

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

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

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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.

**Prayer Before Worship** O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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 230 "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"  
CW 519 "O God of Love, O King of Peace"  
CW 499 "O God of Mercy, God of Might"  
CW 324 "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

**Psalm** CW 111 Psalm 119c

## Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship 23	Holy Communion: 17	Sunday Bible Class 12
Sunday Offering:	General Fund \$1921	Other \$134
Midweek Bible Class 5		

## Serving In Worship Today

Minister  
Organist, Accompanist  
Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm  
Jodie Roberts  
Wally Jordan

# Opening Hymn

CW 230 "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now"

# Guide For Worship

CW Page 38 Service of the Word

# The First Lesson

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Israel's arrogance testifies against them; the Israelites, even Ephraim, stumble in their sin; Judah also stumbles with them. When they go with their flocks and herds to seek the Lord, they will not find him; he has withdrawn himself from them. They are unfaithful to the Lord; they give birth to illegitimate children. Now their New Moon festivals will devour them and their fields. "Sound the trumpet in Gibeah, the horn in Ramah. Raise the battle cry in Beth Aven; lead on, O Benjamin. Ephraim will be laid waste on the day of reckoning. Among the tribes of Israel I proclaim what is certain. Judah's leaders are like those who move boundary stones. I will pour out my wrath on them like a flood of water. Ephraim is oppressed, trampled in judgment, intent on pursuing idols. I am like a moth to Ephraim, like rot to the people of Judah. "When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah his sores, then Ephraim turned to Assyria, and sent to the great king for help. But he is not able to cure you, not able to heal your sores. For I will be like a lion to Ephraim, like a great lion to Judah. I will tear them to pieces and go away; I will carry them off, with no-one to rescue them. Then I will go back to my place until they admit their guilt. And they will seek my face; in their misery they will earnestly seek me." "Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence. Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth." "What can I do with you, Ephraim? What can I do with you, Judah? Your love is like the morning mist, like the early dew that disappears. Therefore I cut you in pieces with my prophets, I killed you with the words of my mouth; my judgments flashed like lightning upon you. For I desire mercy, not sacrifice, and acknowledgment of God rather than burnt offerings. (NIV1984)

# The Psalm

Psalm 119c, CW Page 111

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

# The Second Lesson

Romans 4:18-25

Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.” The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. (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!**

# The Gospel

***Please Stand***

Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and “sinners” came and ate with him and his disciples. When the

Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and ‘sinners’?” On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” (NIV1984)

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

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

## **Sermon Hymn**

CW 519 “O God of Love, O King of Peace“

## **Sermon**

“Fruit of the Spirit”

Galatians 5:22-24

## **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**

## **The Lord’s Prayer**

CW Page 43

## **Hymn**

CW 499 “O God of Mercy, God of Might“

## **Prayer and Benediction**

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## **Closing Hymn**

CW #324 "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

## **WELS Connection**

## **Announcements**

# Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Today, June 25: Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
Worship Service, 10:30 AM  
Tuesday, June 27: Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
Sunday, July 5: Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
Worship Service with Communion, 10:30 AM

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

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

June Birthdays: Wally Jordan-13th, Marlyn Riche-14th, Marlene Fleming-29th

June Anniversaries: Sharon & Pastor Martin-7th, Marlene and Terry Fleming-20th, Linda and Larry Martin-26th, Jodie and Jerry Roberts-30th

Prayer List: Doris Cox, Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Fran Stecher, Keith Haslam, Dick Clemens, Carolyn Gumm



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

The Holy Ministry is filled with people who God called out of his boundless mercy. Nothing else could explain the choices for ministers that God made! He calls such sinful and weak men to fill this office. Only mercy can explain the men he chose in this Sunday's lessons: a despised tax collector, an exiled killer, a persecutor of Christians. How poignant these lessons are, when we remember that each lesson was penned by the unworthy minister called into service by God's boundless mercy!

### **First Lesson: Hosea 5:15-6:6**

Jesus' words of condemnation for the Pharisees came from the mouth of Hosea, a prophet long familiar with unfaithful Israel. Like wanton Gomer, Israel had whored herself to false gods. In his mercy, God called to the people, the priests, and the nobility—and their response seemed so good! At first glance, the words that Israel spoke (6:1-3) seem a beautiful model of repentance. But this is unrepentant Israel's idea of "repentance" that had as little to do with godly repentance as the Pharisees' "righteousness" had to do with godly service. There is no confession of guilt; no fruits follow; God does not receive it. Their  $\text{קָרָן}$  burned off with the morning sun. Merely going through the motions of repentance did not cut it. Merely performing the outward functions of the Law did not suffice. God wanted an admission of guilt, an earnest seeking, but he did not find it. Only the  $\text{קָרָן}$  of God could solve their problem. "I will heal their waywardness and love them freely, for my anger has turned away from them."

### **Second Lesson: Romans 4:18-25**

This is the second of sixteen lessons from book of Romans (Pentecost 2-17). How could God choose the ministers he did? How could God choose the people he did? How can God continue to love us after all the times we turn our back on him? Because of an alien righteousness, long promised and now credited to us and to all who believe in him who raised Jesus from the dead.

### **The Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13**

The call of Matthew manifests the mercy of God. The Pharisees knew the Scriptures and walked the walk. They left no sacrifice undone. Their outward righteousness and place of respect among the people were the mirror opposite of the man sitting in the tax collector's booth. Despised as a quisling and swindler, the publican's only companions were the other "sinners" who lived beyond the pale of Jewish Law. Yet the call of Christ to faith and apostleship did not come to these outwardly righteous Pharisees, but to the tax collector. So powerful was the call that Matthew left his station and his old life behind and followed. Jesus bypassed the Pharisees because they knew sacrifice but were blind to mercy. When they questioned Christ's acts of mercy, Jesus tells the teachers of Israel to go and learn Scripture, to see the difference between mercy and sacrifice...to see that their claims of righteousness were nothing but more whitewash on tombs. Can they really be healthy when they are blind to mercy for their brothers, blind to the prophets, and blind to the Messiah? Christ wanted different ministers than these. He wanted ministers who knew the mercy of God and would share the mercy of God. So he turned to the sinner, Matthew, and called him from his life of sin to a life of ministry with those merciful words, "Follow me."

## **OUR READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

First Lesson	Exodus 19:2-8a
Second Lesson	Romans 5:6-11
The Gospel	Matthew 9:35-10:8
Psalm	100