

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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**Second Sunday in Advent
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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.

2nd Candle - (purple)

The Candle of Peace

God promises His peace! “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” ~ John 16:33

Worship Guide For Today's Service

Service of the Word, pages 38-44

Our Songs CW 230 “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”
CW 18 “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”
CS 702 “Prepare the Royal Highway”
CW 331 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Psalm CW 97 Psalm 85

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship 37 Lord's Supper 35 Sunday Bible Class 14
Sunday Offering: General \$1,904.00
Midweek Bible Study: 5

Serving In Worship Today

Minister
Organist
Choir Director
Accompanist
Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm
Jonette Jordan
Linda Martin
Sharon Martin
Larry Martin

Advent Candle Lighting Carol

Choir: "Light The Candle"

Invitation to Worship

P: We light two Advent candles remembering Jesus, who came in history. He came into a world of sin and death.

C: We remember Jesus, who came as the promised Messiah. John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord.

P: We hear his call to repent.

C: We light two Advent candles as a sign of our repentance and desire for renewal.

P: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

C: Through your word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.

Opening Hymn

CW 230 "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

Guide For Worship

CW Page 38 Service of the Word

The First Lesson

Isaiah 40:1-11

¹ Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. ³ A voice of one calling: "In the desert prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. ⁵ And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken." ⁶ A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field. ⁷ The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the Lord blows on them. Surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers and

the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands for ever.”⁹ You who bring good tidings to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, “Here is your God!”¹⁰ See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and his arm rules for him. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.¹¹ He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young. (NIV1984)

The Psalm

CW Page 97, Psalm 85

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

The Second Lesson

II Peter 3:8-14

⁸ But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day.⁹ The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything in it will be laid bare.¹¹ Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives¹² as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.¹³ But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.¹⁴ So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him. (NIV1984)

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. All mankind will see God's salvation. 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

Mark 1:1-8

¹ The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"— ³ "a voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'" ⁴ And so John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. ⁶ John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt round his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ And this was his message: "After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." (NIV1984)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon Hymn

CW 18 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You"

Sermon

“What Kind Of People Ought We To Be”

II Peter 3:8-14

Apostles' Creed

CW Page 41

Offering

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

Special Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

CW Page 43

Hymn

CS 702 “Prepare the Royal Highway”

Choir sings verses 1, 2, & 3

Congregation and choir sing verse 4

Prayer and Benediction

CW Page 43

Closing Hymn

CW 331 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Announcements

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Tuesday, December 12: No Bible Study, Pastoral Circuit Meeting

Wednesday, December 13: Advent Service at Bethany, 5:00 PM
Choir, 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 14: Men's Breakfast, 8:30 AM
Council Meeting, 9:30 AM

Saturday, December 16: Christmas Cruise from Fisherman's Village

Sunday, December 17: Pancake Breakfast, 9:00 AM
Worship Service with Communion, 10:30 AM

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

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.

Remember in your prayers the family and friends of Jane Ruege. The Lord called her home to heaven on Wednesday. Her Christian Victory Service will be Friday, December 15 at 2:00 PM at Christ the King.

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

December Birthdays: Robby Robinson-6th, Stephanie Stromberg-14th, Sam Tran-17th, Tran Thai-21st, George Davis-23rd, Breanna Johnson-26th

Prayer List: Pastor Gumm, Carolyn Gumm, John Smith, Sue Whittier, Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Fran Stecher, Keith Haslam, Dick Clemens, Marge Krueger, Robert Krueger



GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK

Since his coming is sure and so important, he sends out forerunners in the footsteps of St. John the Baptist who help us to make proper preparation for his coming. They do that with a message not their own. They do it with the message that he himself has given. Pay close attention to those heralds of the coming Lord, the prophets and apostles, and to the pastors and teachers in our midst who have succeeded them to get us ready for his coming.

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11

The message of God's messengers has not changed. It is a message that prepares us for his coming both at Christmas and on the Last Day. The messenger cries out: We are nothing; He is everything. We are born to die; He comes to give life. We know nothing and are sure of nothing; his Word of grace and pardon lasts forever and gives the pardon and grace that it promises. Crane your necks. Stand on tiptoes. Listen to his footsteps in the voice of the apostles and prophets, in the Word proclaimed this day from the pulpit. That's how the Savior King himself prepares you for his coming.

Second Lesson: II Peter 3:8-14

A little child keeps asking during Advent: Is Christmas here yet? With like eagerness we ask the Savior King's messenger: How come it takes so long? The messenger has come in fulfillment of God's promise to send messengers. The messenger assures us that the promise of his final coming also will be kept, just as surely as the promise of his first coming was kept. Therefore don't lose heart in the midst of all the distractions that the world offers to make us forget our chief business of being and getting ready for his coming. Those lost in the distractions will meet him with dismay. Let us keep craning our necks and standing on tiptoe, busy with obedience to his Word and cherishing each proclamation of the message that helps us to prepare.

The Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Since he is coming, as we heard last Sunday, both to destroy and to save, the sending of forerunners to help us prepare is a special mark of the Savior's grace and kindness. Notice that the forerunner is the lowliest man in the world: He is not even fit to untie the shoes of the one whose coming he proclaims. Since he is so lowly, no one needs to be afraid to listen to him; he will not scare us away. The one whose way he prepares is so eager that we be ready that the messenger and the message alike are lowly. But the message is powerful at the same time. For the message is one of forgiveness, a message that washes away sin and guilt in the Word and in the water, so that those who receive it will be fit for the only one who is great: Our coming Savior King. Give thanks to God that for these thousands of years and to this very day God has sent forerunners to prepare us for his coming at Christmas and on the Last Day, so that his coming for us would be a coming in grace, not a coming in dread and terror. Heed their call to repentance and trust in the Word and work of the coming Savior.

OUR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK

First Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11 Liturgy: The Common Service with the Lord's Supper, page 15

Second Lesson: I Thessalonians 5:16-24

The Gospel: John 1:6-8, 16-24

Psalm: 118

Sermon Theme: "Look What The Lord Has Done"

Sermon Text: Psalm 118:17