

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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Her children rise up and call her blessed...
Proverbs 31:28, ESV

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
May 14, 2017**

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 God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; 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, pages 38-44

Our Songs CW 499 "God of Mercy, God of Might"
CW 494 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"
CW 490 "Love in Christ Is Strong and Living"
CW 506 "Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall"

Psalm CW 79 Psalm 33

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship 31 Holy Communion: 24 Sunday Offering \$1515
Sunday Bible Class 15
Organ Fund Donations \$1120

Serving In Worship Today

Minister
Organist, Accompanist
Choir Director
Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm
Sharon Martin
Linda Martin
Larry Martin

Invitation To Worship

“Happy Mother’s Day“

Opening Hymn

CW 499 “God of Mercy, God of Might“

Guide For Worship

CW Page 38 Service of the Word

The First Lesson

Acts 17:1-12

When they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. “This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ,” he said. Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and not a few prominent women. But the Jews were jealous; so they rounded up some bad characters from the market-place, formed a mob and started a riot in the city. They rushed to Jason’s house in search of Paul and Silas in order to bring them out to the crowd. But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some other brothers before the city officials, shouting: “These men who have caused trouble all over the world have now come here, and Jason has welcomed them into his house. They are all defying Caesar’s decrees, saying that there is another king, one called Jesus.” When they heard this, the crowd and the city officials were thrown into turmoil. Then they put Jason and the others on bail and let them go. As soon as it was night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue. Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. Many of the Jews believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men. (NIV1984)

The Psalm

Psalm 33, CW Page 79

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

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:4-10

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,” and, “A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.
(NIV1984)

Verse of the Day

The minister says the proper Verse of the Day

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!

Choir

“A Family Song”

The Gospel

Please Stand

John 14:1-12

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.” (NIV1984)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon Hymn

CW 494 “Blest Be the Tie that Binds“

Sermon

“Christ’s Command To Love”

John 15:12

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

The Lord's Prayer

CW Page 43

Hymn

CW 490 "Love in Christ Is Strong and Living"

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 14: Choir, 9:00 AM
 Bible Study, 9:30 AM
 Worship Service, 10:30 AM
Tuesday, May 16: Bible Study, 9:30 AM

Saturday, May 27: Work Day, 9:00 AM
Sunday, May 28: Organ Dedication, 10:30 AM

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, Head Elder-Robby Robinson, 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: Robby & EyVonne Robinson-19, George & Carol Davis-25th

Prayer List: Doris Cox, Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Fran Stecher, Keith Haslam, Dick Clemens



GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK

I am the way, the truth, and the life. Christ's message is so exclusive that it rejects all others. There is only one way to the Father, and that way is a *person*. He does not say, 'I show you the way,' like a second Moses, but I am the way. Nor 'I have the truth,' like another Elijah, but I am the truth. Not only 'I lead unto life,' as one of his apostles, but I am the life. (Kögel) The exclusivity of salvation resting in the person of Jesus Christ is a rock against which the unbelieving world crushes itself, but upon which God builds his Church.

First Lesson: Acts 17:1-12

Paul said it was necessary for God to hide himself in suffering: τὸν χριστὸν ἕδει παθεῖν. All the popular conceptions of Messiah as earthly king were wrong. Not only *did* Messiah suffer and die, Messiah *had to suffer and die!* All the prophesies found their fulfillment in the person of Jesus of Nazareth: οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ χριστὸς [ὁ] Ἰησοῦς ὃν ἐγὼ καταγγέλλω ὑμῖν. The exclusivity of the Christian message led to vociferous rejection by the people of Israel, both at home and abroad. But the stone the builders rejected has made a new people, a chosen people, a people filled with eagerness and hope in Christ.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 2:4-10

The world looks at God hidden in Christ and sees either a loser or a joke (1 Corinthians 1). The Jews rejected him because of his humility. The world today rejects him because of his claims of being the one way, the one truth, the one life. In neither case do they see Christ as the stone that should set their angles or head their corners. They would rather fashion their lives by their own design. This rejected stone, however, will ultimately be their downfall. For believers, though, this rejected stone is what saves and builds. Jesus said, "ἐγὼ εἰμι ἡ ζωὴ." That living stone is Life, gives life, and makes living stones out of people who were scattered in darkness.

The Gospel: John 14:1-12

Jesus bids farewell to his disciples on the night he was betrayed. He tries to set their hearts at rest and tells them to trust God and him regarding this departure. But the disciples' faith is clouded by doubt and false hopes. Thomas cannot conceive of a Messianic kingdom that involves death or departure. They did not want to see God in sufferings, but in glory. Philip, like us all, wanted to see the Father. Show us the glory cloud! Show us the fiery mountain! Show us the sapphire pavement! Show us the throne ringed by cherubim and seraphim! Show us the Father! Sinful man wants to look right past this man from Galilee. Sinful man fails to see the truth expressed in Luther's thesis, the truth so crucial to the theology of the cross: the hidden God reveals himself by hiding himself. There is only one way, and that way is a person. Jesus points Thomas and Philip to the one person who reveals the hidden God to us. Let the preacher note the definite articles in verse 6. We are tempted to think there must be more than this humble man from Galilee. Oh, there is! Look closer and see the hidden God. See grace in the flesh—the God of glory willing to hide himself unto death for me.

OUR READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

First Lesson	Acts 17:22-31
Second Lesson	1 Peter 17:22-31
The Gospel	John 14:15-22
Psalm	66