

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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They saw what seemed to be tongues
of fire that separated and came to rest
on each of them.

Acts 2:3

**The Coming of the Holy Spirit
The Day of Pentecost
May 20, 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 Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Guide For Today's Service

The Common Service, page 15-25

Our Songs CW 177 "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"
CW 176 "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord"
CW 183 "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

Psalm CW 87 Psalm 51b

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship: 27 Sunday Bible Class: 12 Midweek Bible Class: 6
Sunday Offering: General Fund \$ 1,310.00

Serving In Worship Today

Minister
Organist
Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm
Jonette Jordan
Larry Martin

Opening Hymn

CW 177 "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"

Guide For Worship

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The First Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹ The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me to and fro among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign Lord, you alone know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord!' ⁵ This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'" ⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army. ¹¹ Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.'" (NIV1984)

The Psalm

CW 87 Psalm 51b

Congregation sings refrain and speaks the second half of each verse

The Second Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

¹ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. ⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." ¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ " 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' (NIV1984)

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

After the Verse of the Day, the congregation sings:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Gospel

Please Stand

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

Glory be to you, O Lord

John 14:25-27

²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (NIV1984)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Nicene Creed

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Sermon Hymn

CW 176 “Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord“

Sermon

“The Power of the Holy Spirit”

Acts 2:1-13

Response to God’s Word

CW Page 20 “Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God”

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

The Lord's Prayer

CW Page 20

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 183 "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

WELS Connection

Announcements

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Today, May 20	Bible Class, 9:30 AM Worship Service with Communion, 10:30 AM
Tuesday, May 22:	Bible Class, 9:30 AM Membership Class, 10:30 AM
Thursday, May 24:	Membership Class, 10:00 AM
Saturday, May 26:	Church Work Day
Sunday, May 27:	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, Marlene Fleming



GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK

Though he has withdrawn his visible presence, Jesus is closer to us than ever. Therefore, whatever the future holds, we will not fear!

First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

The breath of God is active and life-giving. How and where is he active in giving life? Where the Word is proclaimed exactly as he gave it. Ezekiel preaches only what God told him to preach, even when preaching to dry bones. The whole of humanity is nothing but dry bones until God breathes his Word on them. He does it still when and where his Word is proclaimed and not apart from it. To say that the Spirit is active and to say that his Word is powerful is to say the same thing. He breathed at creation and brought all things into existence. He breathes in the gospel and conquered our spiritual death, bringing us to Jesus and Jesus to us. On the last day he will breathe again and wake all the dead and take us to be with God in heaven forever. We are entering the Half Year of the Church: Where should we expect to experience the breath of God? Nowhere else than where his Word is that is in the church as she breathes his Word in all its truth and purity! Everywhere else God sees only bones that stay dry and dead! And what then should be the passion, the all consuming concern of the church? Nothing else but the life-giving breath of God that creates and sustains her.

Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

The breath of God is both violent and gentle. Its violence is in the mighty wind. It is in the signs and wonders that he will speak into being to accompany the end of the age, prefigured by the mighty wind on this day. His violent breath however does not create faith. It creates curiosity this day, and one day will inspire dread in those who have not listened to his gentle voice in the gospel. It is when he breathes words through his apostles and prophets that he is most mighty for us. For then he creates faith which calls on the Name of the Lord, the Savior. That is the Spirit's real work and glory, bringing us to trust in Jesus for our salvation. Fear is gone and replaced with joyful confidence wrought by the Spirit in the gospel. Therefore, breathe on us, O Breath of God, that we may see Jesus and long for his coming again; pour on us your Spirit that we may be faithful to the Word he speaks while we wait!

The Gospel: John 14:25-27

The Spirit comes forth from the Father and the Son. He is the Paraclete, the one called to be at our side. He is the breath of God whose holy work makes us holy by teaching us his Word and thus bringing Christ to us and us to Christ. In revealing Christ he brings forgiveness and eternal life, all that Christ has won for us. For when he reminds us of what Christ said and did for us, Christ comes to impart peace with God and with our own conscience. As St. Bernard said, the Word is the kiss of God on the lips of the soul. Therefore we fearlessly face what is ahead, for we face it with the Father's gift of the Spirit and with the Spirit's gift of the Christ's continuing presence.

OUR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK

Trinity Sunday

First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8
Second Lesson: Romans: 8:14-17
The Gospel: John 3:1-17
Sermon Theme: "Three Holies"

Liturgy: Morning Praise, Page 45
Hymns: 194, 195, 239, 334
Psalm 150
Sermon Text: Isaiah 6:3