

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

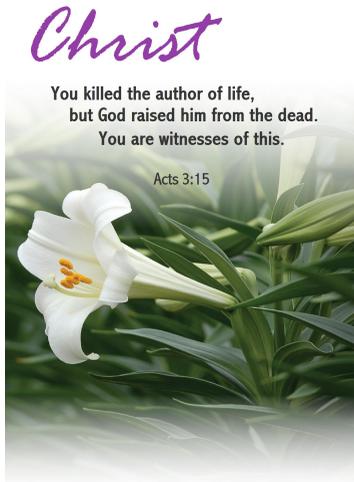
“To know... To teach... To share Christ”

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**Second Sunday of Easter
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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 O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Worship Guide For Todays Service

Service of the Word and Sacrament, page 26-37

Our Songs CW 165 "O Sons and Daughters of the King"
CW 158 "I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again"
CW 167 "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"

Psalm CW 68 Psalm 16

Our Stewardship Last Week

Easter Sunrise Service: 41 Offering \$305.00
Easter Day Worship Service: 62 Offering: \$1,506.05.00 Garage Fund: \$6.00
Midweek Bible Class: 6

Serving In Worship Today

Minister
Organist
Videographer
Preparation for Today's Service

Pastor Alan W. Gumm
Jodie Roberts
Larry Martin
Christ The King Family

Opening Hymn

CW 165 “O Sons and Daughters of the King“

Guide For Worship

CW Page 26 Service of Word and Sacrament

The First Lesson

Acts 3:12-20

¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. ¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus’ name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see. ¹⁷ “Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰ and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you — even Jesus. (NIV1984)

The Psalm

CW Page 68, Psalm 16

Congregation sings refrain and speaks the second half of each verse

The Second Lesson

I John 5:1-6

¹ Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves his child as well. ² This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out his

commands. ³ This is love for God: to obey his commands. And his commands are not burdensome, ⁴ for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God. ⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. (NIV1984)

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. 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 20:19-31

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” ²⁴ Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.” ²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace

be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." ²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." ³⁰ Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.
(NIV1984)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon Hymn

CW 158 "I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again"

Sermon

"Nonsense"

Acts 3:15

Nicene Creed

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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

The Lord's Prayer

CW Page 32

The Sacrament

Dear visitors, we request those who are not members of our congregation or a sister church in the WELS or ELS, to refrain from coming to Communion today. We want you at the Lord's table with us, but we ask that there be an opportunity for pastor and you to study God's Word together first. Close Communion is the historic and biblical practice of the Christian Church. The practice has the purpose of ensuring that, as far as humanly possible, those receiving the Sacrament do so to their benefit and not their harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-30), and that the oneness that is expressed in receiving the Sacrament is genuine and not contrived (1 Corinthians 10:17).

Please feel free to talk to the Pastor concerning what the Word of God declares concerning the Lord's Supper.

Make sure to indicate your attendance at communion on the communion sign up list in the narthex.

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Prayer and Benediction

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Closing Hymn

CW 167 "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"

Announcements

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Today, April 8: Bible Class, 9:30 AM
Worship Service with Communion, 10:30 AM

Thursday, April 5: Membership Class, 10:00 AM

Sunday, April 15 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

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. Right now, we are reading "Ordinary Grace" by William Kent Krueger, to be discussed at our May 1, 2018 meeting. After May 1st, 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

April Birthdays: Samantha Hultgren-7th, Nancy Cravens-10th, Jim Brusehaver-15th, Carolyn Gumm-20th, Sharon Martin-25th

April Anniversaries: John & Rebecca Pueschel-6th,

Prayer List: Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Fran Stecher, Keith Haslam, Dick Clemens, Marge Krueger, Robert Krueger, Barb Wiese, Eugene Nelson, Linda Martin, Gloria Rische



GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK

His resurrection gives us peace.

First Lesson: Acts 3:12-20

The theme of sin as war against God is easily carried out if one is preaching on this text. Look at how utterly depraved such a war, such a rebellion is—waged against the only Righteous One. Look at how utterly sinful is war waged against the only Holy One. Look at how utterly foolish is war waged against the Author of Life, against God himself. That's always what sin is. But look at how it all turns out in the death and resurrection of Christ for us! One almost has to laugh for joy at the way that God turns everything upside down in order to rescue and save us from ourselves and give us peace, just as he promised!

Second Lesson: I John 5:1-6

Now that we have peace because of Christ's death and resurrection our whole attitude towards the law of love changes. We want to love those he loves, not to gain his love but precisely because we have it already. At peace him, we are as well at peace with ourselves and replace the striving to be first in being served with a striving to be first in loving service. Of course, in this life that is never perfect and never finished; but fed by his sacraments and supported by his Spirit we press forward in peace with him and in service to one another.

The Gospel: John 20:19-31

Jesus' Easter greeting is much more than just the Hebrew Hello! (Shalom!). He does not merely wish what the word expresses; he gives it. And then he gives it again. And then he gives it to them to give to the world. What an amazing thing! He is so anxious that they get peace which they should then give. What unfit vessels they were when he called them. How unfit they still are. But that's just as well! All glory goes to Christ and the power he plants in the Word. He comes to us in Easter, with his peace. He's so anxious that we get it and get it yet again in the face of all that is in us which contradicts his peace: the warfare of our nature against his Word, the successes of the devil and the world in their assaults upon the soul, and on and on. Peace with God and peace with Jesus himself was the last thing that the disciples might have expected to hear and receive from Jesus that day. But now, the very first thing the disciples hear from the mouth of the risen Savior is: Peace! That's even his message to Thomas and now with an exclamation point behind it to us who have not seen but by the power of the Word have nevertheless believed.

OUR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK

Third Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 4:8-12

Second Lesson: I John 1:1-2:2

The Gospel: Luke 24:36-49

Sermon Theme: "Looking At Easter Through Luke's Eyes"

Liturgy: Morning Praise, page 38

Hymns: 225, 145, 160, 332

Psalm 118

Sermon Text: John Luke 24:36-49