



KING'S CHRONICLES

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Hallelujah!

This Lenten Season we have followed the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ to many of the places where the Passion of Christ took place. On Easter, we will gather at the Garden Tomb and marvel with the women that the tomb is empty! We will worship and hear the good news of the angel: “He has risen, just as He said!” The resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is so meaningful to us because it is our absolute assurance that death and sin have been conquered by our Lord Jesus Christ, and that because Jesus lives, we too shall live forever in the Eternal Easter in heaven! But St. Matthew wants us to know that the resurrection of our Lord Jesus doesn’t only give us hope for the future...it gives us life and faith and hope NOW! The past year of our lives has been unlike anything else we’ve ever known. We’ve been surrounded by Covid-19, social unrest, an uncertain economy and great stress and sadness. No doubt we’ve all experienced some fear as we’ve experienced these things and looked ahead. The disciples were also afraid as they looked ahead. Even though Matthew records that Jesus had promised them 5 times that He would suffer, die and rise from death, the disciples attention was swept away by everything they saw. Instead of concentrating on the promises of Jesus Who never failed them, they became afraid, choosing fear over faith. We know this is true because by the time Jesus was crucified, only the disciple John stood at the cross with Mary the mother of Jesus. Fear destroys us, and makes life miserable. But the angel’s promise “He is not here, for He has risen, JUST AS HE SAID” reminds us that WE can trust what Jesus says! Jesus is in control. He says: “I took away your sin. I conquered death. I’m alive bodily and eternally. I’m going to return and perfect your body and give you life forever!” Because of these promises, Jesus has given us an abiding faith to live by....even in the midst of the uncertainty of our times! This Holy Week and Easter Sunday, come and celebrate the hope that Jesus and His resurrection give us...not only for eternity, but NOW! Come and hear the Easter Gospel with us. With the power of the Resurrected Christ at work in our hearts and minds, we can be a people who live guided by our faith...not by fear.

Grateful to God for celebrating another Easter with you!

Pastor Boelter

HOLY WEEK SERVICES AND EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE IN PERSON DIVINE WORSHIP WILL BE OBSERVED AS FOLLOWS:

April 1, 2021 Maundy Thursday: ONE SERVICE ONLY at 11:00 A.M. with Holy Communion

April 2, 2021 Good Friday: 11:00 A.M. Divine Worship with Holy Communion.
7:00 P.M. Passion Tenebrae Service with Holy Communion

April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday: 8:00 A.M. Divine Worship with Holy Communion
10:45 A.M. Divine Worship (no communion)

Official Acts

The following official acts have been performed or are scheduled to be performed by your pastor on behalf of the Congregation:

Holy Matrimony

David and Regina Jennio. Saturday, May 22, 2020 at 3:30 P.M. Pastor Boelter to officiate. Witnesses: Abir Danial and Thomas King

Holy Baptism

Jack William Guswiler, son of Joshua Paul Guswiler and his wife Nicol Marie Hummel Guswiler; born November 30, 2020. Baptized Saturday, February 20, 2021. Sponsors: Stephanie Stavrou and Brayden Philip Kozlowski. Officiant: Pastor David Rutter officiating in Pastor Boelter's stead.

The Greater Detroit Zone of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League

continues to meet regularly for their board meetings, and their Spring and Fall Rallies. The LWML is a RSO or Recognized Service Organization of the LC-MS, dedicated to supporting missions at home and abroad through prayers, rallies and collection of Mite Box Offerings. All women at Christ the King are eligible for membership! The Spring Rally will be held May 22nd at St. Paul Lutheran Church, SCS from 9:30 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. Pastor Boelter is the Pastoral Advisor to the Greater Detroit English District Zone LWML.

A Note of Thanks

to everyone at Christ the King who so graciously reached out to me during my recent bout with Covid 19. Thank you sincerely to all who brought me food, medicines and the daily things that kept me and my home going during those very difficult days. Thank you too to everyone who reached out with encouraging cards, letters, text messages and calls. Your love and care has been such a gift to me...thank you! I tried to return those messages as best as possible, but there were days and times when I simply was not well enough to respond. I am returning slowly but surely, thankful to God and to you for all mercy and blessings received. I thank our elders and officers who stepped up so willingly to keep our worship life moving forward and to Pastor Fritz Schmitt for conducting worship on Sundays in my absence. God bless you one and all for your love and encouragement. I pray to regain my strength as quickly as possible and move past the residual fatigue and weakness of Covid 19 toward a normal and busier schedule once more. From my heart...thank you one and all! With love in Christ - Pastor Boelter

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Patricia Padovini 1st
 Matthew Garrett 1st
 Kim Anderson 2nd
 Samuel Shepherd 2nd
 Matthew Arnold 3rd
 Matthew Fabry 4th
 Andrew Shanley 5th
 Amy McGinty 8th
 Sarah Westrick 10th
 Connor Bush 10th
 Kaitlin Barber 11th
 Connor Pochert 11th
 James Touhey 12th
 Jessica Garrett 14th
 Steven Droege 14th
 Jade Shepherd 16th
 David Price 17th
 Jenna Bell 17th
 LeRoy Champine 18th
 Elise Knapp 18th
 Claudia Drummond 19th
 Kristine Anderson 19th
 Parker Engel 19th
 Grace Christensen 19th
 Laura Bommarito 21st
 Ilaria Quartana 21st
 Brendan Genzman 23rd
 Alexa St. Hilaire 24th
 Carol Jenske 25th
 Emily Ostermair 26th
 Julie Burt 26th
 Addison Doetsch 26th

Brad VandeVorde 27th
 Christine Rhoton 28th
 Karen Westrick 28th
 Michael Nowicki 29th
 Richard DeNardis 29th
 Alan Brenner 30th

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Kristine and James Fleszar 13th
 Carl and Kelley Hauschulz 21st
 Richard and Raquel Reardon 28th
 Mark and Betty Gade 29th
 Charles and Emily Irvin 29th
 Kurt & Sunghye Zimmermann 29th

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Cheryl Currie Wensky 1st
 Douglas Bohannon 1st
 Jan Catlett 2nd
 Sharon Pomber 2nd
 Colleen Fleck 2nd
 Ross Nuechterlein 4th
 Patrick Rice 6th
 Joseph Champine 6th
 Jessie Zimmermann 6th
 Faith Bowen 8th
 Tessa Quartana 8th
 Charles Edward Burt 9th
 Sebastian Schulz 9th
 Diana Hartzell 10th
 Margaux Forster 10th
 Joann Cook 12th
 Bill Anderson 12th
 Janet Mueller 14th
 Ethan Nowicki 14th

Grant Harris 15th
 Richard Conrad Burt 16th
 Justin Zook 16th
 Diane Peters 16th
 Susan Reinke 16th
 Paul Nuechterlein 17th
 Kurt Zimmermann 17th
 Erich Zimmermann 19th
 Zachary Josefiak 19th
 Diane Wyrock 20th
 Kurt Halsey 20th
 Robert Jenske 22nd
 William Horner 22nd
 Sally VanRaemdonck 22nd
 Sarah Fuller 25th
 Darren Burt 26th
 Jonathan Navetta 27th
 Olivia John 27th
 Kyle Scharoll 28th
 Jonathon Jacobi 28th

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Dan and Alleyne Kelly 4th
 Christopher & Mariana Cassell 7th
 Scott & Pascale Forster 10th
 Patrick and Dolly Rice 10th
 James & Paula Touhey 11th
 David and Sharon Price 15th
 Gregory & Karen Westrick 16th
 Richard Conrad & Julie Burt 18th
 Douglas & Julie Bohannon 31st
 Scott Kroll & Lauri Besler-Kroll 31st

Gifts and Memorials

The following gifts and memorials were received at Christ the King Lutheran Church. While we are most grateful for all gifts received, only gifts of \$25.00 or higher are publicly acknowledged. We thank the Lord for the Christian generosity and kindness of each giver. Gifts were received from the following individuals:

Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Knapp
 Dr. Jacqueline Tilles
 Mr. Richard Burt

Mr. Richard Burt
 Ms. Judith Dettloff
 Mr. & Mrs. LeRoy Champine

Ms. Dorothy Fleming
 Mr. & Mrs. Rudolph Maiale

Sun Apr 4, 2021

8:15 am Service with Holy Communion
 10:45 am Livestream Service on Facebook
 10:45 am Service

Sun Apr 11, 2021

8:15 am Service

9:30 am Adult BibleClass

10:45 am Livestream Service on Facebook

10:45 am Service with Holy Communion

Mon Apr 12, 2021

7:00 pm Divine Worship with Holy Communion

Wed Apr 14, 2021

10:00 am Bible Study

Sun Apr 18, 2021

8:15 am Service with Holy Communion

9:30 am Adult BibleClass

10:45 am Livestream Service on Facebook

10:45 am Service

Wed Apr 21, 2021

10:00 am Bible Study

Sun Apr 25, 2021

8:15 am Service

9:30 am Adult BibleClass

10:45 am Livestream Service on Facebook

10:45 am Service with Holy Communion

Mon Apr 26, 2021

7:00 pm Divine Worship with Holy Communion

Wed Apr 28, 2021

10:00 am Bible Study

Sun May 2, 2021

8:15 am Service with Holy Communion

9:30 am Adult BibleClass

10:45 am Livestream Service on Facebook

10:45 am Service

Wed May 5, 2021

10:00 am Bible Study

Sun May 9, 2021

8:15 am Service

9:30 am Adult BibleClass

10:45 am Livestream Service on Facebook

10:45 am Service with Holy Communion

Mon May 10, 2021

7:00 pm Divine Worship with Holy Communion

Wed May 12, 2021

10:00 am Bible Study

Sun May 16, 2021

8:15 am Service with Holy Communion

9:30 am Adult BibleClass

10:45 am Livestream Service on Facebook

10:45 am Service

Wed May 19, 2021

10:00 am Bible Study

Sun May 23, 2021

8:15 am Service

9:30 am Adult BibleClass

10:45 am Livestream Service on Facebook

10:45 am Service with Holy Communion

Mon May 24, 2021

7:00 pm Divine Worship with Holy Communion

Wed May 26, 2021

10:00 am Bible Study

Sun May 30, 2021

8:15 am Service with Holy Communion

9:30 am Adult BibleClass

10:45 am Livestream Service on Facebook

10:45 am Service with Holy Communion

What Have I Done for Him?

We have just completed the celebration in which our particular focus on the sacrifice Jesus made for us to pay the debt we owed for our sin. We know there is no way we can pay the debt ourselves. Only the sinless Son of God could do that. We have access to heaven only by grace through faith in Christ Jesus.

While we cannot repay Jesus for what He has done for us, His love does require a response. Paul, speaking of our ministry of reconciliation, wrote, "For Christ's love compels us. . ." (2 Corinthians 5:14). We remain on earth to carry out the tasks which Christ left for us to do: to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit the prisoner, (Matthew 25:31-46). James admonished us that ". . . faith by itself; if it is not accompanied by action, is dead" (James 2:17). We provide the funds that support our pastors, teachers, and missionaries. Again, we can quote Paul writing in 1 Corinthians 9:11-12. "If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? If others have this right of support from you, shouldn't we have it all the more?" Certainly each of us is addressed by the Great Commission: "Go and make

disciples of all nations. . ." (Matthew 28:19). The following words from Frances Ridley Havergal are a poignant reminder that Christ's love and sacrifice for us require a response:

Thy life was given for me, Thy Blood, O Lord, was shed
That I might ransomed by, and quickened from the dead.
Thy life was given for me, What have I given for Thee?

And Thou hast brought to me Down from Thy home above
Salvation full and free, Thy pardon and Thy love.
Great gifts Thou broughtest me, What have I brought to Thee?

We are saved by grace through faith for works. Let us pray for the desire to be good stewards of the gifts of salvation, health and wealth, and time and opportunity which God has given us that we might have a part in the furthering of God's kingdom.

The End of the Story?

The six-week season of Lent draws to a close. We have heard our Savior's prayer for Himself, His disciples, and all of us (John 17). We have been distressed by the disciples' betrayal (Mark 14:50). We have been horrified by the treatment Jesus, an innocent man, received at the hands of His own people and the Roman governor and his soldiers. Our minds have heard the cries, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" (Luke 23:21). Up the hill to Calvary we have trudged with the King of Kings where He was placed on a cross like any criminal, where He spoke words of compassion for others and asked for forgiveness for His enemies, where He died for our sins. We have sat, dejected, like His followers of old - but not quite, for we have an advantage. We know how the story ends!

It ends with Easter! Yet it is not an ending but a beginning! We race to the tomb with Peter and John (John 20:3-9) and rejoice that "He is not here; He has risen!" (Luke 24:6). Like the women who were the first to learn of this most miraculous, most marvelous, most salutary event, we run to tell others. We want to share this Good News. We know it's hard to believe. Like Paul says, "Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:7-8). And lives for us! "Do you believe this?" Jesus asked Martha, and with her we confidently answer, "I believe that [He] is the Christ, the Son of God, Who was to come into the world" (John 11:24-27).

"Death has been swallowed up in victory. Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:54, 57-58).

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