

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

"To know... To teach... To share Christ"

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Our Worship Today

Service Theme: "Something To Look Forward To"

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 Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Guide For Today's Service

Service of the Word and Sacrament, page 26-37

Our Songs CW 120 "What Wondrous Love Is This"
CW 167 "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"
CW 158 "I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again"

Psalm CW 107 Psalm 116

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship 65
Sunday Bible Class 29
Lenten Service 29

Sunday Offering \$2825
Midweek Bible Class 12
Lenten Offering \$-

Serving In Worship Today

Minister
Organist
Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm
Sharon Martin
Larry Martin

Opening Hymn

CW 120 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

Guide For Worship

CW Page 26 Service of Word and Sacrament

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14

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. 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. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign Lord, you alone know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. 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.'" 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. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, 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.'" So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army. 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.' Therefore prophecy 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. Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. 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

Psalm 116, CW Page 107

Congregation sings refrain and the second half of each verse

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:11-19

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba*, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

(NIV1984)

The Gospel

Please Stand

John 11:17-27, 38-45

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. “Lord,” Martha said to Jesus, “if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and

believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world." Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said. But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him. (NIV1984)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon Hymn

CW 167 "Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense"

Sermon

"Something To Look Forward To"

Romans 8:18

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

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The Sacrament

In the celebration of the Holy Supper, we receive, in a miraculous way, the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, in, with and under the bread and wine. We celebrate the restored fellowship we have with God through the blood of our Savior, and we publicly declare complete oneness in faith with those who receive the body and blood with us. Because the Bible teaches this is so, and out of a love for those who may accidentally receive the sacrament in an unscriptural way, we kindly ask that only those who have publicly declared their oneness in faith (membership in Christ the King, the WELS or ELS) participate in the meal today. Thank you.

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Prayer and Benediction

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Closing Hymn

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

Announcements

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Today, April 2: Organ Fund Bake Sale, 11:30 AM
Tuesday, April 4: Bible Class, 9:30 AM
Mary/Martha, 10:30 AM
Bare Foot Bookies Book Club, 11:30 AM
Wednesday, April 5: Soup Supper, 5:00 PM
Midweek Lenten Service, 6:00 PM
Choir, 7:00 PM
Sunday, April 9: Thank you to Mark Becker
Thursday, April 13: Maundy Thursday Service, 6:00 PM
Friday, April 14: Good Friday Service, 6:00 PM
Sunday, April 16: Sunrise Worship Service, 7:00 AM
Easter Breakfast, 8:00 AM
Easter Worship Service, 10:30

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.

See Linda Martin if you haven't had your picture taken for the Picture Board.

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,

April Birthdays: Carolyn Gumm-20th, Sharon Martin-25th

Prayer List: Doris Cox, Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Fran Stecher, Ruth Ellis, Keith Haslam, Dick Clemens, John & Joan Smith, Lincoln Robert Schrank



GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus will raise us from death to life. The crown jewel of the coming kingdom is the resurrection of the dead. One day, Jesus will defeat the last enemy (1 Corinthians 15:27) and life will reign again in our new Eden with God. On our Lenten walk to Calvary, the Church sees the Savior come face to face with death and defeat it completely. During our Lenten walk, the Prayer of the Day asks God to help us remember that Jesus, who is resurrection and life, has made us heirs of eternal life.

First Lesson: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Israel in exile was as good as dead. Cut off and helpless, the Israelites were not like an army but like a valley full of bones. Yet God promises to bring this nation back to life. In raising Israel from the death of exile, God foreshadowed the great work of Christ: the resurrection of God's people from the dead. Here he speaks to a figuratively dead nation; one day he will speak it literally: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them. The crown jewel of the kingdom will be given to all who believe—to all who have the Spirit. Reminiscent of the Spirit's first life-giving act on Adam will be the Life-giver's ultimate act on us. God says: I will put my Spirit in you, and you will live.

Second Lesson: Romans 8:11-19

The indwelling of the Spirit proves our possession of the crown jewel of the kingdom, the resurrection from the dead. If the Spirit is in us, God will most certainly grant true and real life to our mortal bodies. The truth of the protasis in verse 11 is evidenced by our lives. When the Spirit works fruits in our life, he proves to us that he dwells within us. If the protasis is true, then the apodosis is equally true: God will give us life. The knowledge of our future glory lets us approach God without fear and bear suffering as children of God and coheirs with Christ.

The Gospel: John 11:17-27, 38-45

Jesus performed the greatest miracle of his ministry to prove to us the certainty of his greatest promise. Death has hounded mankind since the garden and caused misery that God never intended for his children. When Christ saw the effects of death on his loved ones, he wept with them, but also promised them that one day even this last enemy would be defeated. Martha, too often remembered for her busyness, should be remembered for her confession of faith—so complete, so noble—that encompassed everything Jesus had preached. It even encompassed teachings the disciples struggled to comprehend! She believed in Jesus' promise of a future resurrection, and so Jesus gave proof to her and to us that his promise is true. By that same faith, he will give to us the crown jewel of the kingdom. The one who *is* resurrection and life will also *give* resurrection and life to all who believe. Jesus' victory in this battle with death was a forgone conclusion: he thanked God for it in advance. But Lazarus' response to the command of Christ stirs the heart of every Christian who has stared at the ugly face of death: the dead man came out.

OUR READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

The Gospel	Matthew 21:1-11
First Lesson	Zechariah 9:9, 10
Second Lesson	Philippians 2:5-11
Psalm	24