

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
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**Hearts Loved By God**  
**Hands To Serve All**  
**Through Jesus Christ**



## WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

We welcome you to worship with us! We hope you will experience the grace and peace of God's love present with you. For more information, please contact us by email or phone, or by visiting our Facebook page, or at our website, [www.ckvestal.org](http://www.ckvestal.org).

### ABOUT OUR WORSHIP SERVICE

#### ***ORDER OF WORSHIP***

The Worship Service this morning follows the pattern of Gather-Word-Meal-Sending. It will include the distribution of communion.

#### ***OFFERINGS***

You may present your offering to God for the work of God through Christ the King Lutheran Church online via our website at [www.ckvestal.org](http://www.ckvestal.org) and clicking the "Give Now" button, by leaving it at the church, or by mail.

### ABOUT CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Christ the King is a Reconciling in Christ congregation.** We are called by Christ to care for, love, understand, and listen to each other. All are welcome, regardless of race, age, gender and gender identities, marital status, physical and mental abilities, sexual orientations, national origin, or economic status. We celebrate together our unity as God's people, committed to being a radically loving and welcoming community of faith, centered in the Good News of Jesus Christ. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Christ the King is a place for all to discover and develop their God-given gifts and share them with the world.

**If you desire Pastoral Care or have a Pastoral Emergency,** please contact the Church Office at 607-729-2688 and leave a message. Your message will be automatically forwarded. Our team of caring ministers will respond to your call.

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## GATHERING

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+ *Please stand as you are able*

### **Prelude**

### **Welcome**

#### **+ Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Leader: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Look, here is water!

**All: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Leader: Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.  
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.  
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.  
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.  
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land.  
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Leader: Look, here is water!

**All: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Leader: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.  
We rejoice with glad hearts,  
giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Look, here is water!

**All: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

+ **Gathering Hymn**

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*

**ELW No. 413**

- 1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826, alt.

+ **Greeting**

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

+ **Prayer of the Day (in unison)**

**O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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## WORD

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**First Reading**

Acts 10:44-48

**Reading of the Psalm (responsively)**

Psalm 98

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>4</sup>**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

<sup>5</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>6</sup>**With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

<sup>8</sup>**Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

**Second Reading**

1 John 5:1-6

+ **Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia.* Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and  
we will come to them and make our home with them. *Alleluia.* (John 14:23)

+ **Gospel Reading**

John 15:9-17

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 15, verses 9 through 17.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the reading:*

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pr. Tom Olson

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father  
safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven  
such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God his own doth tend and nourish,  
in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them,  
in his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever  
from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth,  
and their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4 Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
his the loving purpose solely  
to preserve them pure and holy.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958  
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+ **The Apostles Creed (in unison)**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*During the prayers, worshippers are invited to lift up prayers for the people, places and situations for which we are thankful or are in need of prayer.*

We will pray following the petition bidding style:

*Each petition concludes, "God of grace..."  
to which the congregation responds, "...hear our prayer."*

### + The Peace

*In an act of unity, blessing, and reconciliation, we greet one another with the Peace of Christ. (Matthew 5:23-24).*

Leader: Be kind to one another, and tenderhearted forgiving one another,  
as God in Christ has forgiven you. The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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## MEAL

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### Our Offerings are Gathered

*Our worship is complete when we bring all of our resources to receive God's blessing and fulfill God's purpose. In joyous gratitude, we bring more than money; we bring ourselves, our time and our talent as an offering to God. Please take a moment to offer yourself anew to God. You are also invited to present an offering to God for the work of God's mission through Christ the King by giving online at [www.ctkvestal.org](http://www.ctkvestal.org) and clicking the "Give Now" button, by leaving your offering at church, or by mail. For those present in the sanctuary, you may leave your offering in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary.*

### Offertory

#### Offering Prayer (in unison)

Leader: Risen One,  
you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

All: **Amen.**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The thanksgiving continues with the proper preface... "and join their unending hymn."*

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna In the highest.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

Leader: O God most mighty,  
O God most merciful,  
O God our rock and our salvation,

**All: hear us as we praise,  
call us to your table,  
grant us your life.**

Leader: ... Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Words of Institution**



**The Lord's Prayer (in unison)**

**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.  
Forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**Invitation to Communion**

**Distribution of Communion**

*We go to the table to encounter the body and blood of the living Christ in bread and wine, through which faith is nourished and sins are forgiven. Please proceed to the altar through the center aisle where you will receive a piece of bread from a worship leader. Then proceed to one of the chalice bearers and dip your bread in the wine (silver chalice) or grape juice (glass chalice).*

**Communion Hymn**

*Jesus, Remember Me*

**ELW No. 616**

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.  
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community

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**Communion**

**+ Prayer after Communion (in unison)**

**Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.  
Amen.**

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## SENDING

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### + Sending Hymn

*This is My Father's World*

**ELW No. 824**

- 1 This is my Father's world,  
and to my list'ning ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world;  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.
  
- 2 This is my Father's world;  
the birds their carols raise;  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world;  
he shines in all that's fair.  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me ev'rywhere.
  
- 3 This is my Father's world;  
oh, let me not forget  
that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world;  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is king, let heaven ring;  
God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

### Announcements

#### + Blessing

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
bless you now and always.

**All: Amen.**

### Postlude

**Looking Ahead:**

Thursday, May 9                      Leadership Team Meeting at 6:00 PM

Saturday, May 11                     Men's Group at 9:00 AM

Sunday, May 12                        No Worship service at CTK

Sunday, May 19                        Worship with Communion at CTK at 10:00 AM  
CTK Fellowship Time at 11:00 AM

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