

TODAY'S FOCUS

Good Shepherd Sunday! On Good Shepherd Sunday we see how sharp the contrast is between true shepherds and false shepherds. The difference is found in their relationship to Jesus the Good Shepherd, the only gate for the sheep.

SERVICE NOTES

For your convenience the order of service is printed on the following pages, an abridged version of the Service of Holy Communion (TLH p. 15ff.). All hymns, unless otherwise noted, are found in The Lutheran Hymnal (1941).



 **THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

HYMN

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb | 648

1 I am Jesus' little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need, and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.

2 Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my Staff and Stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.

3 Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast,
There within His arms to rest. Amen.

INVOCATION & CONFESSION OF SINS

Matthew 28:19; 1 John 1:8-10

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

M: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

M: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

M: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT & GLORIA PATRI

Psalms 66:1-4

M: Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth! Sing out the honor of His name, make His praise glorious. Alleluia! Say to God, "How awesome are Your works! Through the greatness of Your Power Your enemies shall submit themselves to You." All the earth shall worship You and sing praises to You.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THE SALUTATION & THE COLLECT (PRAYER OF THE DAY)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

M: Let us pray: O Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Good Shepherd who laid down Your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of Your life-giving Word that we may abide in Your Father's house forevermore; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 6:1-9;7:2a, 51-60

Now in those days, when *the number of the disciples* was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. ² Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. ³ "Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of *good* reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; ⁴ "but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." ⁵ And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, ⁶ whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.

⁷ Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith. ⁸ And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. ⁹ Then there arose some from what is called the Synagogue of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with Stephen...

^{7:2} And he said, "Brethren and fathers, listen:... ⁵¹ " *You* stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers *did*, so *do* you. ⁵² "Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers, ⁵³ "who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept *it*."

⁵⁴ When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with *their* teeth. ⁵⁵ But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, ⁵⁶ and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

⁵⁷ Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; ⁵⁸ and they cast *him* out of the city and stoned *him*. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on *God* and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

SONG

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

SECOND LESSON

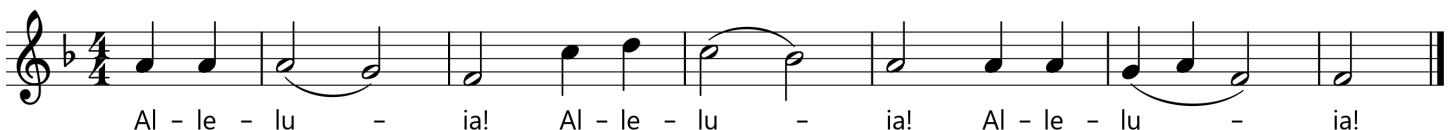
1 Peter 2:19-25

For this *is* commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. ²⁰ For what credit *is it* if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this *is* commendable before God. ²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: ²² "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; ²³ who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴ who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. ²⁵ For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

GRADUAL

John 10:14

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia.



GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:1-10



C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. ² "But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ "To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ "And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ "Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." ⁶ Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

⁷ Then Jesus said to them again, "Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸ "All who ever came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. ⁹ "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture. ¹⁰ "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

THE NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Today Thy Mercy Calls Us | 279 v. 1, 2, 4

1 Today Thy mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can cleanse us
And make us white today.

2 Today Thy gate is open,
And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome
And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten,
A present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised,
A glorious crown in heav'n.

4 O all-embracing Mercy,
O ever-open Door,
What should we do without Thee
When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us,
To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open,
One ear will hear our prayer. Amen.

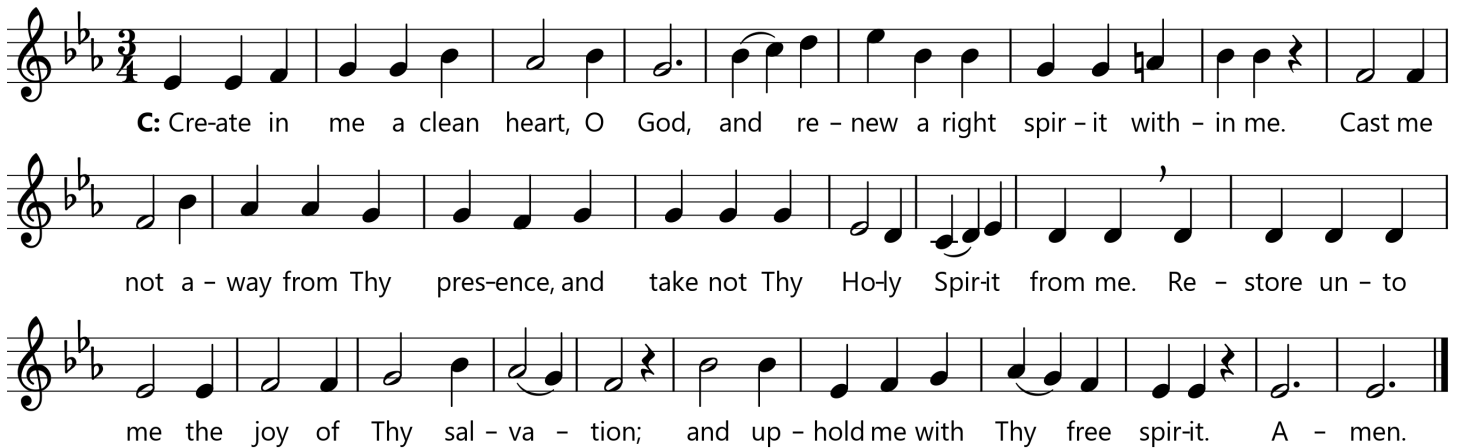
SERMON - JOHN 10:1-10

Treasure the True Shepherd Alone

1. He alone comes through the door to His sheep.
2. He alone is the door to His sheep.

THE OFFERTORY

Create in Me



C: Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re - store un - to
me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

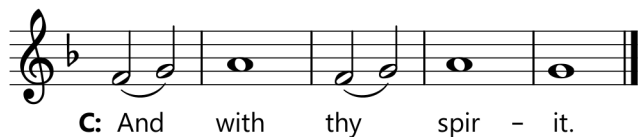
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

We hold to the ancient, biblical practice of "close communion." This means that we commune only confirmed members of our church or churches of our fellowship (ELS and WELS). If you are a guest who is interested in communing, please speak with the pastor prior to the service. Thank you for your courteous respect of our beliefs and practices.

THE PREFACE, PROPER PREFACE & THE SANCTUS ("HOLY, HOLY, HOLY")

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And with thy spir - it.

M: Lift up your hearts.



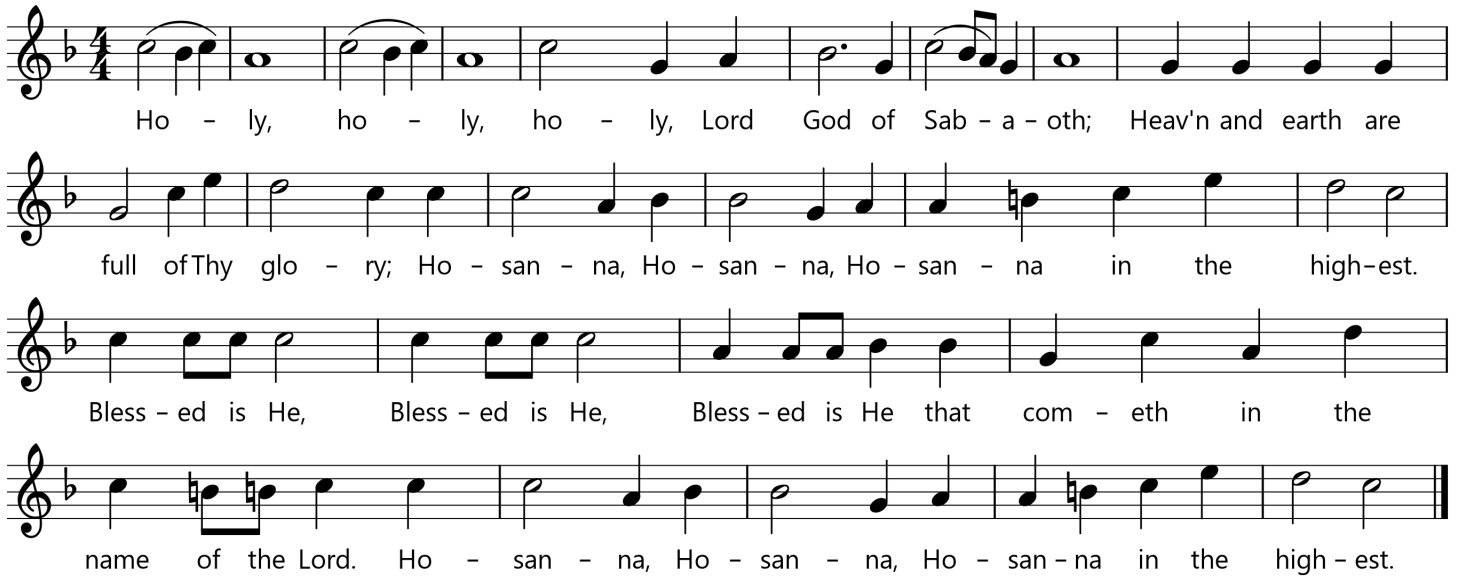
C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C: It is meet and right so to do.

M: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; but chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth; Heav'n and earth are
 full of Thy glo - ry; Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He, Bless - ed is He, Bless - ed is He that com - eth in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

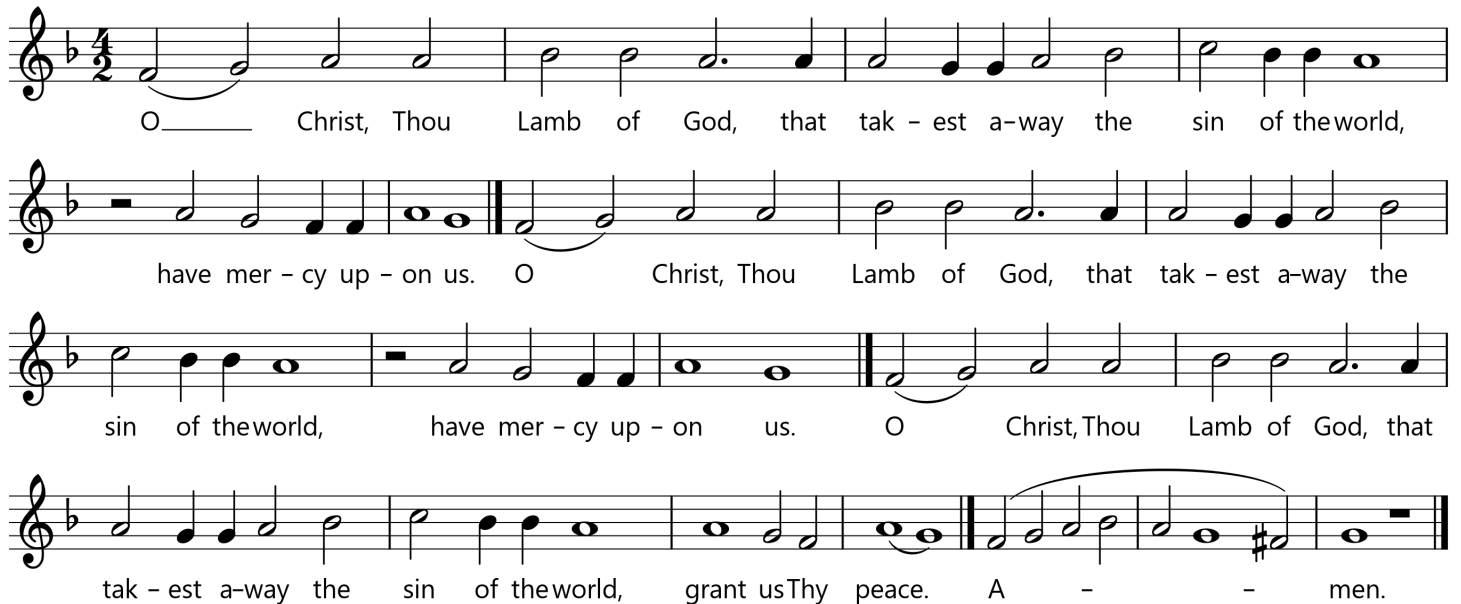
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always!



C: A - men.

THE AGNUS DEI ("LAMB OF GOD")



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
 have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the
 sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
 tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

THE DISTRIBUTION

During the distribution of the sacrament, communicants may come forward to the altar in groups of no more than five. Communicants shall remain standing at the altar and do not need to kneel.

THANKSGIVING

M: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



C: And His mercy en - dureth for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE BENEDICTION

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And with thy spir - it.

M: Let us bless the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C: A - men, a - men, a - men.

HYMN

The King of Love, My Shepherd Is (ELH #375)

1 The King of Love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His.
And He is mine forever.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me
And on His shoulder gently laid
And home, rejoicing, brought me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight,
Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And O what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

2 Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
With Thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,
Thy cross before to guide me.

6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS to Deb Meyer for serving as our organist today; to Jeanette and Jason Diestler for beautifying our worship in song; for Julie Busse and Jan Johnson for taking care of the altar.

MEDITATIONS - Your Meditations for June-August are in your church mail boxes. You are welcome to pick them up from church, or if you'd like pastor to bring you your copy, please call the office.

A CHRISTIAN VIEW OF DEATH - Death may seem like a morbid topic; but in the face of this coronavirus plague, it's also a timely topic. You are welcome to join us for a virtual Bible Class on Wednesday nights at 6:30 throughout the month of May on the topic of death and dying. The class utilizes a Zoom conference room which can be accessed via the internet or by telephone. Each week an email goes out with a printable study guide along with the web link for the Bible class. If you'd like to participate, but don't have internet access, call or drop by the church office before Wednesday and Pastor will give the phone number and password for the class. Earlier Bible Classes are being archived on the church website at: <https://www.christthekinggb.org/bible-studies>.

BLESSINGS - If you or someone you know is struggling financially or otherwise, please speak with Pastor Van Kampen. We have resources and blessings at our congregation for such a time as this. We maintain a food pantry, can help with emergency gas cards, and can offer even more assistance to our members who may be in need. Let us be a blessing to you!

ONLINE GIVING - Would you like the ease of planning your giving over time? Would you like to make your offering in a way that permits you to continue social distancing? You can access our secure online giving portal through the home page of our website at <https://www.christthekinggb.org/home>. Scroll down to the heading entitled "Online Giving" and there you will find a link to our giving page. There, you can make a one-time donation, or set up regular donations. If you have questions or concerns, please call the church office or email the treasurer at treasurer@christthekinggb.org.

RE-OPENING - As of today, it appears we will be re-opening for worship services on Sunday, May 31. This does not mean we will be going back to the way things were before "safer at home." There will be social distancing practices in place to help us worship together and stay healthy and safe. A letter will be going out to the congregation in coming days explaining what things will look like in church. Rest assured, God's people will be able to gather once again around His Word and Sacraments live and in-person. And when we do, may be a day of celebration and joy!

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING:	
SUNDAY (5/3)	Divine Worship w/Holy Comm., 9:00 a.m.
MONDAY	Confirmation Class, 4:00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Board of Elders, 6:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Online Bible Class, 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY (5/10)	Divine Worship (Mother's Day), 9:00 a.m.

OUR MISSION

*Christ the King Ev. Lutheran Church
gives all praise and thanks to the
Triune God for His grace received through
Word and Sacrament
by sharing the saving Gospel of Christ
with the people of this community
and the world.*



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