

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

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

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# Our Worship Today

## *Service Theme: "Jesus Is The One"*

**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, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through 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**

Service of the Word, pages 38-44

<b>Our Songs</b>	CW 368	"O, Savior, Precious Savior"
	CW 358	"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"
	CW 347	"Jesus! and Shall It Ever Be"
	CW 356	"You Are the Way; through You Alone"
<b>Psalm</b>	CW 112	Psalm 121

### **Our Stewardship Last Week**

Sunday Worship 73	Holy Communion: 59	Sunday Offering \$1,866
Sunday Bible Class 24	Midweek Bible Class 11	
Lenten Service 30		Lenten Offering \$285

### **Serving In Worship Today**

Minister  
Organist  
Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm  
Sharon Martin  
Larry Martin

## Invitation To Worship

*M: The Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

*M: God will put joy in our hearts and praise on our lips.*

**C: He is the source of everything we have.**

*M: Each day is a gift of grace from God our Father.*

**C: He guides our steps by the light of his Word.**

## Opening Hymn

CW 368 "O, Savior, Precious Savior"

## Guide For Worship

CW Page 38 Service of Word

## The First Lesson

Genesis 12:1-8

The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." So Abram left, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. Abram travelled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. The Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he went on towards the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord. (NIV1984)

# The Psalm

Psalm 121, CW Page 112

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

# The Second Lesson

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered in this matter? If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. What does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness. It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. For if those who live by law are heirs, faith has no value and the promise is worthless, because law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham’s offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.

(NIV1984)

# The Gospel

***Please Stand***

John 4:5-26

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with

Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?” Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.” He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.” “I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.” “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus declared, “Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth.” The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” Then Jesus declared, “I who speak to you am he.” (NIV1984)

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

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

## **Sermon Hymn**

CW 358 “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds“

## **Sermon**

“Jesus Is The One”

John 9:25-26

## **Apostles' Creed**

CW Page 41

## **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**

CW Page 43

## **Hymn**

CW 347 “Jesus! and Shall It Ever Be”

## **Prayer and Benediction**

CW Page 43

## **Closing Hymn**

CW #356 “You Are the Way; through You Alone”

## **Announcements**

# Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Tuesday, March 14: Pastoral Circuit Meeting at Bethany, 9:00 AM  
Joshua Citrus Farm Tour/Lunch Out, Leave Church, 10:00 AM  
\$5.00 fee for tour.

Wednesday, March 15: Soup Supper, 5:00 PM  
Midweek Lenten Service, 6:00 PM  
Choir, 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 16: Men's Breakfast, 8:00 AM (Third Thursday of each month)  
Church Council, 9:00 AM

Sunday, March 19: Bible Class, 9:30 AM, Worship Service, 10:30 AM

Saturday, March 25: Work Day, 9:00 AM (Every Fourth Saturday of each Month)

Sunday, March 26: Voters Meeting 11:30 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.

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*



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

The gift of God comes by faith to all nations. Not a holy life, not acts of obedience, but simple trust in the promise of God brings the gift of living water for thirsty souls. Abraham believed God's promise and so became not only the father of a nation, but the forefather of the Promised Seed who would bless all peoples. He had faith in God who justifies the wicked, and so God credited it to him as righteousness. By this same faith, Christ gives righteousness to all who believe and enfolds sinful Samaritans and modern Gentiles like us into the family of God.

### **First Lesson: Genesis 12:1-8**

God's plan of salvation called for one special nation which would carry the Promise of the Seed meant for all people. From the beginning, this nation would be built on faith in the promises of God. God told Abram to leave all he knew and go to a place yet unknown and wait for blessings as yet undefined. God revealed that the Seed of woman promised in the garden would now descend from the family of an old man and his barren wife living as strangers in a land not yet their own. No logic or emotion could have led Abram to leave his home—only trust in his Savior God. Abram believed and set God's plan in motion to build a nation on the promises of God to fulfill the promises of God. All people would be blessed by the nation descended from Abram, because this man of faith would bear the bloodline of the Promised Seed, the Messiah who would come as Savior of all nations.

### **Second Lesson: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

Paul taught the Romans about faith by using Abraham as an example. Faith is simply receiving the grace of God by trusting in his promises. This God credits to us as righteousness. Abraham's righteousness did not come by doing but by believing. What did Abraham do? Nothing! God did it all: He made the promises; he gave the inheritance; he gave the child, the blessing for all nations. Abraham merely received the promises of God by believing that the One who made the promises was faithful. And then what happened? God acted again and credited this faith to Abraham as righteousness. This is the righteousness that every person needs to stand in God's presence. This is the righteousness that the sinful woman at the well, and even faithful Abraham lacked. This is the righteousness God gives. We are people like Abraham, who believe that God justifies the wicked. And so God forgives our wickedness and calls us righteous—no, even more—he gives us righteousness in the place of our wickedness. This is the living water that slakes the thirst of every believing soul.

### **The Gospel: John 4:5-26**

How was the Samaritan woman a recipient of God's grace? As for all of us, she received God's grace by faith in the Savior. Her background was as part of a people opposed to Jewish customs, especially those concerning worship, but Jesus tells her that ethnic background nor worship practices make any real difference. It is faith alone in the promised Savior, and Jesus declares, "I am he."

## **OUR READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK**

The Gospel	John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39
First Lesson	Isaiah 42:14-21
Second Lesson	Ephesians 5:8-14
Psalm	143