

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021 • 10:00 AM**

Live Stream Online Worship Guide



**Post 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.ctkvestal.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.ctkvestal.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.

GATHERING

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship (responsively)

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made!

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: May our words always be gracious and pure;

All: Let us put away malice, deceit and slander.

Leader: Let our speech be acceptable to God's ears;

All: Let our words reflect the goodness of God.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

ELW No. 393, vs. 1, 3, 5

- 1 A hymn of glory let us sing!
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 3 To whom the shining angels cry,
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"
Alleluia! Alleluia!
"This is the Savior!" thus they say,
"this is his glorious triumph day!"
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 5 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
all praise to you let earth accord:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
with Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Thanksgiving for Baptism (In Unison)

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

All: We give thanks for the gift of baptism, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

Leader: We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

All: Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.

Leader: Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.

All: Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Leader: Make us one, risen Christ.

All: Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.

Leader: To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.

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)

God of grace, help us to honor you in thought, word and deed. Help us remember we have all been created in Your image; when we speak to others, give us words meant for building up, not tearing down. Give us the grace to choose our words prayerfully when we speak, and to hold our tongues when nothing needs to be said. This we ask in the name of Jesus who, with you and the Holy Spirit, speaks with one true voice, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

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

James 3:1-12

Leader: A reading from the letter of James, chapter 3, verses 1-12.

After the reading:

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reflections

“Free at Last: Hurting Words or Kind Words?”

Sticks and stones my break my bones but words will never hurt me? Not so.

David Banner, S.A.M.

Song of the Day

Lord Reign in Me

Over all the earth You reign on high
Every mountain stream every sunset sky
But my one request Lord my only aim
Is that You'd reign in me again

Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r
Over all my dreams in my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am
So won't You reign in me again

Over every thought over every word
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord
'Cause You mean more to me
Than any earthly thing
So won't You reign in me again

Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r
Over all my dreams in my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am
So won't You reign in me again

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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.

THANKSGIVING

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 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)

Praise to you, O God, for your Word of life:

creating a wondrous universe,

proclaiming freedom from captivity,

becoming the song of your people.

We praise you, O God, for your Word.

**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.

Send us in service to a suffering world;

for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

(based in part on Psalms 92:5, 118:4; Exodus 5:1)

SENDING

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:

Sunday, May 9 Online Worship at 10:00 AM
Thursday, May 13 Leadership Team Meeting at 6:00 PM
Sunday, May 16 Online Worship at 10:00 AM
Monday, May 17 Mindfulness Meditation at 7:00 PM

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