



**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**

Welcome and thank you for joining us for worship today! In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to hear His holy and powerful Word, offering Him our prayers and praises along the way as He strengthens our faith and walks us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

**TODAY'S FOCUS**

**"I am the way and the truth and the life."** There is only one way to the Father, and that way is a *person*. No one else is true God, united with the Father in wondrous Trinitarian unity. No one else goes to the cross to prepare a place for us in our heavenly Father's house of many mansions. Christ alone saves—a stumbling block to the world, but our foundation.

**SERVICE NOTES**

**For your convenience** the order of service is printed on the following pages. The order of service is an abbreviated form of the Order of Morning Service. All hymns, unless otherwise noted, are found in The Lutheran Hymnal (1941).



**THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE**

**HYMN**

1 Built on the Rock the Church doth stand  
Even when steeples are falling;  
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,  
Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest,  
But above all the soul distrest,  
Longing for rest everlasting.

2 Surely in temples made with hands  
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
High above earth His temple stands,  
All earthly temples excelling.  
Yet He whom heav'ns cannot contain  
Chose to abide on earth with men,  
Built in our bodies His temple.

*Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand | 467 v. 1-2, 4, 7*

4 Now we may gather with our King  
E'en in the lowliest dwelling;  
Praises to Him we there may bring,  
His wondrous mercy forthtelling;  
Jesus His grace to us accords;  
Spirit and life are all His words,  
His truth doth hallow the temple.

7 Grant then, O God, where'er men roam,  
That, when the church-bells are ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come  
Where Christ His message is bringing:  
"I know Mine own, Mine own know Me;  
Ye, not the world, My face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you." Amen. A-men.

**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.**

**M:** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C:** **O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**M:** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all!

**C: Amen.**

## INTROIT & GLORIA PATRI

*Psalm 98:1-2*

**M:** O sing unto the Lord a new song: for He has done marvelous things. Alleluia! The Lord has made known His salvation: His righteousness He has openly shown in the sight of the nations. His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.

**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.**

## SALUTATION & COLLECT

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And with your spirit.**

**M:** Let us pray: O God, You form the minds of Your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what You command and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON: ACTS 17:1-12

*Paul taught the same truth in both Thessalonica and Berea: Jesus is the Christ.*

Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and *saying*, "This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ." <sup>4</sup> And some of them were persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas.

<sup>5</sup> But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. <sup>6</sup> But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too. <sup>7</sup> Jason has harbored them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king—Jesus." <sup>8</sup> And they troubled the crowd and the rulers of the city when they heard these things. <sup>9</sup> So when they had taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

<sup>10</sup> Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. <sup>11</sup> These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily *to find out* whether these things were so. <sup>12</sup> Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men.

## SECOND LESSON: 1 PETER 2:4-10

*We are a house of living stones, built on the chief cornerstone of Jesus Christ.*

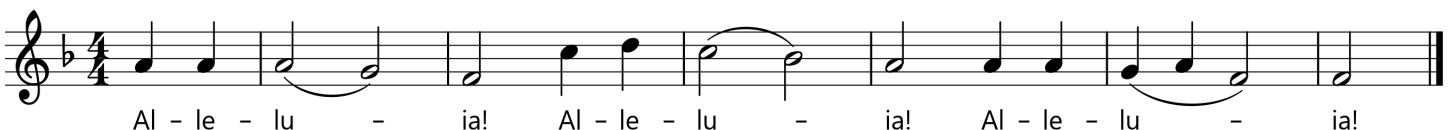
Coming to Him *as to* a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious, <sup>5</sup> you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, to you who believe, *He is* precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone," <sup>8</sup> and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. <sup>9</sup> But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; <sup>10</sup> who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

## GRADUAL

*John 14:6*

**M:** Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia.



## GOSPEL LESSON: JOHN 14:1-12

*Jesus is the way and the truth and the life.*



C: Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord!

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. <sup>2</sup> "In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also. <sup>4</sup> "And where I go you know, and the way you know."

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?"

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. <sup>7</sup> " If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him."

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us."

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own *authority*; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. <sup>11</sup> "Believe Me that I *am* in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> " Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

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



C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**C:** I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won! | 201 v. 1-4*

1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!  
Death no longer can appal me;  
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!  
From the grave Christ will recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence;  
This shall be my confidence.

2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne  
High o'er heav'n and earth is given.  
I shall go where He is gone,  
Live and reign with Him in heaven.  
God is faithful. Doubtings, hence!  
This shall be my confidence.

3 Jesus lives! For me He died,  
Hence will I, to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart and act abide,  
Praise to Him and glory giving.  
Freely God doth aid dispense;  
This shall be my confidence.

4 Jesus lives! I know full well  
Naught from me His love shall sever;  
Life nor death nor powers of hell  
Part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be a sure Defense;  
This shall be my confidence. A-men.

## SERMON - JOHN 14:1-12

***Jesus Is the Way, the Truth, and the Life***

1. The only true God.
2. The only true Savior.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** 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.

## COLLECT OF THE WORD

**M:** Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart, that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## THE BENEDICTION

**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.



## CLOSING HYMN

*Thou Art the Way; to Thee Alone* | 355

1 Thou art the Way; to Thee alone  
From sin and death we flee;  
And he who would the Father seek  
Must seek Him, Lord, by Thee.

3 Thou art the Life; the rending tomb  
Proclaims Thy conqu'ring arm;  
And those who put their trust in Thee  
Nor death nor hell shall harm.

2 Thou art the Truth; Thy Word alone  
True wisdom can impart;  
Thou only canst inform the mind  
And purify the heart.

4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life;  
Grant us that Way to know,  
That Truth to keep, that Life to win,  
Whose joys eternal flow. A-men.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HAPPY MOTHERS DAY** to all the "Moms" in the congregation! We give thanks to the Lord for the gift of mothers and motherhood. Many of us won't get to see family today, leaving this Mother's Day a little bittersweet. However, we can rest certain with untroubled hearts, trusting that our Savior is with our mothers and all our loved ones.

**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. 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, let Pastor know before Wednesday and he will include you on the email if you're not there already. Earlier Bible Classes are being archived on the church website at: <https://www.christthekinggb.org/bible-studies>.

### THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING:

SUNDAY (5/10)	<b>Divine Worship, 9:00 a.m.</b> <i>Mother's Day</i>
MONDAY	Confirmation, 4:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Online Bible Class, 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY (5/17)	<b>Divine Worship, 9:00 a.m.</b>

### 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.*

