

Christ the King Lutheran Church

"One Family Under One King"

A Service of Praise



April 19th, 2020

Opening Hymn: #143 He's Risen, He's Risen (vs. 1-3)



1 He's ris - en, he's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
4 Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate Word.
The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
And death, hell, and Sa - tan he van - quished, his foes.
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
The con - quer - ing Lord lifts his ban - ner on high;
For all our trans - gres - sions his blood does a - tone;
Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,



And earth, sea, and moun - tain the prais - es pro - long.
For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
He lives, yes, he lives, and will nev - er - more die.
Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are his own.
Who now sits in glo - ry and ev - er shall reign.

P: We come together today in whatever way God allows us to worship 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 this now and always.

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

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: 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 called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Response: #143 He's Risen, He's Risen (vs. 4-5)

Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.

Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who now sits in glory and ever shall reign.

Gospel Lesson- John 20:19-31

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you." ²² After saying this, he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ Whenever you forgive people's sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

²⁴ But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, ^[a] was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples kept telling him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶ After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. "Peace be with you," he said. ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe."

²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Jesus, in the presence of his disciples, did many other miraculous signs that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Second Reading- Acts 2:14a, 22-32

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and spoke loudly and clearly to them: ²² "Men of Israel, hear these words! Jesus the Nazarene was a man recommended to you by God with miracles, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man, who was handed over by God's set plan and foreknowledge, you killed by having lawless men nail him to a cross. ²⁴ He is the one God raised up by freeing him from the agony of death, because death was not able to hold him in its grip.

²⁵ "Indeed, David says concerning him:

I saw the Lord always before me.
Because he is at my right hand,
I will not be shaken.

²⁶ Therefore my heart was glad,
and my tongue rejoiced.

My flesh also will rest in hope,

²⁷ because you will not abandon my life to the grave,
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life.

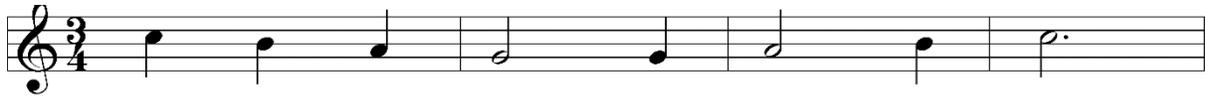
You will fill me with joy in your presence.

²⁹ "Gentlemen, brothers, I can speak confidently to you about the patriarch David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath that he would seat one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹ he saw what was coming and spoke about the resurrection of Christ, saying that he was neither abandoned to the grave nor did his flesh see decay.

³² "This Jesus is the one God has raised up. We are all witnesses of that.

Children's Message

Hymn of Praise- #165 O Sons and Daughters of the King (vs. 1,4-5)



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,
2 On that first morn - ing of the week,
3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee,
4 That night th' a - pos - tles met in fear;
5 When Thom - as af - ter - wards had heard



Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing,
Be - fore the day be - gan to break,
For thus he spoke un - to the three,
A - mong them came their Lord most dear
That Je - sus had ful - filled his word,



To - day the grave has lost its sting!
The Mar - ys went their Lord to seek.
"Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
And said, "Peace be un - to you here."
He doubt - ed that is was the Lord.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he gave us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ into an inheritance that is undying, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. ⁵ Through faith you are being protected by God's power for the salvation that is ready to be revealed at the end of time.

⁶ Because of this you rejoice very much, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various kinds of trials ⁷ so that the proven character of your faith—which is more valuable than gold, which passes away

even though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not see him now, yet by believing in him, you are filled with a joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹because you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Prayer- Spoken By Pastor & The Lord's Prayer (*we pray together*)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in 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 of Praise- #165 O Sons and Daughters of the King (vs. 7-9)

7. No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God," he cried.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

8. Blessèd are they that have not seen
And yet whose faith has constant been;
In life eternal they shall reign.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

9. On this most holy day of days
To God your hearts and voices raise
In laud and jubilee and praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



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Our 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.

Our Vision Statement

Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church strives to be a Christ-centered family committed to God's true Word as we faithfully worship, serve, and care for one another, sharing the love of Christ in a spirit of praise and joy within our church and community.

***We warmly invite you to come and to be part of
our church family's mission and vision...
welcome home!***