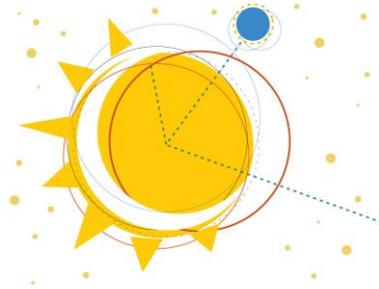


Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 15, 2022 • 10:00 AM

In-Person and Live Stream Online Worship Guide



Praise him,
sun and **moon**;
praise him, all you
shining stars!

PSALM 148:3, NRSV

2022 Easter Season Worship Series
We are Witnesses

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Hearts Loved By God
Hands To Serve All
Through Jesus Christ



**WELCOME TO CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH
IN PERSON AND 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

Worship this morning will be both in person and simultaneously online via Zoom with a live feed to Facebook. Our Worship Service of the Word this morning follows a pattern of Gather-Word-Thanksgiving-Sending.

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, by leaving it at the church, or by mail.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Christ the King Leadership Team has adopted a series of safety protocols. Due to the ongoing pandemic, we are following CDC guidelines for Broome County. When the risk for our county is high, we ask all in-person worshippers to wear a mask regardless of vaccination status for the safety of everyone. Thank you for your understanding. Sanitizing stations are available in the narthex.

ZOOM ONLINE OR FACEBOOK LIVE

Joining worship by Zoom online or Facebook Live gives you an opportunity to participate in the live worship service. You may share prayer requests in the chat feature on Zoom or comments on Facebook Live.

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

+ *Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

ELCA Presiding Bishop Video

Welcome

+ Thanksgiving for Baptism

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Leader: Rejoicing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ,
joined to Christ and to one another in the waters of our baptism,
we yet call to mind a world so filled with suffering—
from war and violence, Covid and hunger,
homelessness and prejudice,
national disaster and personal loss.

We who are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness
give thanks for the gift of baptism,
and we plead for the Spirit to strengthen us
by the mystery of Christ's resurrection.

Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

Leader: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the
everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and
rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born
in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar
discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your
gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be
thirsty again.

At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus the Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

+ Gathering Hymn

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW No. 367

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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+ 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 of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Reading of the Psalm

Psalm 148

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 11:1-18

+ Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. **Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.** *Alleluia.*
(John 20:29)

+ Gospel Reading

John 13:31-35

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, chapter 13, verses 31 through 35.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

After the reading:

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

We are Witnesses: Coloring Outside the Lines

Todd Eames

+ Hymn of the Day

We All Are One in Mission

ELW No. 576

- 1 We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission
compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.

2 We all are called for service,
to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different;
our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others
with God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.

3 Now let us be united,
and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel
for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission;
we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united
by Christ, the Lord of all.

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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 and The Lord's Prayer

During the prayers, worshippers are invited to lift up prayers, wherever they are, and by the 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.

We will pray following the petition bidding style:

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

In an act of unity, blessing, and reconciliation, we greet one another with the Peace of Christ. (Matthew 5:23-24). For safety reasons during this time of Covid-19, the peace is shared by uttering words of peace, by gesturing with hands or by bowing.

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.

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 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 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)

Everlasting God and creator of the Universe, remind us that we are enriched in every way so that we can be generous on every occasion. Move us toward a spirit of generous giving that the world may know your love. Help us to fully live into what it means to be your hands and feet on the ground through this act of worship. Giver of every good thing and with whom we cannot fail, may your presence be with us continually, as we remain a movement for wholeness in this fragmented world. In the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

SENDING

+ Sending Hymn

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

ELW No. 389

- 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.

- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching ev'ry place and time.

- 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.

- 4 Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

- 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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Announcements

+ Blessing

Leader: God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
bless you now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

Postlude

Looking Ahead:

Monday, May 16	Mindfulness Meditation at 7:00 PM (Zoom)
Wednesday, May 18	Nesting Congregation Project at 6:00 PM
Thursday, May 19	Discernment Team at 7:00 PM
Friday, May 20	Office Closed
Saturday, May 21	Men's Group at 9:00 AM
Sunday, May 22	Worship at 10:00 AM

MONTHLY MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

The next session of Mindfulness Meditation will be held on Monday, May 16th at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Christ the King Lutheran Church offers a monthly Mindfulness Meditation co-led by Rachael Leonard and Pastor Cheryl Ann Elfond. This ministry offering is exclusively on-line and came about in May 2020 after much preparation to respond to the need we sensed for such an offering. In a purely secular context, Mindfulness Meditation offers both emotional and physical health benefits and within a faith context, it also offers spiritual health benefits. The Mindfulness Meditation offered at Christ the King includes two different contemplative practices: a lectio divina and a mindfulness exercise. Please feel free to contact Rachael Leonard or Pastor Cheryl Ann for more information about this ministry. Each month stands independent on its own and you may come and go as you please.

The Zoom link for the session is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/94671467348>

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