

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

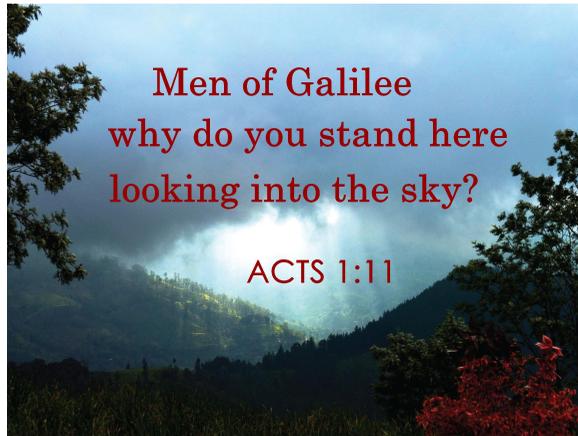
“To know... To teach... To share Christ”

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**The Ascension of Our Lord
Mother's Day
May 13, 2018**

Our Worship Today

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 Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Guide For Today's Service

Service of the Word, pages 38-44

Our Songs CW 173 "On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"
CW 171 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"
CW 500 "For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray"
CW 506 "Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall"

Psalm CW 67 Psalm 8

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship: 33	Communion: 30	Sunday Bible Class: 16
Sunday Offering: General Fund \$1,345.00		Endowment Fund: \$125.00

Serving In Worship Today

Minister
Organist
Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm
Jodie Roberts
Wally Jordan

Opening Hymn

CW 173 "On Christ's Ascension I Now Build"

Guide For Worship

CW Page 38 Service of the Word

The First Lesson

Acts 1:15-26

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶ and said, "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through the mouth of David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷ he was one of our number and shared in this ministry." ¹⁸ (With the reward he got for his wickedness, Judas bought a field; there he fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out. ¹⁹ Everyone in Jerusalem heard about this, so they called that field in their language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰ "For," said Peter, "it is written in the Book of Psalms, " 'May his place be deserted; let there be no-one to dwell in it,' and, " 'May another take his place of leadership.' ²¹ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²² beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection." ²³ So they proposed two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." ²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles. (NIV1984)

The Psalm

CW Page 91, Psalm 67

Congregation sings refrain and speaks the second half of each verse.

The Second Lesson

I John 4:13-21

¹³ We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. ¹⁶ And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. ¹⁷ In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. ²¹ And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

(NIV1984)

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age. Alleluia.

After the Verse of the Day, the congregation sings:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Gospel

Please Stand

John 17:11b-19

¹¹ Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled ¹³ "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in

the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. (NIV1984)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon Hymn

CW 171 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

Sermon

"Why Do You Stand Here Looking Into Heaven?"

Acts 1:10-11

Apostles' Creed

CW Page 41

Offering

Our Offerings to the Lord are freewill. Let your offerings be a joyful response to God's Grace to you.

Prayer of the Church

CW Page 42

The Lord's Prayer

CW Page 43

Hymn

CW 500 "For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray"

Prayer and Benediction

CW Page 43

Closing Hymn

CW 506 "Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall"

Announcements

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Today, May 13	Bible Class, 9:30 AM Worship Service, 10:30 AM
Tuesday, May 15:	Bible Class, 9:30 AM Membership Class, 10:30 AM
Thursday, May 17:	Men's Breakfast, 8:30 AM Church Council, 9:30 AM Membership Class, 10:30 AM
Sunday, May 20:	Bible Class, 9:30 AM Worship Service, 10:30 AM
Pastor in the Office:	Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM & 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Please keep Robby and EyVonne Robinson and family in your prayers as they mourn the sudden death of Robby's son, David.

Barefoot Bookies- All ladies are welcome to come to our Barefoot Bookies reading club. It is fun and very casual. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 11:30. We will be reading "Don't Go" by Lisa Scottoline to be discussed at the June 5, 2018 meeting. We get our books from the libraries, used book stores or online discount sites like "thrift books". Looking forward to seeing you here.

The *Time of Grace* television program with Pastor Mark Jeske is now airing locally out of Fort Myers on Sundays at 5:30AM. Channel 26.1 (ABC) over the air, channel 26 on Dish or DirectTV, and channel 7 on Comcast or CenturyLink.

Serving our congregation:

Church Council; President-Larry Martin, Secretary-Bill Halberg, Finance Chairman-John Smith, Head Elder-Robby Robinson, Worship Chairman-Marlyn Rische, Education Chairman-Ron Gorske, Outreach Chairman-Don Schoening, Properties Chairman-Wally Jordan

Mary/Martha; President-EyVonne Robinson, Vice President-Gloria Rische, Secretary-Jodi Roberts, Treasurer-Jan Boyle, Sunshine Chairman-Stephanie Stromberg, LWMS Reporter-Jonette Jordan

May Birthdays: David Giddings-16th, John Smith-16th, Sue Whittier-16th, Don Schoening-17th, Ellen Laurencell-21st, Linda Brusehaver-22nd, Terry Fleming-22nd, Roger Rauch-25th, Eugene Nelson-28th

May Anniversaries: Robby & EyVonne Robinson-19th, George & Carol Davis-25th,

Prayer List: Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Fran Stecher, Keith Haslam, Marge Krueger, Barb Wiese, Marilyn Yelland



GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK

This feast day has everything in it – Christmas, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, the Ascension itself, the anticipation of Pentecost and the whole of Half Year of the Church. It's Ascension Day! Aren't you happy for him? He has triumphed and entered into his glory by keeping all of his Word! His triumph today guarantees that he will always keep his Word. Aren't you happy for yourself, too?

First Lesson: Acts 1:1-11

We will see him again and go to be where he is. That's how much he loves us! Again, it's amazing: One might have expected that he would go and consider himself well rid of us and rid of our silly and irrelevant questions. But no, it's just the opposite: He goes so that he can be with us always; he goes so that he come again and take us to share in his glory! When will he come and restore the kingdom? When the time is best! We are happy to leave it to him and to be busy with the work he has given us to do while we wait. We might note in passing that he tells very little of what we will experience when we join him there. He doesn't want us to focus on that just yet, but on his Word and on what he wants us to do while we wait. It is enough that we know that we will be with him. What a great feast day, one of the best of the whole year!

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:16-23

Again, aren't you happy for him? He has gone with both natures to be King of kings and Lord of lords. And then there is this: He did what he did on earth for us; he does what he does now also for us, his mystical body on earth. And he does it not far away; he does it filling all things, and that according to both natures. He could not be closer than he is. And you can believe his Word. He has proven on the cross that God would not lie to you, as Luther loved to say.

The Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

Here we have what Luther said so often: God would never lie to us! No better proof is there than the parting words of Jesus. We might have expected the disciples to be sad. But with the confirmation of all of the Scriptures and the assurance that he would always be with them in his Word how could they help but rejoice and be glad. He has triumphed. He did it all in the lowly human nature, now fully exalted. And he did it all for us! His triumph therefore is our triumph. It is ours to share in the preaching of repentance and forgiveness. We have him still in that message that saves because he kept his next promise to send and to keep on sending the Spirit with the power to convert and keep us until he comes again.

OUR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK

The Coming of the Holy Spirit—The Day of Pentecost

First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Liturgy: Common Service, page 15

Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

Hymns: 177, 176, 183

The Gospel: John 14:25-27

Psalm 51b

Sermon Theme: "The Power of the Holy Spirit"

Sermon Text: Acts 2:1-13