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Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

9:30am



† Celebrating God's grace through acts of love and service †

To our quests:

- The type in **bold** is for the congregation to say.
 - The * indicates "Stand if you are able".
- Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available.
- Visitor sheets are located in the red folders in front of you.

INTRODUCTION

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRELUDE

MEDITATION

Psalm 118:14-29

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. (Ps. 150:6)

¹ *Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple;
praise God in the mighty firmament.*

² *Praise God for mighty acts;
praise God for exceeding greatness.*

³ *Praise God with trumpet sound;
praise God with lyre and harp.*

⁴ *Praise God with tambourine and dance;
praise God with strings and pipe.*

⁵ *Praise God with resounding cymbals;
praise God with loud clanging cymbals.*

⁶ *Let everything that has breath
praise the LORD. Hallelujah!*

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters

that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.

***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

GATHERING HYMN *That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright* **ELW 365**
vs. 1, 3, 4

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God of life, **you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 5:27-32

(Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.)

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4-8

(The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.)

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL**

The gospel according to John 20:19-31

Glory to you, O Lord.

(The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe.")

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The good news of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SONG*Blessed Be the Name***ELW 797**

**Blessed be the name, blessed be the name,
blessed be the name, Jesus' name. (Repeat)
Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed be the name, Jesus' name. (Repeat)**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Ashley Allinger

SERMON

Pastor Ashley Allinger

HYMN OF THE DAYWe Walk By Faith***ELW 635*****APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

(A brief silence.)

Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

...We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

OFFERING HYMN

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

ELW 860

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Risen One, **you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.**

Come among us again,

breathe your life into us,

and enliven us with this meal,

that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

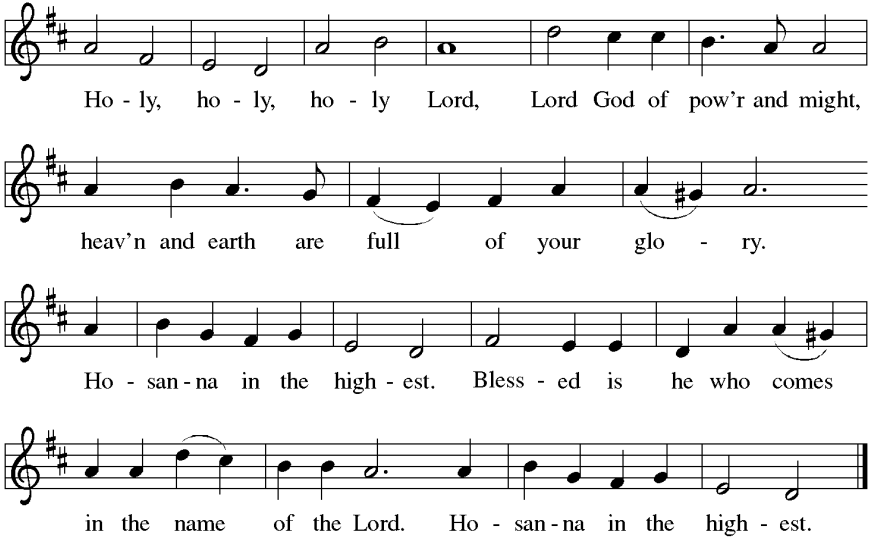
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...
And so ... we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
**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**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

*Here is the Bread
I Am the Bread of Life*

ELW 483

ELW 485

***TABLE BLESSING**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BLESSING**

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

Amen.

***DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



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UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mon., April 28, 9-11am	Food donation drop-off at WSC
Wed., April 30, 12:30pm	Westside Cares Pantry
Sun., May 4 , 9:30am	Worship, Pastor Ashley Allinger
Mon., May 5, 9-11am	Food donation drop-off at WSC
Mon., May 5, 6:30pm	Book Club, Firestine house
Wed., May 7, 12:30pm	Westside Cares Pantry
Sat., May 10, 10am-noon	COS Reads Grand Opening
Sat., May 10, noon-2pm	Christ the King Work Day

SUNDAY COFFEE TIME

April 27 Firestine

May 4 OPEN

The sign-up sheet is on the kitchen door.

Calling All Readers: Books are available to read. MOLOKA'I will be the book for our Monday, May 5th discussion. Pick up your copy from the green bag under the table in the Narthex. It is a humorous, warm, and compassionate story of people who embraced life in the face of death in 20th century Hawaii. Join us on May 5th at 6:30 p.m. at Barb Firestine's house!

Property: Christ the King Work Day - Saturday, May 10, starting at 12 noon. Our work and kick-off day for the Adopt-the-property program is scheduled for May 10th. We are moving the start time to 12 noon to allow for the interim library to have their Grand Opening at 10:00 a.m. Although all are welcome to attend the library Grand Opening, we do not want to interfere with the event. Plan on working from noon until about 2:00 p.m. We will serve ice cream bars/sandwiches afterwards. Bring your gardening tools from home for pulling weeds, trimming bushes, and raking up leaves and pine needles. Bring shovels for cleaning up the debris that has collected along the curbs. We will have plenty of trash bags available for your use. Dress accordingly for the weather and bring gloves, safety glasses, hats and sunscreen. Thank you all!

-Alan and Diane

COS Reads Grand Opening: The COS Reads will be having their official Grand Opening celebration here at 10:00 a.m. on May 10. All are welcome to attend.

Pikes Peak Pride Festival: The Colorado Springs Pride Event is scheduled for June 14th and 15th. CTK volunteers are needed to staff a booth and hand out church information, help with children's games, rock painting, button painting, etc. Thank you, Woody Duffin

Warmth for Cool Mornings... Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate is back! Prices are \$8.00 for packages/cans and \$1.25 for Pillow Packs. Large chocolate bars are \$2.50 and the individual pieces are 25 cents or 5/\$1.00. Just place your money in the can on the top shelf of the display in the Narthex. Thank you for helping small farmers all over the world! Thanks, Kathy B.

Greeting Cards: Watch for our next session to make a greeting card or two. All materials are provided, all ages are welcome, no experience is needed.

Cards are available for purchase in the narthex in the rotating rack for \$2 (\$1 of the \$2 is donated to pantry)

Westside Cares Pantry: THANK YOU to those who brought food items already. It was great to begin the restocking of our shelves. Food items still needed are can vegetables but NOT corn. Pasta and rice sides, can fruit, can meats, cereal, jelly or jam. We can shop for you, mark your donations to "PANTRY". If you brought items in cloth bags and want them returned, they are in the back room with the pantry food shelves.

Out of Office: Aimee will be out of the office until May 13th. Kathy and Suzanne will be filling in while she is out.

Lost & Found: We have accumulated quite a few items in our Lost & Found box. Take a peek inside to see if there is anything in there that you may have lost. Anything not claimed by the end of May will be sent off to a farm in the countryside to live out the rest of its life.

Thank You!: Thank you to all who worked tirelessly behind the scenes for Holy Week. All who picked up Easter Lilies and palm fronds, the choir and those who provided special music, those who spruced up the area—inside and out, those who provided food for the brunch, and all others who helped—we are so appreciative of you!

“Here I am, Lord!” Volunteers Needed! Christ the King is a small congregation, and as such, relies on many hands to answer God’s call. ***No matter your talent, or time limits, CTK has just the right spot for you - and your family, too.*** Urgent needs include:

- * **Children’s Sermons:** Lori Johnson has coordinated the scheduling the children’s sermons for 4 years and is asking for a volunteer to take over this responsibility. Please see Lori for details. She will be doing her LAST coordinating/scheduling May and June.
- * **Kitchen:** currently we are looking for a lead and co-lead to head up the kitchen (a list of responsibilities, training, and support, of course, is provided).

A variety of other opportunities are also open. Come, join us, as our work for the Lord becomes fun with new and old friends. Please prayerfully consider our call out for help. The CTK Office (719-362-3483) and/or any member of council are happy to answer questions and provide more information.

Family Promise: Family Promise serves dinners to those parents with children who are experiencing homelessness. They need volunteers to prepare the meals on either, Mondays, Wednesdays, or Fridays. Also, please let me know if you would like to attend the 2nd Quarter Volunteer Breakfast on May 13th at the 1st United Methodist Church, 420 N. Nevada Ave. Thank you, Woody Duffin

Refugee Family Needs: For our church community who would like to help them, they are seeking work that can include cleaning, yard work, organizing, painting and cooking. Liz is asking people to pay them minimum wage, which is \$15.00 an hour. Another way to help their family would be gift cards to Walmart or Safeway. If you are interested in helping, please contact Liz Price

New Directory! Do you ever have a memory-lapse and forget someone's name? If so, this is for you! If not, this is also for you! We will be setting up a new pictorial directory online. Please take one of the forms that are located on the table next to the greeting cards and either fill out the information and put it in the box, or email the office with the information. Don't forget to email a photo of your family! If you do not have a recent photo, ask someone at church to take a picture of you and email it to office@ctkcs.org. We will be using *Instant Church Directory* and (only) members will be able to access it through an app or through a website once they are set up.

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Christ the King is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Cheyenne and Ute tribal nations. We give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.



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