

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

"To know... To teach... To share Christ"

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Welcome

We pray that your worship here will draw you closer to your Savior and equip you for a continuing life of Christian discipleship. For your spiritual needs we offer you the Word of Him who can supply all our needs - Jesus Christ, our Savior. Rejoice in His love for you. He cares for you. You are His own dear child.

Prayer Before Worship

Heavenly Father, we have come to worship you. Draw near to us in your gracious Word, and assure us of your loving kindness. Curb our wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention we may hear your voice and sing your praise. Amen.

Guests

If you are visiting with us, please take a moment to sign the "guest register" in the narthex so that we might better get to know and serve you. Please make yourself at home and feel free to ask an usher if you have questions or need assistance. We hope you can join us again soon! Restrooms are located in the narthex as well as in the Fellowship Hall.

Our Offering of Thanks to our God

Deuteronomy 14:23 *"The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives."* We do not pass the offering plate around during the service. You may place your offering in the offering plate as you enter or leave the sanctuary. If you are a visitor, you are welcome to participate in this offering, however, do not feel obligated.

The Sacrament

If you are a guest or visitor, you may be relieved to know that we do not seek to impose our practice of Holy Communion upon you. In fact, we intend the sacrament only for those who have previously expressed their communicant fellowship with the Wisconsin Synod and our congregation. This is what is meant by the Scriptural practice of "close communion". If you are not a member of Christ the King but are a guest or visitor and have not had the opportunity to declare your fellowship with us, please observe our communion service today and speak with the Pastor after the service or during the week. He'd be delighted to help you come to appreciate a "close" relationship with our congregation so that you can commune with us in the future.

Communicant members of our sister WELS or ELS congregations are welcome to commune with us, but please announce your intention to do so to the Pastor before the service begins.. Thank you.

Large Print Bulletins/Personal Assistive Listening Devices

Large print bulletins as well as personal assistive listening devices are available. Please contact an usher for any assistance.

Standing During the Worship Service

We stand to honor God, and we sit to learn. That's why we sit during the hymns, which primarily teach us what God has done for us, but sometimes stand for the last verse (if it praises the Triune God). We also stand to honor our Savior during the Gospel reading. However, if you are **not** able to rise, please remain seated. No one will look down on you for doing so.

Please stand, if able

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



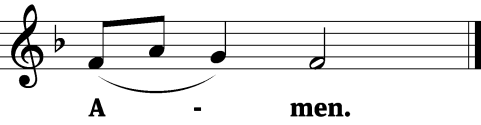
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil’s temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan’s lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Genesis 22:1–18

¹Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

²Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

³Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”

⁶Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?”

“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.

“The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

⁸Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.

⁹When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

¹⁰Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

¹²“Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.”

¹³Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

¹⁵The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶and said, “I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 8:31–39

³¹What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand, if able

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 4:15



Refrain



Glo - ry, praise, and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

We do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses; we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

Refrain

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Gospel

Mark 1:12–15

¹²At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

¹⁴After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.

¹⁵“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

573 *Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness*

Sermon

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Please stand, if able

Nicene Creed

CW 162

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son

is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Be seated

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Intercessory Prayers

Our Offering of Thanks to Our God - Brought Forward

You may place your offering in the offering plate as you enter the sanctuary.

Communion Preparation Hymn 673 O Lord, We Praise You

The Sacrament

Please stand, if able

Preface CW 165

The Lord be with you.

And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy CW 167

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en-ly hosts:

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -

san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he,

bles-sed is he, bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of

the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus’ death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son’s body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord’s Prayer

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.**

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated

Distribution

The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go + in peace.
Amen.

Please stand, if able

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask

this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.
Amen.

Closing Hymn *502 Children of the Heavenly Father*



This Week at Christ The King

Today, February 18	Bible Class, 9:30am Worship Service with Communion, 10:30 am
Monday, February 19	Low Vision Support Group, 10:00 am Charlotte Choral Rehearsal, 7:00 - 9:30 pm
Tuesday, February 20	Bible Class, 9:30 am
Wednesday, February 21	Soup Supper, 5:00 pm Lenten Service, 6:00 pm Choir, 7:00 pm
Thursday, February 22	Mahjong, 9:30 am
Sunday, February 25	Bible Class, 9:30am Worship Service, 10:30 am

If you are interested in Online Giving to Christ the King, there are instruction sheets in the narthex. Please see Jim or Sandi Birschbach with questions or for assistance.

If you have electronic payments sent directly to church, please alert Jim Birschbach and Linda Kysely of the date(s) and amount, so they may properly credit your Statement of Giving.

LWMS Donations/Mission Boxes due today.

Spring LWMS Florida Sun Coast Circuit
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Ascension Lutheran Church in Sarasota



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