

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT



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**DIVINE SERVICE SETTING TWO**  
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**CHRIST THE KING LUTHERAN CHURCH REDLANDS, CA**

# Christ the King Lutheran Church

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## SUNDAY MORNING

9:00 a.m. – Divine Service

10:30 a.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: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing ..... 686  
 Hymn of the Day: God Loved the World So That He Gave ..... 571  
 Distribution Hymns: Lord Jesus, Think on Me ..... 610  
                             Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord ..... 637  
                             Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing ..... 528  
                             I Love Your Kingdom, Lord ..... 651  
 Recessional Hymn: Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing ..... 421

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Currier & Coffee Family**, Cindy’s mom is resting in the arms of Jesus now.  
**Astrid**, Ingrid Umland’s sister, whose cancer (leukemia) has returned.  
**Lisa Stiefken**, former director of the San Bernardino Pregnancy Center, who is near death.  
**Mark Wideman**, son of Troy Wideman, awaiting heart replacement  
**Diane Ronchetto**, hip replacement recovery. Diane is having a hard time with the pain. Please continue to pray for her.  
**Daniel Conrad**, our missionary to Mexico  
**Shut-ins:** Elsie Albanese, Pat Krahn, Bill Nye, Harriet Ouimette, Gloria Paulus, Troy & Louava Wideman, and Irene Pickering



**ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Wiley and Anna Smith, in celebration of 3 full years of marriage. “We miss our CTK family and can’t wait to come back for a visit!”



*Crowley ~ Vogel Wedding*

*Thomas and Donna Crowley warmly invite the congregation of Christ the King to the wedding of their daughter, Megan Christine, to Major Andrew James Vogel on Sunday April 3rd, at 3:00 in the afternoon. Due to multiple other considerations, this does not include the reception on site which is to follow but your attendance at the Divine Service would elevate the joy of the most essential aspect of the day, the union of man and woman in holy matrimony in God's house. Soli Deo Gloria.*

<b>SERVANTS for THIS WEEK</b>		<b>SERVANTS for NEXT WEEK</b>
<b>Crucifer</b>	Samuel Lombardo	Aiden DeCent
<b>Acolytes</b>	Aiden DeCent & Brooke Cleary	Alex Hathaway & Josh Hoffmann
<b>Altar</b>	Anna Bush	Nicole Creavy
<b>Elders</b>	Roger Loewecke	Anthony Lombardo
<b>Finance</b>	Steve Aimar & Judy Alder	Steve Aimar & Judy Alder
<b>Flowers</b>	Wiley & Anna Smith	Megan Crowley
<b>Ushers</b>	Rick Brua & Glenn Henderson	David Wills & Dwayne Mughiishi

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	9:00AM.....	Divine Service
	10:30AM.....	Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
	11:45AM.....	Confirmation
WEDNESDAY	6:00PM .....	Soup Supper
	7:00PM .....	Lenten Service
	7:45PM .....	Choir Practice
FRIDAY	7:30PM .....	Couples Bible Study
SATURDAY	8:30AM .....	Bible Study

### TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON (Pre-K through 8)



**Lesson 7:** Today, we will study "Enduring Exile." Despite constant warnings, the Israelites continue in their idolatry. Because of this, God allows the king of Assyria to capture the Israelites and carry them into exile. The king resettles Samaria with other peoples, who bring with them their own false gods. When wild lions begin killing these immigrants, the king sends for an Israelite priest, hoping to appease God. But the people continued to sacrifice to idols—confusing the worship of the Lord with worshiping false gods. This is the beginning of the Samaritans..



## **Yard Signs**

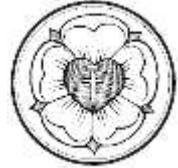
The Evangelism/Stewardship Committee has lighted upon a brilliant idea to leaven our community with the joy of Easter and an implicit invitation to our beloved congregation. This merging of noble notions comes in the form of Yard Signs. If we put these signs in our yards then our neighbors (of all sorts) will see them, perhaps be intrigued, and God can/will/may use it to prompt them to discover the truth that is so warmly embraced at Christ the King Lutheran Church. Grab a sign. There is a "free-will" offering basket if you choose to help defray our costs. May God use this to bring light to those in darkness and for the glory of His Name.

### **Lenten Devotions**

During Lent Christians devote themselves to spiritual discipline, including a heightened attention to our Lord's suffering and passion. Christ the King is happy to offer a tremendous resource for your personal and familial edification. This daily devotional book, in addition to our Portals of Prayer, will provide insight into our Lord's life and His ongoing ministry to His church. Be a witness to Christ this Lent, from Ash Wednesday through beautiful Easter morning. Journey through John's Gospel as he paints a stunning portrait of Jesus, who is the bread of life, your glorious Savior. John wrote his Gospel for you "so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may life in His name" (John 20:31). Life! Through this season of Lent, you too will see how believing in the resurrection brings you life -- abundant life, forgiven life, and eternal life. That's God's gift to His children. In this devotional booklet you will hear from those who journeyed with Christ toward His cross -- from those who were villains in the crucifixion story to those who were closest to Him. Each week the devotions will focus on one character that we may see their perspective as we move through Lent toward that glorious Easter morning.



# THE READINGS



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## Isaiah 12:1-6

<sup>1</sup> You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me." <sup>2</sup> "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."

<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted." <sup>5</sup> "Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth." <sup>6</sup> Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

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## 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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## Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

<sup>1</sup> Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable:

<sup>11</sup> And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup> And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger!' <sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to

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my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." <sup>20</sup> And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup> But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup> but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' <sup>31</sup> And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

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#### **FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

#### ***Jesus Christ Has Reconciled Us to the Father***

God the Father has opened His heart to us in love. While we were *“still a long way off,”* He saw us and *“felt compassion”* (Luke 15:20). Therefore, He gave His only begotten Son for us, making *“him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God”* (2 Cor. 5:21). By the ministry of reconciliation, He runs to us, embraces us in mercy and clothes us with His glory as beloved sons in Christ Jesus. And so we give thanks unto the Lord our God, who has taken away our sins and turned His anger from us (Is. 12:1). Because He has become our salvation, our strength and our song, we *“will trust, and will not be afraid”* (Is. 12:2).

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# KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

## What is the “Gradual”?

The Gradual is the responsive reading that takes place between the Old Testament Reading and the Epistle Reading. The Gradual can be a Psalm or another portion of Scripture appropriate for the day.

## Why do we do this in the Divine Service?

The word “Gradual” comes from the Latin word *gradus* which means “step.” As you can probably guess from its name, the Gradual is a stepping stone from one reading to another. In other words, after we read from God’s Word in the Old Testament, we use God’s Word in the Gradual to step to God’s Word in the Epistle. Wow! There sure is a lot of God’s wonderful Word in the Divine Service!



### Parents:

Before or after the Divine Service, direct your children to the Gradual for the day. Remind them to concentrate on God’s Word throughout the Divine Service.



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**THE INTROIT** Ps. 51:2-6; antiphon: Ps. 51:1



Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your | steadfast love; \*  
according to Your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iniquity, \*  
and cleanse me | from my sin!**

For I know my trans- | gressions, \*  
and my sin is ever be- | fore me.

**Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil | in Your sight, \*  
so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your | judgment.**

Behold, I was brought forth in in- | iquity, \*  
and in sin did my mother con- | ceive me.

**Behold, You delight in truth in the inward | being, \*  
and You teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.**

**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.**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your | steadfast love; \*  
according to Your abundant mercy blot out my trans- | gressions.

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **THE GRADUAL** Heb. 12:2

**[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus, \*  
the founder and perfecter | of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame, \*  
and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.**

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