

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

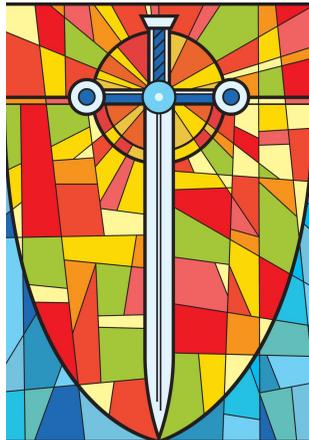
*"To know... To teach... To share Christ"*

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**Fight  
the  
Good  
Fight**

I Timothy 6:12

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 16, 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** Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; 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 454 "I Gave My Life for Thee"  
CW 471 "Renew Me, O Eternal Light"  
CW 469 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

**Psalm** CW 107 Psalm 116

## Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship: 24

Sunday Offering: General Fund \$1,210.00

Tuesday Bible Class: 9

Sunday Bible Class: 9

## Serving In Worship Today

Minister  
Organist  
Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm  
Jodie Roberts  
Wally Jordan

## Opening Hymn

CW 454 "I Gave My Life for Thee"

## Guide For Worship

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## The First Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-10

<sup>4</sup> The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. <sup>5</sup> The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back. <sup>6</sup> I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. <sup>7</sup> Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. <sup>8</sup> He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! <sup>9</sup> It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who is he who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up. <sup>10</sup> Who among you fears the Lord and obeys the word of his servant? Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the Lord and rely on his God. (NIV1984)

## The Psalm

CW 107 Psalm 116

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

## The Second Lesson

James 2:1-5, 8-10, 14-18

<sup>1</sup> My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism. <sup>2</sup> Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. <sup>3</sup> If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the

floor by my feet,” <sup>4</sup> have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup> Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? <sup>8</sup> If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right. <sup>9</sup> But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as law-breakers. <sup>10</sup> For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. <sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? <sup>15</sup> Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup> If one of you says to him, “Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. <sup>18</sup> But someone will say, “You have faith; I have deeds.” Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do. (NIV1984)

## Verse of the Day

Alleluia. Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. 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**

Mark 8:27-35

<sup>27</sup> Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, “Who do people say I am?” <sup>28</sup> They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup> “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, “You are the Christ.” <sup>30</sup> Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup> He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and

teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.” <sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. (NIV1984)

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

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

## **Nicene Creed**

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## **Sermon Hymn**

CW 471 “Renew Me, O Eternal Light”

## **Sermon**

“Love Speaks with Focused Heart”

I Timothy 6:6-16

## **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.

# **Intercessory Prayers**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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## **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 469 "Take My Life and Let It Be"

## **Announcements**

# Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Today, September 16: Bible Class, "Heaven", 9:30 AM  
Worship Service with Communion, 10:30 AM

Tuesday, September 18: Bible Class, "Book of James", 9:30 AM

Thursday, September 20: Men's Breakfast, 8:30 AM  
Church Council, 9:30 AM

Saturday, September 22: Church Work Day, 9:00 AM

Sunday, September 23: 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

September Birthdays: Joyce Broecker-9<sup>th</sup>, Curtis Whittier-12<sup>th</sup>, Fred Teitzel-13<sup>th</sup>,  
Robert Schrank-24<sup>th</sup>, EyVonne Robinson-26<sup>th</sup>, Jean Mathweg-30<sup>th</sup>,

Prayer List: Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Keith Haslam, Marge Krueger, Barb Wiese, Marlene  
Fleming, John Smith, Robby Robinson



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

Just how deeply should the Word of God penetrate heart and life? Jesus himself is the model in whose footsteps we follow, stumbling though that following be.

### **First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-10**

Jesus is the example of patient endurance in suffering. He listened to the Word of his Father and obeyed it perfectly. But no one suffered as he did. What was the outcome of his suffering? In his resurrection he was triumphant both in achieving the divinely ordained goal of our redemption and was delivered from all sorrow and pain. Those who now walk in darkness, i.e., who do not see the salvation and rescue promised by God, should nevertheless trust in his promise; for at the best time, when the goal is achieved, they will yet see that God is faithful to his Word. God kept his promise to his Son; he will not fail to keep his Son's promise to us!

### **Second Lesson: James 2:1-5, 8-10, 14-18**

Christians suffer as they bear the cross. That's Jesus' promise. But we should not be the ones who inflict suffering on our brothers and sisters or make what they suffer more painful than it already is. What a shame and a scandal it would be to shun the poor because they are poor and favor the rich because they are rich. Would that not be a cross? For the poor would be tempted to think that God does not love them and has proven it in their poverty and in the way their fellow Christians treat them. The rich would likewise be scandalized by the temptation to think that their favored treatment was due to their merit before God as well as man, that God made them rich because he loved them more. Likewise doing nothing to help the suffering brother or sister presses the cross on their shoulders all the harder; seeing no love from their brothers and sisters, the dark cloud of despair that God does not love them either will hang all the more heavily over their heads.

### **The Gospel: Mark 8:27-35**

Those who confess that Jesus is the Christ and not just another great prophet or teacher or role model for good living must let even this truth penetrate: Christ came to suffer, Christ came to die; he did it in perfect obedience to his Father; he did it in perfect love for us and for our salvation. His obedience and love were not cheap. Ours should not be either. We are not saved to sin all the more. We are rescued for life and for life eternal but only in the procession of cross bearers following in his footsteps. Notice that our cross bearing is a necessary consequence of believing, but it is not a cause of salvation. Notice, too, the emphasis on the singular in vss. 34-35: Anyone, whoever. No one cross-less can hide in the procession of cross bearers; no cross, no Christian. As Peter well understood, the cross is always painful. The cross is anything that we suffer in consequence of our faith in Christ, e.g., outward persecution or ridicule, but even more often, internal struggle with temptations to pet sins and to sins of moral indifference and laziness, and to sins of either self-righteousness or of despair.

## **OUR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK**

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgy: The Common Service, page 15

Hymns: 565, 573, 562, 579

First Lesson: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Second Lesson: James 3:13-18

The Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Psalm 31

Sermon Theme: "Love Speaks with Urgency"

Sermon Text: II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18