

# ***Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church***

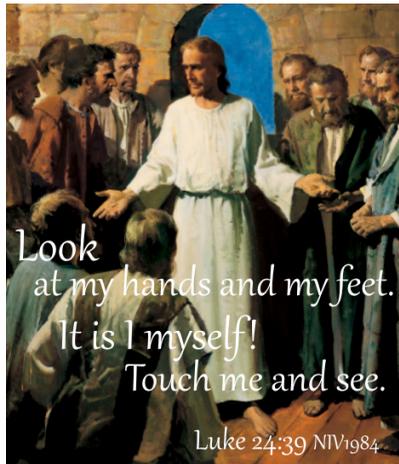
*“To know... To teach... To share Christ”*

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**Third Sunday of Easter  
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# 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, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Worship Guide For Today's Service

Morning Praise, pages 45-51

**Our Songs** CW 225 "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"  
CW 145 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"  
CW 160 "This Joyful Eastertide"  
CW 332 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

**Psalm** CW 108 Psalm 118

## Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship: 46                      Communion: 43                      Sunday Bible Class: 19  
Sunday Offering: General \$2,045.10

## Serving In Worship Today

Minister  
Organist & Accompanist  
Cellist  
Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm  
Jan Nelson  
Linda Martin  
Larry Martin

## Prelude

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

## Opening Hymn

CW 225 “This Is the Day the Lord Has Made“

## 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 Lord is risen: let us worship him.

## Oh, Come, Let Us Sing To The Lord

CW 46

## The First Lesson

Acts 4:8-12

<sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup> If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup> then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup> He is“ ‘the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.’ <sup>12</sup> Salvation is found in no-one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.”

(NIV1984)

## The Psalm

CW 108 Psalm 118

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

## The Second Lesson

I John 1:1-2:2

<sup>1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched —this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. <sup>2</sup>The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. <sup>3</sup>We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We write this to make our joy complete. <sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. <sup>2:1</sup>My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense —Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup>He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (NIV1984)

## The Gospel

*Please Stand*

Luke 24:36-49

<sup>36</sup>While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have.” <sup>40</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, “Do you have anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate it in their presence. <sup>44</sup>He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be

fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup> He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” (NIV1984)

## **Seasonal Response**

**C: The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Death has been swallowed up in victory. Alleluia!**

## **Sermon Hymn**

CW 145 “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”

## **Sermon**

“Looking At Easter Through Luke’s Eyes”

Luke 24:36-49

## **Hymn**

CW 160 “This Joyful Eastertide”

## **Offering**

Our Offerings to the Lord are free will. Let your offerings be a joyful response to God’s grace to you.

## **Offertory**

“AVE Verum”

## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Lord, Have Mercy**

CW 50

### **The Lord's Prayer**

CW Page 50

### **Prayer For Grace and the Benediction**

CW Page 50

### **Closing Hymn**

CW 332 "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

## **WELS Connection**

### **Postlude**

"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

## **Announcements**

# Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Today, April 15:	Bible Class, 9:30 AM Worship Service, 10:30 AM
Tuesday, April 17:	Bible Class, 9:30 AM Membership Class, 10:30 AM
Thursday, April 19:	Men's Breakfast, 8:30 AM Church Council Meeting, 9:30 AM Membership Class, 10:30 AM
Sunday, April 22	Bible Class, 9:30 AM Worship Service with Communion, 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

*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. Right now, we are reading "Ordinary Grace" by William Kent Krueger, to be discussed at our May 1, 2018 meeting. After May 1st, 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

April Birthdays: Samantha Hultgren-7<sup>th</sup>, Nancy Cravens-10<sup>th</sup>, Jim Brusehaver-15<sup>th</sup>, Carolyn Gumm-20<sup>th</sup>, Sharon Martin-25<sup>th</sup>

April Anniversaries: John & Rebecca Pueschel-6<sup>th</sup>,

Prayer List: Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Fran Stecher, Keith Haslam, Dick Clemens, Marge Krueger, Robert Krueger, Barb Wiese, Linda Martin, Gloria Rische



## **GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK**

Lent began with an almost equal focus on the sinner and the Savior. But increasingly and now in Holy Week the focus is on Christ. The readings for today want us to understand once and for all who it really is who has come to save us, so that with all confidence we may do as the Prayer for the Day suggests, follow him from Holy Week to Easter, from earth to heaven.

### **First Lesson: Acts 4:8-12**

Just like Jesus in the gospel lesson Peter goes straight from the visible to the Word and from the outward but unseen manifestation of Christ's power in his resurrection to its inner power in the law which kills and condemns and the gospel which miraculously brings faith and life, forgiveness and salvation. The miracles of the Word are far greater and more long lasting than the visible miracles are. The greatest miracle of the Word is that it creates faith in the message that salvation is by faith in the all sufficient merit of the crucified and risen Christ.

### **Second Lesson: I John 1:1-2:2**

Everything which the apostles had seen and heard is there to be received, shared, enjoyed in the Word. The Word brings the light. In darkness there can be no fellowship. You can't walk hand in hand, work with or support, lovingly serve what is lost in the dark. But the Word brings God to light. It shows and brings the Advocate who pleads our case so effectively to light. It brings the truth to light that we are brothers and sisters in Christ. Sin removed is darkness removed. The light of the Word removes the sin by revealing the Advocate which brings forth trust in him and in his merit.

### **The Gospel: Luke 24:36-39**

From Easter Sunday until the Ascension Jesus emphasized in his discourses with the disciples the absolute necessity of the Word. Soon he would remove his visible presence. In this appearance he moves from the visible to the Word. He uses what they can see and touch as the bridge to the Word. The closer they are to his Word, the closer they will be to him. For everything that he is and did is enclosed in the Word. In revealing himself in the Word, he gives himself and all that he has to them. So that he may be with them and they with him, he performs the miracle, a miracle which the Holy Spirit will soon perform regularly (Don't forget: Opera ad extram sunt indivisa). He opens the Scriptures so that they finally understand; without that miracle of the effective Word all remains darkness and foolishness. For how impossible everything he promised appears to reason! But with the effective Word, it all becomes both clear and powerful even beyond the creation of faith. Look at what Jesus sends them to do!

## **OUR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK**

Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Lesson: Acts 4:23-33

Second Lesson: I John 3:1-2

The Gospel: John 10:11-18

Sermon Theme: "The Love Of God"

Liturgy: The Common Service with Communion

Hymns: 374, 360, 365

Psalm 23

Sermon Text: I John 3:1-2