

**Third Sunday of Easter  
April 18, 2021 • 10:00 AM**

Live Stream Online Worship Guide



It is  
for  
**FREEDOM**  
that  
**CHRIST**  
has set  
us  
**FREE.**

**Galatians 5:1**

**Easter 2021 Worship Series:  
Free at Last**

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**Hearts Loved By God  
Hands To Serve All  
Through Jesus Christ**

**...Learn the unforced rhythms of grace – Matthew 11:29**



## WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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

Our online Worship Service of the Word follows a pattern of **Gather-Word-Thanksgiving-Sending** and is concluded by a time of sharing as a community following worship.

#### 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 on the "Give Now" button or by mail.

**ZOOM FORMAT** (See the homepage of our website for more detailed tips for Zoom.)

Joining worship by Zoom gives you an opportunity to participate in the live worship service. If you are unable to join by Zoom, the worship service will be posted to YouTube and when possible, livestreamed to Facebook (we have experienced numerous difficulties with Facebook's availability due to high demand).

Here are some tips for using Zoom (we are always learning more and will update):

1. Please mute yourself (you will be unmuted to join in the Lord's Prayer and at times to share).
2. Please name yourself (rather than use the name of your device such as iPad) and use Video if you have it so others can see you. Our worship is enhanced by seeing one another.
3. You may view your screen in two different ways: Speaker view or Gallery view (you will see more people in Gallery view and may have to scroll to see everyone).
4. You may share your prayer requests in the "chat" feature.
5. You can "raise your hand" when there are opportunities to make verbal requests.

### 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 Pastor and team of caring ministers will respond to your call. You may also call the Pastor directly.

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## GATHERING

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### Prelude

### Words of Welcome

#### Call to Worship (responsively)

Leader: By grace we have been saved through faith.

**All: And this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God.**

Leader: If the Lord sets us free,

**All: We are free indeed!**

Leader: Let us worship God! Alleluia!

### Opening Hymn

*Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

**ELW No. 389, vs. 1, 3, 5**

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.  
The cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring.  
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
  
- 3 In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.
  
- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring  
good news to this and every age,  
till earth and sky and ocean ring  
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

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### Thanksgiving for Baptism (In Unison)

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Leader: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him to new life.

**All: Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.**

Leader: We give you thanks, creator God, for in the beginning you created us in your image

**All: and planted us in a well-watered garden.**

Leader: When we did not know where we were going and did not know which way to turn,

**All: You led us through the wilderness and continue to do so.**

Leader: We praise you for your saving grace and freedom through water,

**All: And for all water everywhere.**

Leader: May we swim in your forgiveness, grace, and love.

**All: Satisfy the thirsty among us and give us the life only can give.**

Leader: To you be given all honor and praise through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## Greeting

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

All: **And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day (In Unison)

**Lord of Freedom, you never fashioned chains to bind us or cages to imprison our spirits. Some of us wear chains of our own design. Some wear chains we have placed upon each other. Help us to know the freedom you intended for us from the beginning but remind us that no one is free until we all are. We ask this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, 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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### Prayer Before the Reading of Scripture

**Guide us, O God, by your Word, and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover peace; through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

### Scripture Reading

Galatians 5:1-15

Leader: A reading from the letter to the Galatians, chapter 5, verses 1-15.

*After the reading:*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Reflections** “Free at Last: Christian Freedom – What is Christian Freedom? What Does It Mean to be Free in Christ?”

Pastor Cheryl Ann Elfond

### Song of the Day

*I Danced in the Morning (Lord of the Dance)*

I danced in the morning  
When the world was begun  
And I danced in the moon  
And the stars and the sun  
And I came down from heaven  
And I danced on the earth  
At Bethlehem I had My birth

*Chorus*

*Dance then wherever you may be  
I am the Lord of the Dance said He  
And I'll lead you all  
Wherever you may be  
And I'll lead you all  
In the Dance said He*

I danced for the scribe  
And the Pharisee  
But they would not dance  
And they wouldn't follow Me  
I danced for the fishermen  
For James and John  
They came with Me  
And the dance went on

*Chorus*

I danced on the Sabbath  
And I cured the lame  
The holy people said it was a shame  
They whipped and they stripped  
And they hung Me on high  
And they left Me there  
On a Cross to die

*Chorus*

I danced on a Friday  
When the sky turned black  
It's hard to dance  
With the devil on your back  
They buried My body  
And they thought I'd gone  
But I am the dance  
And I still go on

*Chorus*

They cut Me down  
And I leapt up high  
I am the life  
That'll never never die  
I'll live in you  
If you'll live in Me  
I am the Lord  
Of the Dance said He

*Chorus*

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## **Prayers**

*During the prayers, worshippers will be invited to lift up prayers, wherever they are (you will remain muted), and by posting of your prayer on Zoom Chat or Facebook, for the people, places and situations for which we are thankful or are in need of prayer.*

### **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.**

### **The Peace**

Leader: The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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## **THANKSGIVING**

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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 moment to offer yourself anew to God. What might you do to share in caring for those around you during this time of unprecedented turmoil in the world? 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 click the "Give Now" button or by mail.*

You are invited to share your offerings of Thanksgiving for God's activity wherever you have witnessed it (God Sightings) by sharing them where you are, by posting them in the chat on Zoom or by posting them in comments on Facebook.

### **Reflective Music**

### **Thanksgiving for the Word (In Unison)**

**God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us at all times and in all places. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Be with us and send us in service to a world in need of your grace and love; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

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## SENDING

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### Announcements

### Sending Video

### Blessing

Leader: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.  
The God of life,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### Postlude

### Looking Ahead:

Monday, April 19	Mindfulness Meditation at 7:00 PM
Thursday, April 22	Expanded Leadership Team Meeting at 6:00 PM
Sunday, April 25	Online Worship at 10:00 AM
Thursday, April 28	Old Testament Study and Lab (evening)

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