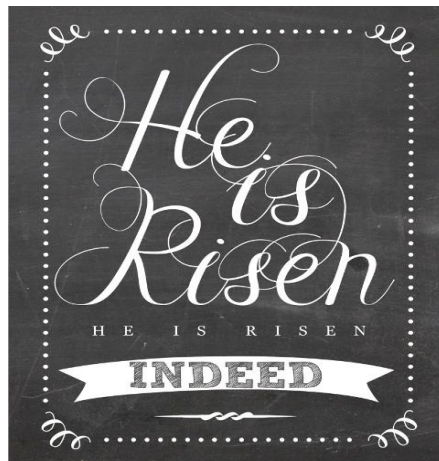


THE BROTHERS & SISTERS IN CHRIST OF
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WELCOME YOU TO THE DIVINE SERVICE!

THE 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 28, 2024 – 10:40 A.M.



Christ the King Lutheran Church

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Declaring new life in Jesus Christ & encouraging all to take their next step of faith with Jesus!

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Our vision: All people will know God personally through Jesus Christ.

Our mission: Inward searching, outward seeking, forward together with Jesus Christ.

Psalm 139:23—Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

Luke 19:10 — For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.

Matthew 4:19 — “Come, follow Me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024 – 10:40 a.m.

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Welcome! We're glad you're here....

OUR INVITATION: Our family of faith invites you to participate in our mission to share the Gospel (which means “good news”) of Jesus Christ, as we gather to hear the word of God and share the presence of Christ in Holy Communion and Christian fellowship. The Gospel is that Almighty God is for us and with us, and we know this with certainty through Jesus Christ. With your participation, our God-given mission to spread this good news to the world and the surrounding community can only be strengthened. Our pastor and members are here for you!

Sunday School Classes and Rooms (all classes meet at 9:20 a.m.):

Jesus's Questions in The Gospel of John, Led by Pastor Chris in the Luther Room

Oasis with Martha Green & Maizie Nelson, in the Luther Room foyer.

The Life of Christ, Led by Tim Champion, in Fellowship 2.

Children's Sunday Education - NURSERY IS available for infants & children 3 years of age during each worship service, and education time. Following are where everyone will meet:

Nursery (infant - 3 yrs old) ~ Main bldg Nursery

3K & K ~ John Room

1st – 3rd grade ~ Matthew & Mark Room

4th – 5th grade ~ Disciple Room

Jr. High ~ Jr High Room

Sr. High ~ Youth Room

TODAY'S BIBLE READINGS NOTES: *This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PASTOR: Christ is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed!

PASTOR: Christ is alive!

Congregation: He is alive indeed!

PASTOR: Christ is with us!

Congregation: He is with us indeed!

CALL TO WORSHIP & APRIL MEMORY VERSE:

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

“Ever Be”

Verse 1 Your love is devoted like a ring of solid gold,
Like a vow that is tested, like a covenant of old.
Your love is enduring through the winter rain
And beyond the horizon with mercy for today.

Pre-Chorus Faithful You have been, and faithful You will be.
You pledge Yourself to me, and it's why I sing:

Chorus Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.
Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.
Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.
Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.

Verse 2 You Father the orphan; Your kindness makes us whole.
 You shoulder our weakness, and Your strength becomes our own.
 You're making me like You, clothing me in white,
 Bringing beauty from ashes, for You will have Your bride,

Pre-Chorus Free of all her guilt and rid of all her shame,
 And known by her true name, and it's why I sing:

Chorus Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.
 Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.
 Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.
 Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.

Bridge You will be praised, You will be praised.
 With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord.
 You will be praised, You will be praised
 With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord. And it's why I sing:

Chorus Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.
 Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.
 Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.
 Your praise will ever be on my lips, ever be on my lips.

THE GREETING: P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY: *(Spoken by all)* O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME: Trust and follow Jesus. He gives you power, love, and self-control.

♪ PRAISE TEAM ANTHEM: "Abide"

Verse 1 For my waking breath, for my daily bread I depend on You, I depend on You. For the sun to rise, for my sleep at night, I depend on You, I depend on You.

Chorus 1 You're the way, the truth and the life, You're the well that never runs dry. I'm the branch and You are the vine. Draw me close and teach me to abide.

Verse 2 Where the Spirit leads, as I'm following I depend on You, I depend on You. For the victories still in front of me I depend on You, I depend on You.

Chorus 2 You're the way, the truth and the life, You're the well that never runs dry. I'm the branch and You are the vine. Draw me close and teach me to abide. Be my strength, my song in the night. Be my all, my treasure, my prize. I am Yours, forever You're mine. Draw me close and teach me to abide.

Verse 3 When I pass through death, as I enter rest, I depend on You, I depend on You. For eternal life, to be raised with Christ, I depend on You, I depend on You. **(repeat chorus 2)**

Tag Would you teach me, would You teach me to abide. I depend on You, I depend on You.

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 8:26-40

The Introduction: *Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.*

The Reading:

²⁶ But an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip saying, "Get up and go south to the road that descends from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a desert road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went; and there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure; and he had come to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this chariot." ³⁰ Philip ran up and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ And he said, "Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this: "He was led as a sheep to slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He does not open His mouth. ³³ "In humiliation His judgment was taken away; Who will relate His generation? For His

life is removed from the earth."

³⁴ The eunuch answered Philip and said, "Please tell me, of whom does the prophet say this? Of himself or of someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him. ³⁶ As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?" ³⁷ And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." ³⁸ And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch no longer saw him, but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he kept preaching the gospel to all the cities until he came to Caesarea.

(Lector: "This is the word of the Lord!" then, **all**, "Thanks be to God!")

THE PSALM: Psalm 22:25-31

(Congregation has verses in **bold**)

The Introduction: *All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD.*

From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD.

²⁶ **The poor shall eat and be satisfied.**

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸ **For dominion belongs to the LORD,
who rules over the nations.**

²⁹ Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰ **Their descendants shall serve the LORD,
whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.**

³¹ They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

(Lector: "This is the word of the Lord!" then, all, "Thanks be to God!")

♪ THE GOSPEL VERSE: "Jesus Messiah"

Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names; Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven;
Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all. Jesus, Messiah, the Lord of all!

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

The Introduction: *On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.*

The Gospel:

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches; he

who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

⁶ If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. ⁷ If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

(Lector: This is the word of the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God!)

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND SERMON:

"Amazed"

Verse 1 You dance over me while I am unaware,
 You sing all around, but I never hear the sound.

Chorus Lord, I'm amazed by You; Lord, I'm amazed by You;
 Lord, I'm amazed by You; how You love me.

Verse 2 You paint the morning sky with miracles in mind;
 My hope will always stand, You hold me in Your hand.

Chorus Lord, I'm amazed by You; Lord, I'm amazed by You;
 Lord, I'm amazed by You; how You love me.

Bridge How wide, how deep, how great is Your love for me;
 How wide, how deep, how great is Your love for me.

Chorus (2x) Lord, I'm amazed by You; Lord, I'm amazed by You;
 Lord, I'm amazed by You; how You love me.

THE NICENE CREED:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE:**

Greetings celebrate God bringing us peace together with Himself through Christ.

MINUTE FOR MISSION:

& GIVING THANKS to God with His tithes (*first 10% income*) & our offerings (*beyond 10%*).

Our Mercy Ministry basket today supports SOS (Summer of Service) Camps

Prayer requests can be written on prayer cards and turned in here and/or sent to office@ctkbham.org.

*Offerings are appreciated: plates are at the back of the sanctuary or give at www.ctkbham.org, or mail a check to:
Christ the King Lutheran Church, 611 Riverchase Parkway West, Birmingham, AL 35244.*

♪ OFFERTORY VERSE: "Glorious Day"

Living, He loved me, dying He saved me. Buried, He carried my sins far away. Rising,
He justified freely forever. One day He's coming, O glorious day, O glorious day. Glorious day,
O glorious day

THE OFFERING OF PRAYER: P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,
C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and
our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered
himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CELEBRATING & SHARING CHRIST'S PROMISED PRESENCE IN HOLY COMMUNION:

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 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

HOLY COMMUNION

THE BLESSING, PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

"Mighty to Save"

<i>Verse 1</i>	Ev'ryone needs compassion, love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me. Ev'ryone needs forgiveness, the kindness of a Saviour. The hope of nations.
<i>Chorus</i>	Saviour, He can move the mountains. My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation. He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.
<i>Verse 2</i>	So, take me as You find me, all my fears and failures. Fill my life again. I give my life to follow, ev'rything I believe in. Now I surrender.
<i>Chorus</i>	Saviour, He can move the mountains. My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation. He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.
<i>Bridge</i>	Shine your light, and let the whole world see. We're singing for the glory of the risen King. Jesus, shine your light, and let the whole world see. We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

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Chorus Saviour, He can move the mountains.
 My God is mighty to save. He is mighty to save. Forever, Author of salvation.
 He rose and conquered the grave. Jesus conquered the grave.

THE DISMISSAL:

P: In the strength of Christ, let's go in peace; and serve the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God!**

Praise Team Postlude: "Mighty to Save - Reprise"

The altar flowers & eternal candle are sponsored by Dick & Cheryl O'Brien in celebration of Victoria's 21st birthday.

If you'd like to sponsor altar flowers or candle, please sign up outside the library door or contact the church office.

THE SCRIPTURE TO CONSIDER FOR NEXT SUNDAY'S (5/5) WORSHIP:

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; John 15:9-17

THE SCRIPTURE TO CONSIDER FOR THIS WEDNESDAY'S WORSHIP:

1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and whoever loves the Father loves the child born of Him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and observe His commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and

this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

⁵Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood. It is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth.

Disciplemaker's Prayer

from Deut. 6:1-9; Mark 3:13-14; 12:30-31; Matt. 28:18-20; John 17:20; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor. 4:16-17

Heavenly Father, Thank you for giving me a discipling way of life in Christ Jesus. **As I go through every part of this day, help me to love you and love the people who cross my path -- starting with my family.** Don't let me miss the adventures you are sending my way to live or the exciting opportunities to speak the Good News about Jesus today. Draw my heart to you and to specific people you want me to pull close for Jesus-like discipling friendships. By your Word and Spirit, transform me into a follower of Jesus who loves you, loves people, and makes disciples who make more disciples, ad infinitum. In Jesus' name, Amen.