

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

(Fourth Sunday of Easter)

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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. – Adult Bible Study & Sunday School

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: Shepherd of Tender Youth..... 864
 Hymn of the Day: The King of Love My Shepherd Is 709
 Recessional Hymn: I Am Jesus' Little Lamb 740



PRAYER CONCERNS

Diane Currier, Cindy's mother-in-law, on hospice living with lung and liver cancer
Steven Cifelli, friend of Jody Henderson, recovering from knee replacement surgery
Christopher Chambers, Delores Koller's grandson, being treated for melanoma in his lung
Susan Jay, at home receiving immune therapy infusions
Daniel Conrad, our missionary to Mexico
Shut-ins: Kathleen Neebe, Bill Nye, Troy & Louava Wideman

ALTAR FLOWERS



The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Tom & Donna Crowley in memory of their fathers, Art Crowley and Bill Larrabee, whose birthdays will mark this week and next. Also in thankfulness for the stability and support they provided us in their lives. Thanks and praises be to God.



*Dear Christ the King Family,
 Diane Currier, Jordan's mother, is on hospice and in good spirits. God willing, we are hoping to visit her again on May 1st. Thank you for your calls, cards, and prayers that have brought our family comfort and strength. Love, Jordan, Cindy, and Jack Currier*

SERVANTS for THIS WEEK		SERVANTS for NEXT WEEK
Acolytes	Aiden DeCent & Hayden Hinkleman	Christian Vasquez
Altar	Margaret Nowak	Bernice David
Elders	Tom Crowley	Roger Loewecke
Finance	Robert Arnold & Steve Aimar	Robert Arnold & Steve Aimar
Flowers	Tom & Donna Crowley	Don & Elizabeth Mitchell
Ushers	Dwayne Mugiishi & Mike Nauman	Steve Aimar & Tom Crowley

EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:00AM.....	Divine Service
	10:30AM.....	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	11:45AM	Jr. Confirmation Class
TUESDAY	7:00PM.....	Evangelism/Stewardship Meeting
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM	Adult Bible Study
SATURDAY	8:30AM.....	Adult Bible Study



NEW BIBLE CLASS – ETERNAL ELECTION

Eternity is something even Christians have a difficult time wrapping their head around. Combine that with the notion that God chose us, apart from our will, apart from our effort, apart from anything we have done or could do and then our heads begin to spin. Election is, however, one of the most heavily Gospel-laden doctrines in Holy Scripture. In the coming weeks, we will explore the delightful terrain of Eternal Election in the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. This will be a time of discovery and in-depth conversation. The product of such a study is a more confident heart, a bold and trusting spirit, and a thorough appreciation for the grace of God which is full view as we see our election. Please join the Adult Bible Class for this joyful adventure.

MITES BUCKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE EVERY SUNDAY FOR YOUR DONATIONS



In light of life's new challenges, and to make it more accessible to donate Mites, the Mites collection buckets will be on the chair with the offering plate on Sundays. Your change and dollar offerings help our Mites' Missions to spread God's good gifts to those who may not receive them otherwise. God bless and thank you.



PART-TIME MAINTENANCE AND GROUNDS KEEPING POSITION

Christ the King Lutheran Church and School is looking for a very competent and dedicated person to serve in a part-time position (20 hours) as a maintenance worker. Please see Mr. Michael Bush or Pastor Smith for more information. If you know of someone who would be an ideal fit for our marvelous operation, please take steps to put the right people together. Our phone number is (909) 793-5703. Thank you.

ISSUES ETC. - 1 CORINTHIANS BIBLE STUDY



The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon will begin a study this week on 1 Corinthians. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.



Lesson 3: This week's Bible lesson is "A Shepherd Loves." Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd as He promises to lead and guide His sheep. Jesus willingly laid down His life for His sheep, even those who often ignore the voice of the Shepherd. His flock includes "other sheep" (John 10:16), Gentiles not descended from Abraham. David's familiar Twenty-third Psalm describes the work of our Good Shepherd. Discuss, "When do we often hear Psalm 23 spoken?"

KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is the date today?

Usually when someone asks this question, you might look to a calendar for the answer. The date might help determine what to wear, where to go, and what you might do. For example, if the date were January 15, you might decide to wear warm winter clothes. If it were July 12, your family might have a picnic. Calendars help keep things in order.



What does this have to do with the Divine Service?

The Church's calendar determines much of what happens in worship each Sunday (like the colors in the Sanctuary, or the readings for the day). The Church has its own calendar and its own seasons. The Church's seasons are based on the different events in the life of Christ and His Church. Instead of Summer, Fall, Winter and Spring, the Church's calendar has Advent, Christmas, Lent and many more. This calendar helps put order to the seasons and festivals of the Church.



Parents: Before or after the service, direct your children to the front of the hymnal to find the liturgical calendar. Go through the calendar and discuss the different seasons. Remind them that many of the special dates we have on our everyday calendars come from the liturgical calendar, i.e. Christmas, Easter, etc.



THE READINGS



ACTS 4:1-12

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what

power or by what name did you do this?"

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by Him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

1 JOHN 3:16-24

¹⁶By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before Him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and He knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not

condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do what pleases Him. ²³And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as He has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in them. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

JOHN 10:11-18

¹¹[Jesus said] “I am the good Shepherd. The good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good Shepherd. I know My own and My own know Me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from My Father.”



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Lays Down His Life for the Sheep

The Lord Jesus is “*the Good Shepherd*” who “*lays down His life for the sheep*” (John 10:11). His life is not taken from Him, but He lays it down willingly, of His own accord, because He knows and loves the sheep. As the One sent by the Father, He has the “*authority to lay it down,*” and the “*authority to take it up again*” (John 10:18). So has He done, and now He continues to love and serve as the Good Shepherd of the sheep by the voice of His Gospel. He thus calls all people into the fold of His Church, so that there may be “*one flock, one Shepherd*” (John 10:16). That is why the Apostles “*were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead*” (Acts 4:2). Since “*there is salvation in no one else,*” His voice rings out to this day through the preaching of His name, “*for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved*” (Acts 4:12). His voice comforts our hearts against all condemnation and gives us courage to “*love one another*” and “*to lay down our lives for the brothers,*” as He laid down His life for us (1 John 3:16, 23).

THE INTROIT *Ps. 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b*



I am the good | Shepherd.*

I know My own and my own know Me, and I lay down My life | for the sheep.

The Lord is my | shepherd;*

I | shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green | pastures.*

He leads me beside still | waters.

He re- | stores my soul.*

He leads me in paths of righteousness for His | name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for You are | with me;*

Your rod and Your staff, they | comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my | enemies;*

You anoint my head with oil; my cup | overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,*

and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for- | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I am the good | Shepherd.*

I know My own and my own know Me, and I lay down My life | for the sheep.

COLLECT

Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THE GRADUAL *adapt. From Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6*

Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and | honor,

He has given Him dominion over the works | of His hands;*

He has put all things un- | der His feet.
