the women and Peter and John. But their understanding of God's plan of salvation was deficient: they weren't expecting a resurrection! John puts his finger on the disciples' problem. "They still did not understand *from Scripture* that Jesus had to rise from the dead." (John 20:9). Their sight, logic, emotions, and expectations had led them to abandon what Scripture said. But our gracious Lord comes and identifies the problem: they are not believing *all* that the prophets have spoken. They chose only to believe those parts of Scripture that met their preconceived notions of what the Messiah should be. Our Lord addresses the problem by explaining *all* the Scriptures that showed the Christ had to die and rise. How well did they learn the lesson? They marveled at how he opened the Scriptures to them and restored that ancient hope!

OUR READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

First Lesson	Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60
Second Lesson	1 Peter 2:19-25
The Gospel	John 10:1-10
Psalm	23