

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 Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; 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 Todays Service

Morning Praise, pages 45-51

Our Songs	CW 457	“Fight the Good Fight“
	CW 475	“The Man Is Ever Blest“
	CW 459	“O God, My Faithful God“
	CW 462	“Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways“
Psalm	CW 77	Psalm 31

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/Accompanist

Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm

Sharon Martin

Wally Jordan

Opening Hymn

CW 457 "Fight the Good Fight"

Invitation To Worship

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: 🎵 **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: 🎵 **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

P: The Lord is risen: Let us worship Him.

Oh, Come, Let Us Sing To The Lord

CW 46

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, you deceived me, and I was deceived; you overpowered me and prevailed. I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming violence and destruction. So the word of the Lord has brought me insult and reproach all day long. But if I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name," his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot. I hear many whispering, "Terror on every side! Report him! Let's report him!" All my friends are waiting for me to slip, saying, "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we will prevail over him and take our revenge on him." But the Lord is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their dishonor will never be forgotten. O Lord Almighty, you who examine the righteous and probe the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord! Give praise to the Lord! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked. (NIV1984)

The Psalm

Psalm 31, CW Page 77

Congregation sings refrain and the speaks second half of each verse

The Second Lesson

Romans 5:12-15

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned—for before the law was given, sin was in the world. But sin is not taken into account when there is no law. (NIV1984)

The Gospel

Please Stand

Matthew 10:24-33

“A student is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the student to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebub, how much more the members of his household! “So do not be afraid of them. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. “Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. ³³ But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven. (NIV1984)

Seasonal Response

C: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Sermon Hymn

CW 475 "The Man Is Ever Blest"

Sermon

"Fruit of the Spirit"

Galatians 5:22-25

Hymn

CW 459 "O God, My Faithful 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

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 50

The Lord's Prayer

CW Page 50

Prayer For Grace and the Benediction

CW Page 50

Closing Hymn

CW 462 "Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

Announcements

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Today, July 9: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Worship Service, 10:30 AM
Tuesday, July 11: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Sunday, July 16: 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 - 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 Holy Ministry preaches Christ in spite of persecution. Christ promises courage for his witnesses to testify even in the face of pain or persecution. The Prayer of the Day is one of the most ancient in the Church's use. It seems to have been suggested by the disasters of the dying Western Empire. As Rome crumbled, the Church prayed for God's governance that she might worship in peace and joy. Today Christ reminds us that even when that peace and joy are absent, he will give us the courage to continue to testify in his name.

First Lesson: Jeremiah 20:7-13

Persecution can come from any quarter. For Jeremiah, it came from within the visible church. Passhur, the chief officer of the temple, heard the message Jeremiah proclaimed and had him beaten and put into stocks. How telling that the first time the Bible calls Jeremiah by the title "prophet" is also the first time he faces bodily persecution! Proclaimers of the pure Word of God will always face persecution from without and within the visible church. But what could Jeremiah do? He could not hold in the Word because it was like a fire in his heart. He did his job and found his courage in the mighty warrior of the Lord and the knowledge that God will prevail. In the face of persecution, Jeremiah found courage, praise and joy.

Second Lesson: Romans 5:12-15

This is the fourth in a series of sixteen lessons that run through Pentecost 17. When the first Adam listened to the Serpent's lies, life and holiness disappeared from God's perfect creation, and into the vacuum left behind rushed sin and death. By one act the first Adam ushered in an age where sin ruled and death reigned. Even the life of mortal man could only be called a life of death deferred. But the second Adam came! By his one epoch-changing act, the life of death deferred became a life of death destroyed. No wonder Satan tries to silence the proclaimers of this message with persecution!

The Gospel: Matthew 10:24-33

Jesus' axiomatic statements are so obvious that they require no proof. Yet how surprised we are when we face persecution because of the Word! Perhaps we face physical persecution, or perhaps it is merely the way modern Christians are called intolerant, credulous, backward. But why should Christians be surprised or disappointed or angered about the persecutions they face? Look at the axiom! We slaves are not above our master who was persecuted first. So this should not lead to surprise and cannot lead to the cessation of our work as Gospel heralds. We know our master and the reality of who he actually is, not just the falsities his enemies promulgate. And οὐδὲν, therefore, Μὴ φοβηθῆτε αὐτούς—do not be afraid of them! Instead, shout and proclaim! Our enemies can only succeed in killing the body. Such a small thing compared to the fate that awaits them! The enemies of Christ have always been fearsome, whether in the days of the crumbling of the Roman Empire or during these latter days of American hegemony. That's why Christ says it three times, Μὴ φοβηθῆτε. In place of fear, find the courage of Christ to witness in the face of any persecution.

OUR READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

First Lesson	Jeremiah 28:5-9
Second Lesson	Romans 6:1b-11
The Gospel	Matthew 10:34-42
Psalm	89