

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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My Lord and My God

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CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH REDLANDS, CA

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SUNDAY MORNING

9:00a.m. -- Divine Service

10:30a.m. – 11:30a.m. -- Sunday School & Adult Bible Study

TO GUEST AND VISITORS

We welcome you to our congregation in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book near the main door. We pray that the Holy Spirit would richly bless your hearing of God's Word with a living trust in Jesus Christ who died and rose for you. **For more information regarding Baptism, instruction in the Christian faith, and communicant membership, please see Pastor Smith.**

RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER AT CHRIST THE KING

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church throughout her history, "Closed Communion" is observed in this congregation, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those:

- A) who have been **baptized** in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- B) who have been **instructed** in the truth of Holy Scripture as taught in the **Lutheran Confessions**, who have been **confirmed** in this Lutheran Faith, and who **now confess** the same doctrine that is taught in this congregation, holding membership in a congregation of the **Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**;
- C) who believe that in this sacrament the **real body and blood** of Christ are truly distributed to them and **orally received** by them, bestowing on them the **forgiveness of sins, life and salvation**;
- D) who **sincerely repent** of all their sins, and **desire to receive** God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

HYMNS for TODAY'S DIVINE SERVICE

Processional Hymn: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia 463
 Hymn of the Day: O Sons and Daughters of the King 471
 Distribution Hymns: How Firm a Foundation 728
 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee..... 750
 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives 602
 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread 625
 Recessional Hymn: These Things Did Thomas Count as Real 472

PRAYER CONCERNS

Ruth Wood's family, God has taken her to the refuge of His heavenly home
Charles Baker, in the Kaiser hospital with an infection
Sue Meaney's family, God has embraced and welcomed Sue to her heavenly home
Barbara Larrabee, home with our loving God, memorial has been postponed
Cindy Danielson, at home recovering from full hip replacement surgery
Cynthia Amador, a friend of Lysah Rios, in an extended rehab facility with leg and ankle injuries following a head-on auto accident
Harriet Ouimette's daughter Shirli, battling myeloma
Elizabeth Saldomando, Labecca Will's sister, continuing breast cancer treatment
Susan Jay, at home receiving immune therapy infusions
Daniel Conrad, our missionary to Mexico
Shut-ins: Bill Nye, Troy & Louava Wideman



Today's service will be broadcast live, and for later viewing, on Christ the King's YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CTKRedlands>

SERVANTS for THIS WEEK		SERVANTS for NEXT WEEK
Altar	Linda Whitter	Alise Smith
Elders	Anthony Lombardo	James Wilson
Finance	Steve Aimar	Steve Aimar
Flowers	Lilies	Deloris Koller
Ushers	Steve Aimar & Tom Crowley	Steve Aimar & Tom Crowley

EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 9:00AM Divine Service (Childcare provided for up to 5 years of age)
NO Adult Bible Study & Sunday School

WEDNESDAY 9:30AM Adult Bible Class

SATURDAY 8:30AM Bible Study with Russ Gross



CTK APRIL 2020 CHURCH DIRECTORIES ARE AVAILABLE

Please pick-up a copy of the April 2020 Church Directory from the coffee table in the narthex. Contact Cindy Currier with any changes or corrections. Thank you.

THE LUTHERAN CENTER FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY (LCRL)



In our present crisis there is one component that is becoming troublesome – the intrusion of the state into the life of the church. The LCRL posted a video addressing this issue, “At What Point Does the Suspension of Our Liberties Become the Real Crisis?” on their Facebook page. Here is the link to the recorded video for your convenience:

Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty - Facebook Town Hall Video

The LCRL (www.lcrlfreedom.org) is an entity of the LCMS that serves as liaison between the church and the state in Washington D.C. They provide input, education, advice, advocacy, and resources in the areas of life, marriage and religious liberty and seeks to establish partnerships and resources in our nation’s Capital for the sake of our churches, schools, universities, and seminaries.



A DAILY LUTHERAN BIBLE STUDY...

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: "Patience" in the Bible, The Book of Titus, Jesus' Ascension, The Passover and more. You can listen live or on-demand at issuesetc.org



LWML SPRING FLING IS POSTPONED TO A “SUMMER SMASH”

Stay tuned for our “Summer Smash” event coming to a location near you.



WEDNESDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS APRIL 22 AT 9:30AM

Join us Wednesday for Adult Bible Study in the parish hall where there is plenty of room for social-distancing seating while God’s word comforts and strengthens us.

THE LUTHER SEAL

What does this mean?



Excerpt from Luther's interpretation...

THE BLACK CROSS IN A HEART remains its natural color. This is to remind me that it is faith in the Crucified One that saves us. Anyone who believes from the heart will be justified (Romans 10:10). It is a black cross, which mortifies and causes pain, but it leaves the heart its natural color. It doesn't destroy nature, that is to say, it does not kill us but keeps us alive, for the just shall live by faith in the Crucified One (Romans 1:17).

THE WHITE ROSE shows that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace—it puts the believer into a white, joyous rose. Faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives

(John 14:27). This is why the rose must be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12).

THE SKY BLUE FIELD symbolizes that such joy in spirit and faith is a beginning of heavenly, future joy, which begins now, but is grasped in hope, not yet fully revealed.

A GOLDEN RING around the field of blue symbolizing that such blessedness in heaven lasts forever and has no end. Such blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and better than any possessions, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.



THE READINGS



ACTS 5:29-42

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging Him on a tree. ³¹God exalted Him at His right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were

dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

1 PETER 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to His great mercy, He has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the

tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen Him, you love Him. Though you do not now see Him, you believe in Him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

JOHN 20:19-31

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and

place my hand into His side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, His disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see My hands; and put out your hand, and place it in My side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered Him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.

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Christ Jesus Breathes His Spirit and His Life into Us by the Ministry of the Gospel

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus establishes the ministry of the Gospel in order to bestow His life-giving Holy Spirit and His peace upon the Church. To those who are called and ordained to this office, and to those whom they serve in His name, He grants the Holy Absolution of all sins. By the fruits of His cross, He replaces fear and doubt with peace and joy, and thus gives "*repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins*" (Acts 5:31). Through the preaching of His sent ones, He calls us to believe that He "*is the Christ, the Son of God,*" so that by such faith we "*may have life in his name*" (John 20:31). In His resurrection, we have the "*living hope*" to which we have been "*born again*" and by which we are guarded "*for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time*" (1 Peter 1:3, 5). Until then, "*though you have not seen him, you love him,*" and by the mercies of God "*you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory*" (1 Peter 1:8).
