

King's Choir is back up and practicing Wednesdays at 6:30. When the mid-week Lenten Services start, we'll practice after the service, so around 7:15. Please come join us — and High Schoolers are more than welcome to sing with us — we'd love to have you join!



**EASTER** is right around the corner! **Ash Wednesday** is Wednesday, March 2nd with a worship service at 6:30 p.m. We will begin mid-week Lenten services on March 9th with evening services at 6:30. pm (Adult Choir will practice following the church service.) **Palm Sunday** is April 10th and this begins our **Holy Week** — Maundy Thursday is Thursday, April 14th with church service at 6:30 p.m., Good Friday Tenebrae Service is at 6:30 p.m. and **Easter Sunday** is April 17 with two services at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. There is much to look forward to!!!!



This year's **Lenten display in the cabinet** located in the narthex will again feature crosses and crucifixes. In addition to those items, we are adding pictures and figures of Jesus as our good Shepherd. Please bring what you'd like to share and place your items in the box in the back of the chapel. We will try to put items in the cabinet that come in after Feb 27<sup>th</sup>. Please don't forget to put your name on each item so it can be returned to you Holy Week. Thank you so much for sharing in this presentation during Lent!

**The Sunday School kids will sing the second Sunday in March, March 13th, at both services!**

**TEENS FOR CHRIST** will start meeting again Sunday, March 6th at 7:00 p.m. Teens for Christ is open for all 7th—12th grade students.



We have many listeners for the Sunday morning radio program that Christ the King Lutheran Church continues to host, where Pastor Larson delivers a sermon. This is a wonderful outreach overseen by the Evangelism Committee. The Evangelism Committee would like to ask you to prayerfully consider helping fund this outreach program. It's \$75.00 a week to have the program broadcasted. If you would like to sponsor a week or month, or maybe give a few dollars to go towards the fees, please put your donation labeled "Evangelism Fund" in the offering plate or mail it to Christ the King Lutheran Church. THANK YOU SO MUCH for your support!

**THANK YOU to those who have signed up to usher.** There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering area if you would like to sign up. Ideally we need 2 people at each service. Thank you!

**MARCH USHERS:**

1st Service: Greg Roesler family  
2nd Service: Jon & Jill Stagman

**APRIL USHERS:**

1st Service: Gene & Mary Scheffert  
2nd Service: Frank & Mary Shemonek

**Biblical Roots of Common Words and Phrases**

**Phrase:** *"Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die."*

**Meaning:** Enjoy life as much as possible because we won't live forever.

**Origins:** This phrase has been used for centuries throughout literature. While the phrase's wording is an amalgamation of several verses in the Bible, the underlying hedonistic principle is quite opposite from biblical teaching and is often used in the Bible as an example of an ungodly attitude.

In [Isaiah 22](#), the prophet warns the people of Jerusalem that their hypocritical nature will be their downfall. When the Lord had called for weeping and mourning over impending invasion, instead the people said flippantly, **"Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die"** (verse 13). God's response to their disobedience was to proclaim, "Till your dying day this sin will not be atoned for" (verse 14).

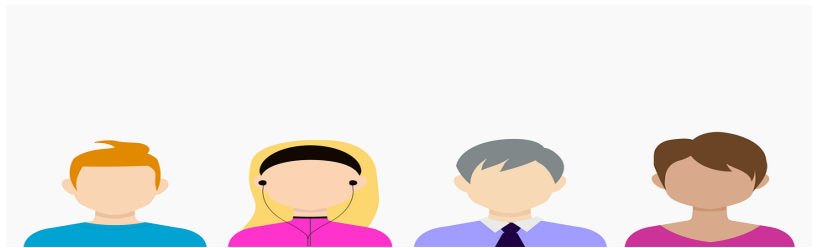
"Then I commend mirth, because a man has no better thing under the sun, than **to eat, and to drink and to be merry.**" [Ecclesiastes 8:15](#) (KJV). Is Solomon, the author, advocating a hedonistic lifestyle here? No, for examination of the verses surrounding verse 15 reveals the theme that "Man cannot know God's Ways" and "that abiding joy finds cause to give thanks to God in any situation" (LSB, p.1060) In short, we should thankfully enjoy, in moderation, the comforts that God give us.

Jesus shares the parable of the rich fool in [Luke 12:13-21](#), wherein a successful man has more crops than he knows what to do with. The man decides to tear down his barns and build larger ones, telling himself, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; **relax, eat, drink, be merry**" (verse 19, ESV). The rich fool seems to be quoting [Ecclesiastes 8:15](#), but he twists it into a cover for his recklessly blithe attitude. God disapproves of the rich man's shortsightedness, and the man dies that very night, leaving all his riches behind. Jesus explains that the one who lays up treasure for himself is not rich in God's eyes (verse 20-21).

Finally, in [1 Corinthians 15](#), the apostle Paul addresses those who do not believe in the [resurrection of the dead](#) when Christ returns (verse 12). Paul rebukes them, since, if there is no life after death, they may as well live according to **"Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die"** (verse 32 ESV). Hence the concept of enjoying earthly life as much as possible because there's nothing after death is unbiblical. While moderate comforts are a source of abiding joy; at its root, the immoderate hedonistic philosophy of "eat, drink, and be merry" is a faithless expression of hopelessness.

([The Lutheran Study Bible](#) and [Word and Phrase Origins](#), 3rd Edition, Robert Hendrickson)

>There will be a **Mission Trip meeting** **March 6<sup>th</sup>, 9:40 am**, in the Chapel for any 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade student and parent interested in going and any other adults interested in chaperoning.



**NEWS FROM WOW:**

We encourage everyone to come down for Fellowship between church services; The "Love" group will be serving for March Fellowship and the "Faith" group will serve at the WOW meeting on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> — we invite all the ladies to attend the meeting at 9:30 a.m. for Fellowship and Bible Study.



The Contemporary Group, **Lighthouse Worship**, would like to extend an invitation to anyone who plays guitar, drums, piano, spoons, sings, whatever your talent is, to please give it some prayerful thought to come join them. (You're not committed to playing every Sunday.) Please contact Kris Becker or Katie Demmer for more information. THANK YOU!