

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
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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 Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; 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 255	“Open Now The Gates of Beauty“
	CW 576	“Spread, Oh, Spread the Mighty Word“
	CW 324	“Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast“
	CW 321	“Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name“
Psalm	CW 89	Psalm 65

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship 21

Sunday Offering:

Midweek Bible Class -

General Fund \$1,683

Sunday Bible Class 8

Serving In Worship Today

Minister

Organist

Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm

Jonette Jordan

Wally Jordan

Opening Hymn

CW 255 "Open Now The Gates of Beauty"

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

Isiah 55:10-11

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. (NIV1984)

The Psalm

Psalm 31, CW Page 77

Congregation sings refrain and the speaks second half of each verse

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:18-25

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that the

whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. (NIV1984)

The Gospel

Please Stand

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. He who has ears, let him hear.” “Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.” (NIV1984)

Seasonal Response

C: The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Death has been swallowed up in victory. Alleluia!

Sermon Hymn

CW 576 "Spread, Oh, Spread the Mighty Word"

Sermon

"God Always Has Results"

Isiah 55:10-11

Hymn

CW 324 "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

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 321 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name"

Announcements

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Today, July 30: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Worship Service, 10:30 AM
Tuesday, August 1: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Sunday, August 6: 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 to 4:00 PM

*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*

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 is planted by the Word and produces fruit. The Sunday is summarized in the Prayer of the Day which thanks God for the implanting of the Word and asks for the Spirit's help in producing fruits of faith.

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:10-11

Though many seeds fall among soil that does not produce fruit, Isaiah gives us God's promise that his Word will never return to him fruitless (רֵיקָם). The Word is like the rain and snow sent from God in heaven that fall to bring blessing upon the earth and make it fruitful. Just as precipitation makes the earth bud and flourish, so God's Word will always do its work of planting faith in the heart of man and making it fruitful. While this *sedes doctrinae* is often used to illustrate that God's Word always works, either to convert or to harden, the flavor of this passage and its context is decidedly positive. Faithful preachers are the mouth of God (Jeremiah 15:19) from which the Word goes forth to do its work of planting faith and making it bear much fruit in the heart of man.

Second Lesson: Romans 8:18-25

This is the seventh in a series of sixteen lessons that run through Pentecost 17. Paul teaches a lesson on longing for God's plans to come to fruition. Even creation groans for release from the bondage of sin and longs for the freedom of the children of God. One day, God will make all things new and return creation to the perfection with which he made it. Until then, we preach the Word that plants faith that looks for a better world to come and produces the fruit of hope that lets us wait for it patiently.

The Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

What a description of Jesus' ministry! What a description of ours! The Sower scatters the seed of the Gospel to all with no regard for where it might land. Yet most of his seed bears no fruit. This parable brings warning and such comfort. Christ warns us that the seed of the Word faces great opposition from sin, Satan, and the world. Newborn faith can be choked or scorched. The Gospel promise can be snatched from apathetic or misunderstanding soil. Though we sow the seed faithfully and generously, Jesus warns us that most of it will never bear fruit that lasts. Yet for every faithful Gospel preacher, Christ comforts us by showing that the preacher's job is to sow the seed and leave the growing up to God. He comforts us by pointing to what his Word does in the good soil: it plants great faith that does great things. In the man who hears and understands it, the simple sowing of the Word will produce a crop—a hundred, sixty, or thirty-fold.

OUR READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

First Lesson	Joel 3:12-16
Second Lesson	Romans 8:26, 27
The Gospel	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Psalm	18