

Christ the King Lutheran Church

“One Family Under One King”

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

Easter 6



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Opening Hymn: CW 5 (vv. 2-4)

As Angels Joined with One Accord

- 2 He came, not clothed in majesty Nor pow’r that suits his deity.
In lowly state he walked till he In dying set us captives free.
- 3 This done, he soared to God’s right hand, Yet orphaned not his chosen band,
For he, not bound in grace and pow’r, Attends his own each day and hour.
- 4 In ev’ry age—let praise abound—He comes; we hear his voice resound.
His glorious gospel does not cease To bring us comfort, joy, and peace.

Greeting and Invocation

P: We begin our service in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: In faith, God gives us the Holy Spirit who works in us both the desire to throw off the slavery of sin and the power to live a new life. We gather here to confess our unworthiness before our perfectly worthy God, to remember, be it ever so temporarily, the ways we have disobeyed him, and to receive the knowledge of our sure salvation through the light of God’s holy Word and the work of Jesus Christ in life, death, and resurrection as our Savior. May the Lord renew us in body, mind, and spirit so that we may be enabled to serve him now and always.

C: Be with us Lord, we pray. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: Let us join now in confessing our sins to God and asking for his forgiveness.

C: **Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. I have not always loved my brothers and sisters as myself. For sins of worrying and sins of selfishness, I confess. For letting anxiety get the best of me and allowing it to lead me to doubt your power and your reign over all, I sincerely repent. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.**

(If you are able and willing, confess to those around you some “outward sins” you have committed in front of them this past week. Share your “inward sins” with your God in personal confession. Spouses- this gives you an opportunity to model humble repentance to your spouse. Parents- this gives you a great opportunity to model and encourage humble repentance to your children. Then take some time for silent meditation.)

(At Pastor’s prompt we join:) **I am truly sorry for my sins. I have been led by your Spirit to repent of them. I beg for your mercy, O Lord.**

P: Forgive us, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.

C: **Cleanse me from my sins.**

Release me from my guilt.

Grant me your Holy Spirit to change my sinful life.

P: As priest in your house, I invite all the heads of household online right now to mute the corporate absolution portion of our service and take on the role of proclaiming an absolution as a minister of the Keys (John 20:21-23, 1 Peter 2:9) in your household by reading the section below in italics. For the rest of those gathering online, I will continue as your called pastor to proclaim the corporate absolution in a moment. *The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. Therefore, as a servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (make the sign of the cross) and of the Holy Spirit.*

C: **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 4:1-16

¹⁵ Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man.” ² Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. ³ In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. ⁴ And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, ⁵ but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

⁶ Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? ⁷ If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”

⁸ Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”

“I don’t know,” he replied. “Am I my brother’s keeper?”

¹⁰ The LORD said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground. ¹¹ Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. ¹² When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.”

¹³ Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is more than I can bear. ¹⁴ Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”

¹⁵ But the LORD said to him, “Not so; anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over.” Then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. ¹⁶ So Cain went out from the LORD’s presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Gospel: John 14:15-21

⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them .”

Children’s Message

Hymn: CW 169

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

- 1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by his blood.”
- 2 Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.
- 3 Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him When the forty days were o’er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise: “I am with you evermore”?

Sermon Text: 1 John 3:11-18

¹¹ For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. ¹² Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother’s were righteous. ¹³ Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. ¹⁵ Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him. *(reading continues on next page)*

¹⁶This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

Prayer

P: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

P: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

P: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

P: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

P: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever
and ever. Amen.

The Blessing- Spoken by Pastor

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CW 5 (vv. 5-7)

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- 5 He comes in water to the child And cleanses it, from birth defiled.
This washing seals his pard'ning grace And shows the Father's kindly face.
- 6 He comes to us in bread and wine To give himself—and gifts divine.
Oh, praise him for this sacrament, Redeeming love's great testament!
- 7 Lift up your heads! All grief and pain Shall vanish when he comes again.
Where we shall see him face to face, There joy alone shall have a place.

Christ the King Lutheran Church Mission Statement:

*Christ's love compels us to **grow in his Word** and **go into the world**
spreading the good news of eternal life through faith in Christ Jesus.*