

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Pastor Alan W. Gumm

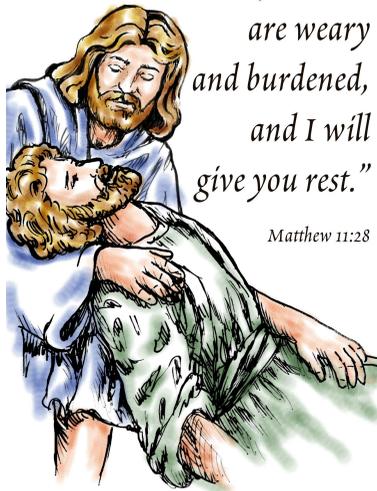
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*“Come to me, all you who
are weary
and burdened,
and I will
give you rest.”*

Matthew 11:28



**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 23, 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 God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; 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 336 "Come unto Me, You Weary"
CW 411 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
CW 358 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

Psalm CW 119 Psalm 145

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship 21		Sunday Bible Class 8
Sunday Offering:	General Fund \$1,580	Other \$105.77
Midweek Bible Class -		

Serving In Worship Today

Minister	Pastor Alan W. Gumm
Organist, Accompanist	Jonette Jordan
Videographer	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

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people." The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?" And the Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name." Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory." And the Lord said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the Lord, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no-one may see me and live." Then the Lord said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen." (NIV1984)

The Psalm

Psalm 145, CW Page 119

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

The Second Lesson

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to 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

The Gospel

Please Stand

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure. "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No-one knows the Son except the Father, and no-one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (NIV1984)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon Hymn

CW 336 "Come unto Me, You Weary"

Sermon

"Jesus Offers The Perfect Vacation"

Matthew 11:28-30

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 411 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Prayer and Benediction

CW Page 43

Closing Hymn

CW #358 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

WELS Connection

Announcements

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Today, July 23: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Worship Service, 10:30 AM
Tuesday, July 25: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Sunday, July 30: 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,
Worship Chairman-Marlyn Rische, Education Chairman-Ron Gorske, Outreach
Chairman-Don Schoening, Properties Chairman-Wally Jordan*

July Birthdays: Sue Wehner-2nd, Doris Cox-20th, Mary Emery-31st

July Anniversaries: Joan & John Smith-8th, Gloria & Marlyn Riche

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



GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK

The Christian finds rest in Jesus. From the beginning of time, God provided rest for his creation. He blessed the seventh day and set it apart, that man might learn to find his rest in God alone. In Jesus, the Christian finds rest from his burdens, rest from his battles, and rest forever in heaven.

First Lesson: Exodus 33:12-23

Can you hear the frustration in Moses' voice? Can you sense the worry? Since their great fall with the golden calf, God had refused to go with the people of Israel. He would send an angel, but he himself would not accompany them. Moses pleaded with God to go up to the Promised Land with them. Though the Israelites had sinned greatly, Moses reminded the LORD that they were God's people. God responded in grace and mercy and promised Moses that his very Presence would go with them, and he himself would give Moses rest. Can you hear the confidence in Moses' voice after God's promise? Can you sense the devotion? "Show me your glory!" Then God took this man yoked to him in faith and in service, and he showed Moses all the glory he could mortally bear.

Second Lesson: Romans 7:15-25a

This is the sixth in a series of sixteen lessons that run through Pentecost 17. The Christian life is a battle between the sinful flesh and the new man born in us through baptism. The Old Adam wages constant war. Where can we find any rest from this kind of fight? Paul's words ring true in our lives: all the good I want to do, but I fail to accomplish; all the evil I have promised never to do again, but repeat within a day. I want to do good, but I just can't make it happen! What a wretched person I am! I just want rest from this battle— rest from my failure. Who can save me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord, who came to give rest to weary and burdened souls.

The Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Though they had seen many signs of Christ's deity, Korazin, Bethsaida, and Capernaum failed to repent. Jesus warned them of the coming wrath. Then he turned to his followers and praised God that the Lord of heaven and earth had revealed the truth of Jesus' identity to the little children who believe in him. He has no words of judgment for his followers. He has only words of invitation, of comfort, of rest. Yes, the rest comes with a yoke—but look at whose yoke it is! Our Savior's humble and gentle heart leads him to give us an easy yoke, a light burden, and rest for our souls. Christianity is not a religion of rules meant to impinge on our freedom; it does not call us to endlessly labor for God's favor; it does not leave us to work things out on our own. No, it frees us from the burden of carrying our sin and puts Christ in its place. It connects us to Jesus that we might learn from him. It gives us the rest our weary souls so desperately need.

OUR READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

First Lesson	Isaiah 55:10, 11
Second Lesson	Romans 8:18-25
The Gospel	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Psalm	65