

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

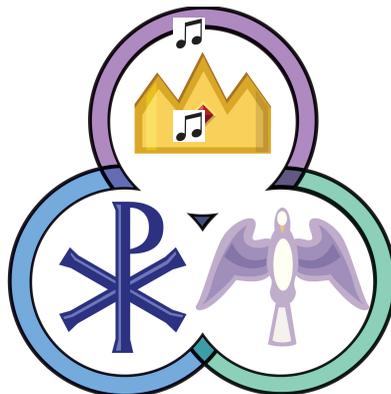
“To know... To teach... To share Christ”

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THREE IN ONE

**First Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Trinity
May 27, 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 Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever. Amen.

Worship Guide For Today's Service

Morning Praise, pages 45-51

Our Songs CW 194 "Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices"
CW 195 "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"
CW 239 "Glory Be to God the Father"
CW 334 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Psalm CW 122 Psalm 150

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship: 37	Communion: 33	Sunday Bible Class: 18
Sunday Offering: General \$1,840.00		Memorial: \$50.00

Serving In Worship Today

Minister
Organist
Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm
Sharon Martin
Larry Martin

Opening Hymn

CW 194 “Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices“

Invitation To Worship

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C:  **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

C:  **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

P: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world: let us worship him.

Oh, Come, Let Us Sing To The Lord

CW 46

The First Lesson

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.” ⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. ⁵ “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.” ⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.” ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” (NIV1984)

The Psalm

CW 122 Psalm 150

Congregation sings refrain and the speaks second half of each verse

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:14-17

¹⁴ because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ 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.” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ 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. (NIV1984)

The Gospel

Please Stand

John 3:1-17

¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no-one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him.” ³ In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no-one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.” ⁴ “How can a man be born when he is old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb to be born!” ⁵ Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no-one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” ⁹ “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked. ¹⁰ “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No-one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. (NIV1984)

Seasonal Response

C: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!.

Athanasian Creed

CW 132-33

Sermon Hymn

CW 195 “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”

Sermon

“Three Holies”

Isaiah 6:3

Hymn

CW 239 “Glory Be to God the Father”

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

Reception of New Members

Nancy Craven, Jane Eichelkraut, and Samantha Hultgren

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 50

The Lord's Prayer

CW Page 50

Prayer For Grace and the Benediction

CW Page 50

Closing Hymn

CW 334 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Memorial Day Video

"We Honor You"

Announcements

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Today, May 27 Bible Class, 9:30 AM
 Worship Service, 10:30 AM

Tuesday, May 29: Bible Class, 9:30 AM

Sunday, June 3: Bible Class, 9:30 AM
 Worship Service with communion, 10:30 AM

During today's service Nancy Craven, Jane Eichelkraut, and Samantha Hultgren will be received into membership. We pray that the Lord richly bless their time in our midst. Welcome to our Christ the King family!

On this Memorial Day, we thank all of you who served!

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. 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

We have now entered fully into the Half Year of the Church. We never leave behind Christ and his work for us which was the center of our attention in the Half Year of Our Lord; but now the emphasis will shift to the result of his work through the Word: the work of defining faith, of creating it and inspiring its fruits in the church collectively and in each of us individually [Series B will focus more on the latter]. And so, on the Feast of the Holy Trinity we see the Word creates faith in the Holy Trinity.

First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

In bringing us into his kingdom the Holy Trinity employs both the law and the gospel. The law shows us God in all his majesty and terror; it kills us and makes us despair of our own goodness, even of the vain delusion that we enter his kingdom by our merit or decision. No, it is all his work and doing when he forgives our sins by purging that comes from his altar, ultimately the altar of the cross. Then, moved by the gospel, we both trust in him and desire to serve him in his kingdom in accord with what he will say in his Word—not on the basis of our own feelings or reasoning.

Second Lesson: Romans 8:14-17

In that kingdom of the Father, created by the work of the Son and brought to us by the Spirit in the gospel, we are not fear-driven slaves. No, so great is the love described in the gospel lesson that God even makes us his adopted sons. We are brothers of Christ the King, children of God the Father, impelled to live and work and pray by the Spirit who lives and works and prays within us. As sons we strive to live not according to our old lusts and desires, but as befits those whose Father is God, whose brother is Christ, whose leader is the Spirit in the Word. Paul is not a sexist with his use of the word sons; he is describing a relationship not just of children but of heirs; and that's what sons were, heirs of the father's estate. Note too: there is no synergism in vs. 16; the Spirit bears witness in the Word to our spirit; our spirit receives his witness and then in Spirit-worked faith says, "Amen."

The Gospel: John 3:1-17

Faith in the divine mystery of the Holy Trinity is a miracle beyond all other miraculous signs and wonders. It is a miracle of new birth, altogether the doing of the Spirit when and where it pleases him. Its miraculous nature is evident in the mystery of the Trinity itself and in the core message of the Spirit: We worship God who has been surrendered by his Father to die and give eternal life only to those who trust in him alone for their salvation. The author of our salvation and the author of our trust is one and the same: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. St. Bernard says that there are three great miracles that should astonish us: That the Christ Child is God and man in one person; that Mary is at the same time a mother and a virgin; that faith in the heart of man can embrace such things! The Half Year of the Church focuses on the last of the three.