

# ***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 Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Worship Guide For Todays Service

Service of the Word and Sacrament, page 26-37

**Our Songs** CW 234 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"  
CW 382 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"  
CW 260 "Let All Things Now Living"

**Psalm** CW 112 Psalm 121

## Our Stewardship Last Week

What a powerful, but loving and gracious God we have!

## Serving In Worship Today

Minister  
Organist  
Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm  
Jonette Jordan  
Wally Jordan

## Opening Hymn

CW 234 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty“

## Guide For Worship

CW Page 26 Service of Word and Sacrament

## The First Lesson

Jeremiah 15:15-21

You understand, O Lord; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart’s delight, for I bear your name, O Lord God Almighty. I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? Will you be to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails? Therefore this is what the Lord says: “If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them. I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you,” declares the Lord. “I will save you from the hands of the wicked and redeem you from the grasp of the cruel.” (NIV1984)

## The Psalm

CW Page 112 Psalm 121

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

## The Second Lesson

Romans 12:1-8

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. For by the

grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. (NIV<sup>1984</sup>)

## 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 16:21-26

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. What good will it be for a man if

he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? (NIV1984)

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

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

## **Sermon Hymn**

CW 382 “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less“

## **Sermon**

“God’s Hurricane Promise”

Psalm 50:15

## **Nicene Creed**

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## **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**

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## **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 (Matthew 26:26-28). 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 (1 Corinthians 11:27-29). 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 260 "Let All Things Now Living"

## **Announcements**

# Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Today, September 17: Bible Study, 9:30 AM

Worship Service with Communion, 10:30 AM

Tuesday, September 19:

Bible Study, 9:30 AM

Saturday, September 23:

Work Day

Sunday, September 24: Bible Study, 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 - 4:00 PM

**“A Return To Grace: Luther’s Life and Legacy”** movie will be shown at the AMC theater at Merchant’s Crossing (15201 N. Cleveland Ave.) on Wednesday, November 1, at 6:30 p.m. The cost of the ticket is \$9.00. Abiding Love Lutheran Church in Cape Coral is sponsoring this. In order to have the movie shown, they will need 100 tickets sold. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Christ the King, Bethany, and Abiding Love Lutheran Churches are invited to enjoy a Christmas Cruise from Fisherman’s Village in Punta Gorda. The boat leaves at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 16th. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex on the table to find out if people are interested in going on this Christmas Cruise. If you are interested, please sign your name, how many will attend, what church you are a member of, and your phone number. For more information, please contact Robby or Evyonne Robinson at 941-627-3531.

Christ the King Lutheran Church is looking for used walkers, canes, crutches, and wheel chairs that are no longer needed. Please consider donating them so others in need may borrow them and then return to Christ the King Lutheran Church after recovery. A tax deduction statement will be given at time of donation. If you donate one of the needed items, please be sure to put your name on it so that you can receive a tax deduction statement. For more information please contact Robby Robinson at 941-627-3531.

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

September Birthdays: Evyonne Robinson-26th

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



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

The Church is militant: first the cross, then the crown. The Prayer and Verse of the Day center the lessons. Today Christ tells us that for him and for us, going God's way means death must come before life. He calls on us to deny ourselves and follow him on the way of the cross. Those words offend our sinful flesh and make our Old Adam cry with Peter, "Never!" They make us accuse God with Jeremiah. So today the Church prays for the never failing mercy of Christ that we might avoid such wicked and harmful thoughts and instead be guided on the cross laden path to salvation. Then, and only then, do these words of Christ cease offending our flesh and become a joy and delight for our heart.

### **First Lesson: Jeremiah 15:15-21**

The church is militant, and that means dying to self and the things of man. After a hard ministry, Jeremiah began to forget the things of God and concentrate too much on the things of man. The prophet Jeremiah struggled to carry the cross given him by his God. God's Word was a joy and delight to his heart, but Jeremiah's life had been anything but joy and delight. After bearing much persecution, God's prophet finally tired of self denial. He wondered whether God's promises amounted to nothing, but were as failed and fruitless as a dried up brook in times of drought. How does God respond? Does he remove the cross and persecution? No, he commands his prophet to repent and turn to God for mercy. Then, God will permit him again the privilege of carrying a cross in his name. God renews a promise that he had made at the beginning of Jeremiah's ministry. He didn't promise to remove the persecution, but to make Jeremiah strong enough to take it. May God make each of us bronze walls, certain of the fact that even as we follow the way of the cross—no, especially as we follow the way of the cross—our God is with us to rescue and save us, and redeem us from the grasp of the cruel. That knowledge renewed and restored Jeremiah to a ministry centered on the things of God as he served in the Church militant.

### **Second Lesson: Romans 11:13-15, 28-32**

This is the fourteenth in a series of sixteen lessons that run through Pentecost 17. Jesus did not heed Satan's temptation or Peter's command. He denied himself and carried his cross to the hill of his death and our eternal life. Through that one act of righteousness, God gave justification that brings life to all mankind. St. Paul spends eleven chapters outlining the amazing nature of God's plan for our salvation centered on our crucified Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Then in chapter 12, Paul begins, "Therefore..." He points back to the past eleven chapters and says, *In view of all that—in view of everything God did to save you eternally...let death come before life for you. First the cross, then the crown. Offer your bodies as living sacrifices.* This oxymoron only makes sense in the Christian response of life lived by dying to self and living for Christ.

### **The Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28**

Peter's great confession from last Sunday's Gospel showed the disciples understood who Jesus was. But though they understood his person, they still failed to understand his work. He had come to fulfill the redemptive mission for which he was anointed; he had not come to fulfill Israel's earthly views of Messiah. He couldn't be the Messiah they wanted, and still be the Savior they needed. "He must go..." Cross and death were necessary first. When Jesus spoke most clearly about his cross, Peter spoke Satan's words of compromise. Thanks be to God that our Savior saw the necessity of the cross before the crown! Now for Christian followers, cross comes before the crown as well. We die to self, but gain Christ, the Life.

## **OUR READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

First Lesson      Ezekiel 33:7-11  
Second Lesson    Romans 13:1-10  
The Gospel        Matthew 18:15-20  
Psalm 51a