

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 27 AND 28, 2024

Welcome to Christ The King Lutheran Church. In today's Gospel lesson from John 15, Jesus calls Himself the vine and us the branches. We are called into a relationship with Him through faith in His life, death, and resurrection. The Holy Spirit empowers us to be fruitful, that is, prove ourselves to be His disciples. May the truth of God's Word also be true in our lives.
...Pastor Jason Cashmer

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THE BELLS

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OPENING PRAYER

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun

Brass Ensemble

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Reason to Praise

School Ensemble

THE OPENING HYMN

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;
Shine on me. Shine on me.

*Chorus: Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness
Shine on me. Shine on me. *Chorus*

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness,
Ever changing from glory to glory;
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story;
Shine on me, Shine on me. *Chorus*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM Sunday 11:00 a.m.

...Maverick Stephen, son of Kristopher and Danica née Begeman Fields, born on October 4, 2023. Sponsors: Matthew and Darcie Cheney

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

THE ABSOLUTION

THE SONG RESPONSE

Jesus, Draw Me Close

Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to You.

Let the world around me fade away.

Jesus, draw me close, closer, Lord, to You.

For I desire to worship and obey.

(Repeat, ending with) For I desire to worship and obey.

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 8:26-35

1 John 4:1-11

John 15:1-8

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE SONG RESPONSE (Saturday 5:00 p.m. only)

In His Time

In His time, in His time; He makes all things beautiful in His time.
Lord, please show me ev'ry day as You're teaching me Your way,
That You do just what You say in Your time.

In Your time, in Your time; You make all things beautiful in Your time.
Lord, my life to You I bring; may each song I have to sing
Be to You a lovely thing in Your time.

HOPECHEST PRESENTATION Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

THE OFFERING OF TITHES AND FIRST FRUIT GIVING

Musical Offering

Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Down River Fanfare and March

Brass Ensemble

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Beautiful One

Praise Band

THE INTERCESSORY PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SERMON HYMN

Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Wonderful Words of Life

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of Life;
Let me more of their beauty see, wonderful words of Life.
Words of life and beauty, teach me faith and duty;

*Refrain: Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of Life.
Beautiful words, wonderful words, wonderful words of Life.*

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all wonderful words of Life;
Sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of Life.
All so freely given, wooing us to Heaven: *Refrain*
Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of Life;
Offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of Life.
Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever: *Refrain*

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Thy Word

*Chorus: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.*

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near,
Please be near me to the end. *Chorus*

I will not forget, Your love for me and yet,
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side,
And I will love You to the end.

(Chorus, ending with) And a light unto my path. You're the light unto my path.

THE SERMON

Pastor Jason Cashmer

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING SONG

Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Share the Good News

Share the Good News of the Savior, let His life and love be spread.
God the Father showed His favor, Christ has risen from the dead.
As a Lamb led to the slaughter, Jesus died on Calvary.
Now for all God's sons and daughters, He brings new life, full and free.

From the hill of His ascension Jesus sent us forth to go,
Witnesses in each direction, all His saving love to show.
Lord, with dear ones, friends and neighbors, guide us as we share Your love.
Lead our witness, bless our labors, send Your Spirit from above.

Joyful sing to God the Father and to Christ, the Savior Son,
To the Spirit, who does gather all God's people into one.
Holy Trinity, now bless us as we share Your Word of grace.
With new life, new love possess us 'til the end of time and space.

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Trading My Sorrows

*Chorus: I'm trading my sorrows, I'm trading my shame.
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.
I'm trading my sickness, I'm trading my pain.
I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.
We say yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes Lord.
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord.
Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord. Amen.*

I am pressed but not crushed, persecuted not abandoned,
Struck down, but not destroyed; I am blessed beyond the curse,
For His promise will endure, That His joy's gonna be my strength.
Though the sorrow may last for the night, His joy comes with the morning. *Chorus*

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| <i>Adult Bible Classes</i> | | |
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| Saturday 6:00 p.m. | Fellowship Bible Study | West Gallery |
| Sunday 10:00 a.m. | Fellowship Bible Study | Trenton Rd. Gym |

ATTENDANCE REGISTER – Members and visitors, please be sure to sign the attendance clipboard at the end of your pew and pass it down. Also, don't forget to sign in your

children, even if they're in the nursery. Circle your name if you are taking Holy Communion. When the last person signs the book, please pass it back.

Next Weekend at CTK May 4 and 5, 2024
Holy Communion at all services

Preaching: Pastor Jason Cashmer
Music:
Saturday 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m. King's Ringers
Sunday 11:00 a.m. Praise Band

Acts 8:26-35

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. ²⁷ And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." ³⁰ So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

³¹ And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he

invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴ And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"

³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus.

1 John 4:1-11

¹ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴ Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them.

⁶ We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God.

⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that

we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

John 15:1-8

¹ "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.

³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

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