

# ***Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church***

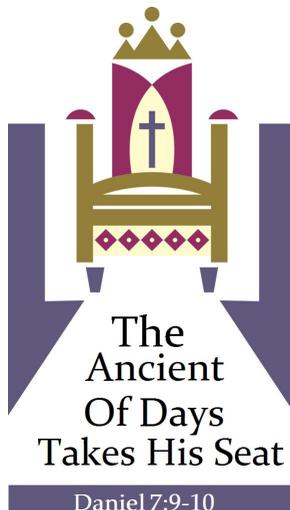
*“To know... To teach... To share Christ”*

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**Second Sunday of End Time - Last Judgement  
*November 12, 2017***

# Our Worship Today

**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** Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Worship Guide For Today's Service

Service of the Word, pages 38-44

**Our Songs** CW 397 "Just As I Am, without One Plea"  
CW 207 "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"  
CW 303 "With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh"  
CW 331 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

**Psalm** CW 99 Psalm 90

## Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship 45                      Communion 40  
Sunday Offering: General Fund \$1,801.00  
Midweek Bible Class 9

Sunday Bible Class 18  
Building Fund \$100.00

## Serving In Worship Today

Minister  
Organist  
Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm  
Jonette Jordan  
Larry Martin

## Opening Hymn

CW 397 “Just As I Am, without One Plea”

## Guide For Worship

CW Page 38 Service of the Word

## The First Lesson

Daniel 7:9-10

<sup>9</sup> “As I looked, “thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. <sup>10</sup> A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.” (NIV1984)

## The Psalm

CW Page 99, Psalm 90

*Congregation sings refrain and speaks the second half of each verse.*

## The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup> “Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, <sup>2</sup> for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup> While people are saying, “Peace and safety”, destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup> But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup> You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. <sup>6</sup> So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. <sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. <sup>9</sup> For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup> He died for us so that, whether we are awake or

asleep, we may live together with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. (NIV1984)

## Verse of the Day

Alleluia. Watch, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia.

*After the Verse of the Day, the congregation sings:*

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**These words are written that we may believe that**  
**Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## The Gospel

### *Please Stand*

Matthew 25:31-46

<sup>31</sup> “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. <sup>34</sup> “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ <sup>37</sup> “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ <sup>40</sup> “The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’ <sup>41</sup> “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I

was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’ <sup>44</sup> “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’ <sup>45</sup> “He will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’ <sup>46</sup> “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.” (NIV1984)

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## **Sermon Hymn**

CW 207 “The Day Is Surely Drawing Near“

## **Sermon**

“The Ancient Of Days Takes His Seat”

Daniel 7:9-10

## **Apostles’ Creed**

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## **Offering**

Our Offerings to the Lord are freewill. Let your offerings be a joyful response to God’s Grace to you.

## **Prayer of the Church**

## **Veterans' Day Responsive Prayer**

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## **The Lord's Prayer**

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## **Hymn**

CW 303 "With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh"

## **Prayer and Benediction**

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## **Closing Hymn**

CW 331 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

## **Announcements**

# Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Thank You to All Our Veterans for Your Service

- Today, November 12:       Worship Service, 10:30 AM
- Tuesday, November 14:   Circuit Meeting - No Bible Class
- Wednesday, November 15: Choir, 7:00 PM
- Thursday, November 16:   Men's Breakfast, 8:30 AM  
                                  Church Council Meeting, 9:30 AM
- Sunday, November 19:     Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
                                  Worship Service with Communion, 10:30 AM
- Wednesday, November 22: Thanksgiving Service, 6:00 PM

Pastor in the Office:   Tuesday, 9:00 AM to 12:00PM  
                                  Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM & 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Christmas Cruise from Fisherman's Village in Punta Gorda. The boat leaves at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 16th. Only a few spots left. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. For more information, please contact Robby or Evyonne Robinson at 941-627-3531.

Christ the King Lutheran Church is looking for used walkers, canes, crutches, and wheel chairs that are no longer needed. Please consider donating them so others in need may borrow them and then return to Christ the King Lutheran Church after recovery. A tax deduction statement will be given at time of donation. If you donate one of the needed items, please be sure to put your name on it so that you can receive a tax deduction statement. For more information please contact Robby Robinson at 941-627-3531.

*Serving our congregation: President-Larry Martin, Finance Chairman-John Smith, Head Elder-Robby Robinson, Worship Chairman-Marlyn Rische, Education Chairman-Ron Gorske, Outreach Chairman-Don Schoening, Properties Chairman-Wally Jordan*

*November Birthdays: Carol Davis-17th, Phan Thai-18th, Kathleen Thai-21st,*

*Prayer List: John Smith, Pastor Martin, Sue Whittier, Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Fran Stecher, Keith Haslam, Dick Clemens*



## **GOD’S WORD FOR THIS WEEK**

Lord, keep us mindful of the Judgment! *He will come to judge the living and the dead.* We confess it every Sunday, but often live like those are empty words. Moses’ psalm on the mortality of man shakes us from our spiritual slumber. Number your days aright and gain a heart of wisdom! Today the Church prays that God keep us ever mindful of the Last Judgment that we might be found in faith, fruitful in both word and deed. Then there’s no need to fear Judgment Day; rather, we can look forward to the day of our redemption.

### **Daniel 7:9,10**

Daniel sees a vision of the Last Judgment that is filled with fire and thrones and books. God the Father is seated on his throne with fire beneath him and flowing out from him—fire that metes out punishment for the unrighteous but refines believers like gold with the dross removed. Who doesn’t shudder when he sees Daniel’s vision of God and then hears the somber statement, “The books were opened”? Being mindful of the coming judgment means knowing that one day the books will be opened, and God will judge us according to what is in them. But look carefully: there is not just one throne here! Daniel said “thrones” were set in place. See who else is at the judgment. The Son of God has a throne there (Psalm 110). So do the apostles (Mt 19:28). Yes, the same Jesus who died for us will be there to advocate for us; the same apostles who preached Jesus Christ risen for the forgiveness of sins will be there to call us part of their Church. Look at Revelation 20:11-15 and see the rest of the story. There are two kinds of books: books of deeds that record what each person has done, and a book that holds only names. Unbelievers are judged on the basis of their deeds, but believers are judged on the simple fact that their names are written in the book of life. When we are mindful of that, we can rejoice and look forward to the end of this age when we will reign with Christ in glory.

### **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Being mindful of the judgment means living according to God’s Word, not according to what the world says. The world tells itself again and again not to worry about God and his judgment. Peace and safety are its watchwords. Regardless of what the world says, the judgment is most certainly coming. When it comes on the world, it will be like a woman in labor—sudden, unstoppable, irreversible. Paul reminds us to be mindful of the coming judgment by living alert and self controlled lives. We are believers and are as different from unbelievers as sheep are from goats, as day is from night. So let’s live like it! We have been appointed to receive salvation, so let’s live as sons of the light and sons of the day. Leave the deeds of darkness for this dark world whose cries of “Peace!” and “Safety!” will not stop the judgment from overtaking them.

### **The Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46**

The Son of Man came once as a humble baby, but will return as a glorious king with angel armies at his side. He will sit on his throne, and all the nations will be brought before him to be judged. In this judgment, there are no shades of gray: you are either a sheep or a goat—there is no third option. You will either be judged righteous and brought to heaven or condemned and sent into eternal fire. In our present world we see so many shades of gray, but at the judgment the contrast between believer and unbeliever will be stark. Jesus’ judgment on unbelievers will be a just one, yet completely opposite of what he had wanted. Hell was never meant for humans; it had been prepared for the devil and his angels. When children of Adam are sent to hell on Judgment Day, they will enter a realm never meant for them. From the creation of the world, God had prepared an inheritance for the sons of Adam, a kingdom that becomes ours not by merit, but by grace. Both sheep and goats fail to see how their earthly lives could possibly merit their eternal fate. In fact, they speak the same words. The contrast, however, is stark: the sheep had faith in Christ that gave evidence of itself in the world; the goats had neither faith nor true fruits. Both receive an eternal judgment—life for the sheep and punishment for the goats. Lord, keep us mindful of your coming judgment that we might be found in faith, judged by your grace, and gifted with eternal life!

## **OUR Service FOR NEXT WEEK**

First Lesson	Isaiah 52:1-6	Liturgy	Common Service, page 15
Second Lesson	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Hymns	388, 550, 394
The Gospel	Matthew 25:1-13	Psalm 84	
Sermon Theme	“Someday”	Sermon Text	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

## Veterans' Day Responsive Prayer

P: To You, our God, we cry for mercy and for grace  
Oh hear our lowly cry and do not hide Your face.

**C: O Lord, stretch forth Your hand and guard and bless our native land.**

P: The powers that You ordained with heavenly wisdom bless. May evil be restrained, replaced by righteousness.

**C: O Lord, stretch forth Your hand and guard and bless our native land.**

P: Though vain and foolish, still we are Your people, Lord. Oh, bend us to Your will, we'll serve no other God.

**C: O Lord, stretch forth Your hand and guard and bless our native land.**

P: Since 1918, November 11<sup>th</sup>, has been a special day of remembrance. Well, it should be, for any nation which is unmindful of its heroic past will be heedless of its possible future.

**C: A sense of dependence as a nation upon You, O Lord, will contribute much to the spirit which makes a nation strong.**

P: As a nation and people we have enjoyed the blessings from Your open hand of grace, dear Lord. Your words of promise have been fulfilled among us and we give You thanks and praise.

**C: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.**

P: Thanks be to You, O Lord, for you have always been with us and have so often blessed us by defeating our enemies.

**C: Thank You, dear Lord, for moving the hearts of so many who willingly defended our country throughout the history of our nation.**

P: Grant peace and comfort to those who are still struggling physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually because of the horrific things they have seen and experienced.

**C: Show them Your great love for them in Jesus so that they may find peace and forgiveness in Him.**

P: We humbly come before Your throne of grace and ask that you make wars to cease; break the bow and shatter the spear. And burn the shields with fire.

**C: Bring peace in our world so that Your saving Gospel may be proclaimed for the salvation of souls.**

P: We ask this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who alone has won peace with His heavenly Father for all people.

**C: Amen.**