

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

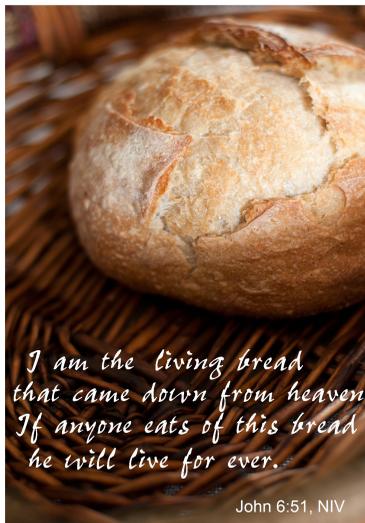
*"To know... To teach... To share Christ"*

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**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 19, 2018**

# 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** Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; 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 Todays Service

The Common Service, page 15-25

**Our Songs** CW 221 "Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"  
CW 405 "Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink"  
CW 331 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

**Psalm** CW 64 Psalm 1

## Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship: 25  
Sunday Offering: General Fund \$1,182.00  
Tuesday Bible Class: 7

Sunday Bible Class: 10  
Other: \$105.77

## Serving In Worship Today

Minister  
Organist  
Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm  
Jodie Roberts  
Wally Jordan

## Opening Hymn

CW 221 “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word“

## Guide For Worship

CW Page 15

### The First Lesson

Proverbs 9:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn out its seven pillars. <sup>2</sup> She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine; she has also set her table. <sup>3</sup> She has sent out her maids, and she calls from the highest point of the city. <sup>4</sup> “Let all who are simple come in here!” she says to those who lack judgment. <sup>5</sup> “Come, eat my food and drink the wine I have mixed. <sup>6</sup> Leave your simple ways and you will live; walk in the way of understanding. (NIV1984)

### The Psalm

CW 64 Psalm 1

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

### The Second Lesson

Ephesians 5:15-20

<sup>15</sup> Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup> making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is. <sup>18</sup> Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (NIV1984)

## Verse of the Day

Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.  
Alleluia.

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

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## The Gospel

*Please Stand*

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

**Glory be to you, O Lord**

John 6:51-58

<sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.” <sup>52</sup> Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” <sup>53</sup> Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup> Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. <sup>55</sup> For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. <sup>56</sup> Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup> Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup> This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live for ever. (NIV1984)

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

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

## Nicene Creed

## **Sermon Hymn**

CW 405 "Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink"

## **Sermon**

"Eternal Food"

John 6:51-58

## **Response to God's Word**

CW Page 20 "Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God"

## **Offering**

Our Offerings to the Lord are free will. Let your offerings be a joyful response to God's grace to you.

## **Prayer of the Church**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

CW Page 20

## **The Sacrament**

*We request those who are not members of our congregation or a sister church in the WELS or ELS, to refrain from coming to Communion today. We want you at the Lord's table with us, but we ask that there be an opportunity for Pastor and you to study God's Word together first. Close Communion is the historic and biblical practice of the Christian Church. The practice has the purpose of ensuring that, as far as humanly possible, those receiving the Sacrament do so to their benefit and not their harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-30), and that the oneness that is expressed in receiving the Sacrament is genuine and not contrived (1 Corinthians 10:17).*

Please feel free to talk to the pastor concerning what the Word of God declares concerning the Lord's Supper.

Make sure to indicate your attendance at communion on the communion sign up list in the narthex.

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## **Prayer and Benediction**

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## **Closing Hymn**

CW 331 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

## **Announcements**

# Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Today, August 19: Bible Class, "Heaven", 9:30 AM  
Worship Service with Communion, 10:30 AM

Tuesday, August 21 Bible Class, "Book of James", 9:30 AM

Saturday, August 25 Church Work Day, 9:00 AM

Sunday, August 26: Bible Class, 9:30 AM  
Worship Service, 10:30 AM

Pastor in the Office: Tuesday, 9:00 AM to 12:00PM  
Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM; 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM; 6:00 to 8:00PM

Serving our congregation:

Church Council; President-Larry Martin, Secretary-Bill Halberg, Finance Chairman-John Smith, Head Elder-Robby Robinson, Worship Chairman-Marlyn Rische, Education Chairman-Ron Gorske, Outreach Chairman-Don Schoening, Properties Chairman-Wally Jordan

Mary/Martha; President-EyVonne Robinson, Vice President-Gloria Rische, Secretary-Jodi Roberts, Treasurer-Jan Boyle, Sunshine Chairman-Stephanie Stromberg, LWMS Reporter-Jonette Jordan

August Birthdays: Kenneth Yelland-2<sup>st</sup>, Jane Eichelkraut-14<sup>th</sup>, Jonette Jordan-14<sup>th</sup>, Larry Martin -15<sup>th</sup>, Eugene Broecker-18<sup>th</sup>, Dan Hotaling-28<sup>th</sup>,

August Anniversaries: Rev Alan & Carolyn Gumm-6<sup>th</sup>, Rodger & Joyce Rauch-24<sup>th</sup>.

Prayer List: Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Fran Stecher, Keith Haslam, Marge Krueger, Barb Wiese, Marilyn Yelland, Marlene Fleming, John Smith



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

Are the beautiful truths of the gospel, not least those taught by Jesus in John 6, easy for us to grasp? Not at all! In fact for the natural man and his fallen reason they are impossible. This Sunday recognizes the difficulty and calls for the response of a *sacrificium intellecti*, a sacrifice that only the Spirit can work if fallen reason is to be overcome as we receive and rejoice in the saving truths of the gospel.

### **First Lesson: Proverbs 9:1-6**

Wisdom is personified. Christ is that wisdom. Wisdom is much more than mere knowledge or skill. Wisdom is that attribute of God which is Christ and which is revealed in Christ and which Christ imparts as we eat his flesh by faith and live. The wise of the world despise the simple. And the simple do not understand the wise. But he who is wisdom knows that we are all simple, too simple to understand the way of salvation or the meaning of life or the point of death. He does not despise and spurn us in our simplicity; he calls; he invites; he lures and entices (as Luther says so often) with a banquet of understanding for this life and for the life to come. He is the host, and he is the banquet. An understanding of him, of ourselves, of life and death—it is all there for those who come and eat, inspired and moved by his invitation.

### **Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:15-20**

Be careful! The days are evil. Only the wise recognize it and know how to triumph over the evil that would drag them down into hell itself. How do we triumph over the evil and rejoice while doing it? We stay close to the source of wisdom and to the power contained in the Word. We read the Bible and sing it. We speak its saving wisdom to encourage ourselves and those who are with us. And so we grow in our joy at leaving behind the wisdom of our own reason and delight instead in his saving and conquering wisdom.

### **The Gospel: John 6:51-58**

But Reverend, that just isn't the way I see it! What pastor hasn't heard that a thousand times from the outsider? It is the natural response to every doctrine in the Bible and most importantly, with the chief doctrines of the Bible. Jesus knows that very well. He even delights in it. And so he tells us things in his Word that by ourselves we would never believe. Then, by his telling it, the mighty Word overcomes us. God made flesh for us feeds us with himself given for the life of the world!? Yes, it is so! The wisdom of God is not merely more clever than the wisdom of the philosopher or anyone else in this world. It is altogether other and unique. It is powerful, so powerful that it overcomes the death of unbelief and the arrogance of fallen reason. Most gladly we bring to him the consequent sacrifice of all our own wisdom and our own opinions and lay them at the foot of the cross as so much foolishness and death—bringing nonsense. Most gladly we go to war against all of our own thoughts that contradict any part of his Word. For all other bread for the soul perishes in its use, and those who eat it perish with it. The gospel is not just one religious tradition among many; it is the only truth that gives life and salvation.

## **OUR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK**

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgy: Morning Praise, Page 45

First Lesson: Joshua 24:1, 2a, 14-18

Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:21-31

The Gospel: John 6:60-69

Psalm 71

Sermon Theme: "To Whom Shall We Go"

Sermon Text: John 6:60-69

Hymns: 340, 348, 387, 416