

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, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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

The Common Service, page 15-25

Our Songs CW 478 "With the Lord Begin Your Task"
CW 469 "Take My Life and Let It Be"
CW 470 "Praise to You and Adoration"

Psalm CW 98 Psalm 89

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship 21

Sunday Offering:

Midweek Bible Class -

General Fund \$1,335

Sunday Bible Class 10

Serving In Worship Today

Minister

Organist

Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm

Jodie Roberts

Wally Jordan

Opening Hymn

CW 478 "With the Lord Begin Your Task"

Guide For Worship

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The First Lesson

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah replied to the prophet Hananiah before the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord. He said, "Amen! May the Lord do so! May the Lord fulfill the words you have prophesied by bringing the articles of the Lord's house and all the exiles back to this place from Babylon. Nevertheless, listen to what I have to say in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: From early times the prophets who preceded you and me have prophesied war, disaster and plague against many countries and great kingdoms. But the prophet who prophesies peace will be recognized as one truly sent by the Lord only if his prediction comes true." (NIV1984)

The Psalm

Psalm 89, CW Page 98

Congregation sings refrain and speaks the second half of each verse

The Second Lesson

Romans 6:1b-11

Shall we go on sinning, so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has

died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. (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

The Gospel

Please Stand

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings

Glory be to you, O Lord

Matthew 10:34-42

“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to turn “ ‘a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law— a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’ “Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. “He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me. Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man’s reward. And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.” (NIV1984)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Nicene Creed

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Sermon Hymn

CW 469 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Sermon

"Fruit of the Spirit"

Galatians 5:22-24

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

In the celebration of the Holy Supper, we receive, in a miraculous way, the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, in, with and under the bread and wine. We celebrate the restored fellowship we have with God through the blood of our Savior, and we publicly declare complete oneness in faith with those who receive the body and blood with us. Because the Bible teaches this is so, and out of a love for those who may accidentally receive the sacrament in an unscriptural way, we kindly ask that only those who have publicly declared their oneness in faith (membership in Christ the King, the WELS or ELS) participate in the meal today. Thank you.

Please 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 #470 "Praise to You and Adoration"

Announcements

WELS Connection

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Today, July 16: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Worship Service with Communion, 10:30 AM
Tuesday, July 18: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Thursday, July 20: Men's Breakfast, 8:30 AM
Church Council, 9:30 AM
Saturday, July 22: Work Day, 9:00 AM
Sunday, July 23: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Worship Service, 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 - 4:00 PM

Please bring "Goodies" for Sunday Fellowship.

Please continue to bring food items for our food pantry, especially protein items.

*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 loves God above all things. The beautiful Prayer of the Day sets the tone for the Sunday. The Church prays for the love of God that we might always love him above all things. The Verse of the Day describes this total commitment to Christ as denying ourselves and carrying our crosses. The lessons warn of the earthly ramifications of such love, but also point to the promised heavenly rewards.

First Lesson: Jeremiah 28:5-9

The false prophet Hananiah proclaimed a message that pleased everyone: within two years the captives and sacred articles would return from Babylon. Even Jeremiah liked the sound of Hananiah's words. He was quick to add his "Amen" to the concept. However, Jeremiah knew that Hananiah was dead wrong. False preachers have long promised health and wealth to God's followers. Christianity, however, is not built on a prosperity Gospel, but on the cross for both Christ and Christians. How difficult it must have been for Jeremiah to contradict this false prophet who was saying everything the people wanted to hear! Yet God has called the Christian to love him above all things. Loving God above all means loving God's Word, even when it's not what people want to hear. Jeremiah spoke the truth, and God had his back. Jeremiah prophesied that God would stop Hananiah from speaking lies in his name, and within two months the man was dead. Loving God above all brings conflict, but God promises to be with us through it all.

Second Lesson: Romans 6:1b-11

This is the fifth in a series of sixteen lessons that run through Pentecost 17. In this Sunday's context, this lesson provides an excellent opportunity to preach on the Fourth Part of Baptism from the Small Catechism: The meaning of baptism for our daily life. The Christian is able to love God above all things because he was buried with Christ through baptism into death. The resurrection to faith created a new man freed from sin and free to live wholly and completely for Christ. Our baptism enables us to love God above all, and it empowers us to do so daily.

The Gospel: Matthew 10:34-42

Persecution reprioritizes life and sharpens faith. However, the further Christians get from the lions' roar or the martyr's stake, the easier it is for us to make our faith in Christ merely moderately important in our lives. Family, friends, work, health—these all vie for our time and attention, and our faith gets pushed further and further down the list. When life is not so bad, who needs the promises of a better life to come? How true Luther's words of warning: *nulla persecutio est tota persecutio!* How false our thoughts that faith can be only moderately important! C.S. Lewis said, "Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important." In the Gospel, Christ asserts the all-important nature of faith, and the all-consuming nature of discipleship. Jesus calls us to love him above all—more than family or friends, more than personal safety or even life itself. Such total commitment to Christ will not bring peace to your life, but constant conflict with the sinful world around you. Since he did not come to bring peace, but a sword, he points the Christian to rewards in heaven, kept safe by the One who sent him.

OUR READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

First Lesson	Exodus 33:12-23
Second Lesson	Romans 7:15-25a
The Gospel	Matthew 11:25-30
Psalm	145