

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

“To know... To teach... To share Christ”

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**Fourth Sunday in Lent
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Our Worship Today

Service Theme: "Let Us Return To The Lord"

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 God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; 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

Morning Praise, pages 45-51

Our Songs CW 401 "Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ"
CW 376 "Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness"
CW 381 "Grace Has a Thrilling Sound"
CW 123 "Lord Jesus Christ, You Set Us Free"

Psalm CW 82 Psalm 42-43

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship 54	Holy Communion: 44	Sunday Offering \$1,409
Sunday Bible Class No Class	Midweek Bible Class 7	
Lenten Service 37		Lenten Offering \$340

Serving In Worship Today

Minister
Organist
Cellist
Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm
Jan Nelson
Linda Martin
Larry Martin

Prelude

Cello Solo: "Aria: Bist du bei mir" "(If you're with me")

J.S. Bach

Opening Hymn

CW 401 "Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

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: Behold the Lamb of God: Let us worship Him.

Oh, Come, Let Us Sing To The Lord

CW 46

The First Lesson

Hosea 5:15-6:3

Then I will go back to my place until they admit their guilt. And they will seek my face; in their misery they will earnestly seek me." "Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence. Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. (NIV1984)

The Psalm

Psalm 42-43, CW Page 82

Congregation sings refrain and the second half of each verse

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:1-10

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit. Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. (NIV1984)

The Gospel

Please Stand

Matthew 20:17-28

Now as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples aside and said to them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!" Then the mother of Zebedee's sons came to Jesus with her sons and, kneeling down, asked a favor of him. "What is it you want?" he asked. She said, "Grant that one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right and the other at your left in your kingdom." "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said to them. "Can you drink the cup I am going to drink?" "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink from my cup, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared by my Father." When the ten heard about

this, they were indignant with the two brothers. Jesus called them together and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (NIV1984)

Seasonal Response

C: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

Sermon Hymn

CW 376 Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness”

Sermon

“Let Us Return To The Lord”

Hosea 6:1

Hymn

CW 381 “Grace Has a Thrilling Sound“

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 123 "Lord Jesus Christ, You Set Us Free"

Wells Connection

Postlude

Cello Solo: "Thy Word is a Lamp"

Announcements

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Tuesday, March 28: Bible Class, 9:30 AM.
Wednesday, March 29: Soup Supper, 5:00 PM
Midweek Lenten Service, 6:00 PM
Choir, 7:00 PM
Sunday, April 2: Organ Fund Bake Sale, 11:30 AM
Thank you for our Christ the King Family
Tuesday, April 4; Bible Class, 9:30 AM
Mary/Martha, 10:30 AM
Bare Foot Bookies Book Club, 11:30 AM
Sunday, April 9: Thank you to Mark Becker
Thursday, April 13: Maundy Thursday Service, 6:30 PM
Friday, April 14: Good Friday Service, 6:30 PM
Sunday, April 16: Sunrise Worship Service, 7:00 AM
Easter Breakfast, 8:00 AM
Easter Worship Service, 10:30

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.

See Linda Martin if you haven't had your picture taken for the Picture Board.

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

Don't forget to check the sign up sheets in the Narthex.

Serving our congregation: Chairman-Larry Martin, *Finances-John Smith, Outreach-Don Schoening, Properties-Wally Jordan, Head Usher-Marlyn Rische*

March Birthdays: Pastor Gumm-2nd, Barb Wiese-4th, Margit Sargent-18th

Prayer List: Doris Cox, Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Fran Stecher, Ruth Ellis, Keith Haslam, Dick Clemens, John & Joan Smith, Lincoln Robert Schrank



GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK

Jesus calls us from sinful selfishness to selfless service. We can view the world from the perspective of selfishness or selflessness. Selfishness puts self before all and leads to favoritism, pride and envy. Repentance, however, means despairing of self, trusting in Christ's substitutionary sacrifice and leading lives of selfless service modeled after our Savior who came not to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for us.

First Lesson: Genesis 37:1-11

The life of Joseph illustrates Jesus' message that whoever wants to be first must be your slave. Selfishness led to Jacob's favoritism and his sons' jealousy. Selfishness led Jacob and his sons to such pride that they could not imagine God's prophecy about Joseph coming true. Their selfishness forced Joseph into the role of slave and servant, yet God in his grace would save many people in spite of their sin. Sold into slavery, and jailed unjustly, Joseph would trust in God and selflessly serve his fellow man. Ultimately, God brought the prideful low and raised up humble Joseph. In doing so, He both fulfilled his prophecy and also saved the family of God and countless others.

Second Lesson: Romans 8:1-10

One of Scripture's greatest chapters begins with one of its sweetest verses: Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Christ's life ransomed mankind because it met God's demands and set us free from the Law of sin. Now we are free to live according to the Spirit. The sinful nature wants us to live in selfishness; the Spirit sets us free to live lives of selfless service to God and neighbor. Sinners that we are, the requirements of the Law could never be fully met *by* us, but now they are fully met *in* us through the indwelling of the Spirit and Christ.

The Gospel: Matthew 20:17-28

Jesus revealed the plan of the Father to his disciples: the Son of God would leave his heavenly throne and selflessly give his freedom to his enemies, his body to the torturer, his life to the executioner in order that he might be our Savior. Rather than marveling at the depth of his love and self-sacrifice, the disciples argued about places of greatness in glory. The sons of Zebedee wanted to sit at the right and left of Jesus, but were only promised that they would join in drinking his cup. The other disciples were indignant, but not righteously so. Jesus corrected them, too. Followers of Jesus drink his cup and find greatness in selflessly serving others. For our motivation and our model, Christ points back to God's plan for the Son of Man who came not to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

OUR READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

The Gospel	John 11:17-27, 38-45
First Lesson	Ezekiel 37:1-14
Second Lesson	Romans 8:11-19
Psalm	116