

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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Put Your Hope In

Christ

1 Peter 3:15-22

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 21, 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 Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; 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

The Common Service, page 15-25

Our Songs CW 345 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"
CW 382 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"
CW 566 "We All Are One in Mission"

Psalm CW 90 Psalm 66

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship 35

Sunday Bible Class 16

Organ Fund \$100

Sunday Worship Offering \$2244

Midweek Bible Class 9

Serving In Worship Today

Minister

Organist

Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm

Jonette Jordan

Wally Jordan

Opening Hymn

CW 345 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Guide For Worship

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The First Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you. "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by man's design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead." (NIV1984)

The Psalm

Psalm 66, CW Page 90

Congregation sings refrain and speaks the second half of each verse

The Second Lesson

I Peter 3:15-22

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience towards God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him. (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

The Gospel

Please Stand

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings

Glory be to you, O Lord

John 14:15-21

“If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you for ever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not

see me any more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.” (NIV1984)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Nicene Creed

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Sermon Hymn

CW 382 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less“

Sermon

“Put Your Hope In Christ”

1 Peter 3:15-22

Response to God’s Word

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

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 20

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.

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

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Prayer and Benediction

CW Page 24

Closing Hymn

CW #566 "We All Are One in Mission"

Announcements

WELS Connection

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Today, May 21: Choir, 9:00 AM
Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Worship Service with Communion, 10:30 AM
Tuesday, May 23: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Saturday, May 27: Work Day
Sunday, May 28: Choir, 9:00 AM
Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Worship Service & 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*

Happy 100th Birthday to Ellen Laurencell.

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

The love of God who lives in us leads to a life of obedience. Jesus' promise of another Counselor is a loaded one: the Holy Spirit gives us the ability to do what Jesus asks. This Sunday's lessons teach that love for our risen Lord means obedience to his commands. Only Jesus' promises make that possible. The Prayer of the Day sets the tone: "Put your Spirit in us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good..."

First Lesson: Acts 17:22-31

Could this lesson be more timely? Paul preached to a people enamored with spirituality, but ignorant of the true God. To a people who thought they had all the answers, Paul offers real knowledge of the true God unknown to them. Imagine the scene on Mars Hill. Rising above them, the higher hill of the Acropolis loomed and upon its peak the Parthenon dominated the skyline. This timeless treasure of architecture marked the high point of Greek art and culture, and served as a temple for the city's patron goddess, Athena. In front of this jaw-dropping beauty, Paul says, "God does not live in temples built by hands." No, this unknown God made himself known by living with us, and then living in us. Love for this risen Lord leads to a life filled with loving obedience, cf. the quote from the Greek poet Epimenides (v 28a).

Second Lesson: 1 Peter:15-22

This is the fifth reading from 1 Peter during the Easter season. Last week Peter declared what we are in Christ: a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a people belonging to God. In this lesson he details what that means for our lives: Set apart Christ as Lord. Love for our Lord means obedience to his commands—even if that obedience means suffering. The Christian can offer willing obedience in the face of suffering because Christ rules, and Holy Baptism guarantees our connection to him.

Note: Verse 21 comments on this baptism that now saves us. The NIV says that baptism is "the pledge of a good conscience toward God." The footnote suggests "response of a good conscience" as an alternate translation. "Response" is the worst choice because it is most likely to be understood as our response toward God, rather than his promise to us. "Pledge" could be understood correctly, but only if we understand God as the pledge maker, not us. The word ἐπερώτημα can mean "answer" in a legal sense, so a better translation would be, "the legal claim of a good conscience toward God." (Brug)

The Gospel: John 14:15-21

Because *I* live, *you, too*, will live! Jesus promises more than just a resurrection from the dead for his disciples. Note the tenses in verse 19: in the very face of his own death, Jesus did not promise that he would come back to life, but that he is alive in the soteriological sense. Verse 6 said, "ἐγώ εἰμι ἡ ζωή." Jesus is life, that state of blessed holiness and perfect righteousness and communion with God. Man had lost that life in Adam's fall, and sin and death rushed into the vacuum left behind. The Son of God, the Life, came to bring it back. Because he is alive, we, too, will live in blessedness and holiness forever. We are children who will never be orphaned, but rather will be comforted, counseled, and kept forever. What is our response? Life lived as God intended—a life that treasures our Lord, his Word, and obedience to both!

OUR READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

First Lesson	Act 1:1-11
Second Lesson	Ephesians 1:16-23
The Gospel	Luke 24:144-53
Psalm	47