

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

*"To know... To teach... To share Christ"*

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# Our Worship Today

## *"Be Perfect And That Is No Joke"*

**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** Gracious Father, keep your family, the Church, always faithful to you, that we may lean on the hope of your promises and be strong in the power of your love; 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, page 38-44

**Our songs** CW 378 "All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"  
CW 383 "Blessed Are They, Forever Blest"  
CW 385 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"  
CW 379 "Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound"  
**Psalm:** CW 105 "Psalm 103"

### **Serving In Worship**

Minister  
Organist  
Choir Accompanist  
Cello Soloist  
Cello Accompanist  
Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm  
Jodie Roberts  
Sharon Martin  
Linda Martin  
Jan Nelson  
Larry Martin

## **Prelude**

Cello Solo "Be Thou My Vision"

## **Call to Worship**

Choir: "The Lord Is In His Holy Temple"

## **Opening Hymn**

CW #378 "All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"

## **Guide For Worship**

CW Page 38

## **The First Lesson**

Leviticus 19:1, 2, 17, 18

The Lord said to Moses, "Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: 'Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy.' " 'Do not hate your brother in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so that you will not share in his guilt. " 'Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.'" (NIV1984)

## **The Psalm**

Psalm 103, CW Page 105.

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

## **The Second Lesson**

I Corinthians 3:10, 11, 16-23

By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. For no-one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If any one of you thinks he is wise by the standards of this age, he should become a "fool" so that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight. As it is written: "He catches the wise in their craftiness"; and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile." So then, no more boasting

about men! All things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God. (NIV1984)

## **Verse of the Day**

*The minister says the proper Verse of the Day*

*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!**

## **Choir Anthem**

CW #378 “Dear Lord, to Your True Servant Give”

*Choir sings verse 1 & 2, Choir & Congregation sing verse 3.*

# **The Gospel**

## ***Please Stand***

*Matthew 5:38-48*

“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you. “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. (NIV1984)

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

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

## **Sermon Hymn**

CW #383 “Blessed Are They, Forever Blest”

## **Sermon**

“Be Perfect And That Is No Joke”

Matthew 5:48

## **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.

## **Prayer of the Church**

CW Page 124

# **The Lord's Prayer**

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## **Hymn**

CW #385 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

## **Prayer and Benediction**

CW Page 43

## **Closing Hymn**

CW #379 "Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound"

## **Announcements**

## **WELS Connection**

## **Postlude**

Cello Solo "As the Deer with Fairest Lord Jesus"

# Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Today: Pastor Gumm's Installation & Dinner at Bethany, 4:00 PM*

*Thursday, February 23, Church Council Meeting, 9:00 AM.*

*Thursday, February 23: Choir, 7:00 PM*

*Sunday: Bible Class, 9:30, Worship Service, 10:30*

*Sunday, March 5, Brunch for Pastor and Carolyn Gumm, 12:00 PM.*

Please consider serving on Church Council.

If you are interested in a Name Tag for church, please see Larry Martin.

If you have not had your picture taken for the Picture Board, please see Linda Martin.

Don't forget to bring food items in for our food pantry, especially protein items.

*Please check the sign up sheets in the Narthex.*

*Serving our congregation: Chairman-Larry Martin, Finances-John Smith, Outreach-Don Schoening, Properties-Wally Jordan, Head Usher-Marlyn Rische*

*February Birthdays: Jan Boyle-24th*

*February Anniversaries: Sue & Curtis Whittier-14th, Jonette & William Jordan-28th*

*Prayer List: Doris Cox, Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Fran Stecher, Ruth Ellis, Keith Haslam, Dick Clemens*

## **GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK**

The Savior's Sermon: Love your enemies! What could be more counterintuitive? Yet Christ calls his disciples to a love for our neighbor that models itself after Jesus' love for the world. As Luther said: *Christi sumus in nominativo et genitivo* (We are Christs—with and without the apostrophe). A heart like Christ's has no room for vengeance, but is filled with love for all.

### **The Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48**

Our flesh finds Jesus' commands revolting. The human animal snarls when attacked and bites back when bitten. Jesus, however, tells us not to resist evil, to turn the other cheek, to love our enemies. Who would live like this? Only the Son of our heavenly Father. God demonstrated his love for us in this: when we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Jesus himself prayed for his enemies who crucified him. He most certainly was his Father's Son. Now God calls us, his sons, to live like Jesus and love people as perfectly as the Father does. As God makes the sun rise on the evil and the good, so he commands us to shine the light of our love on everyone around us.

### **First Lesson: Leviticus 19:1, 2, 17, 18**

This is the passage that Jesus references in the Gospel. However, some of the Pharisees had changed its interpretation by adding "but hate your enemy" to the phrase "love your neighbor." While that makes sense to our flesh, it is completely out of character with God. The standard for our life is the holiness of God, not our feelings or wants. God's holy standard is clear: love for our neighbor must be equal to the love we have for our very self. Make no room in your hearts for vengeance or grudges, but live with the holiness of God as your standard and your example. Live also with the last sentence as your comfort and motivation: I am the LORD, the God of the covenant, the God of free and faithful love for you.

### **Second Lesson: I Corinthians 3:10, 11, 16-23**

This is the sixth in a seven-week series of readings from 1 Corinthians. Paul could have borne a grudge against Apollos or Peter because of the divisions present in the church of Corinth. Instead, he models Christian love for our neighbor and Christian unity with his words and actions. Paul lives and speaks and loves like Christ, seeking only to serve. The world would call it foolishness, but God calls such selfless love the wisdom of God.

## **OUR READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

### **Last Sunday after the Epiphany-The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

The Gospel	Matthew 17:1-9
First Lesson	Exodus 24:12, 15-18
Second Lesson	II Peter 1:16-21
Psalm	148