

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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**Second Sunday in Advent
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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.

2nd Candle - (purple)

The Candle of Peace

God promises His peace! “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” ~ John 16:33

Worship Guide For Today's Service

Service of the Word, pages 38-44

Our Songs CW 3 “Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates”
 CW 9 “Jesus, Your Church with Longing Eyes”
 CW 12 “Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes”
 CW 323 “Almighty Father, Bless the Word”

Psalm CW 73 Psalm 24

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship: 56	Communion: 49	Sunday Bible Class: 15
Sunday Offering: General Fund \$2,168		Garage Fund \$200.00
Tuesday Bible Class: 8		

Serving In Worship Today

Minister	Pastor Alan W. Gumm
Organist	Jonette Jordan
Choir Director	Linda Martin
Accompanist	Sharon Martin
Videographer	Larry Martin

Advent Candle Lighting Carol

Choir: "Light The Candle"

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Invitation to Worship

P: We light two Advent candles remembering Jesus, who came in history. He came into a world of sin and death.

C: We remember Jesus, who came as the promised Messiah. John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord.

P: We hear his call to repent.

C: We light two Advent candles as a sign of our repentance and desire for renewal.

P: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

C: Through your word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.

Opening Hymn

CW 3 "Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates"

Guide For Worship

CW Page 38 Service of the Word

Choir Anthem

"When Morning Dawns"

Words and music by Joseph M. Martin. Incorporating texts from an ancient Greek hymn and "Angels From the Realms of Glory". Brookfield Press. Exclusively distributed by Hal•Leonard.

The First Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4

¹ "See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty. ² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears?

For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord, as in days gone by, as in former years. (NIV1984)

The Psalm

CW Page 73, Psalm 24

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

The Second Lesson

Philippians 1:3-11

³ I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. (NIV1984)

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. All mankind will see God's salvation. Alleluia.

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

Luke 3:1-6

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene— ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the desert. ³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet: “A voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. ⁶ And all mankind will see God’s salvation.’ ” (NIV1984)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon Hymn

CW 9 “Jesus, Your Church with Longing Eyes“

Sermon

“The Savior Is Coming”

Malachi 3:1-4

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.

Intercessory Prayers

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The Lord's Prayer

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Hymn

CW 12 "Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes"

Prayer and Benediction

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Closing Hymn

CW 323 "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

Christmas Video

"Keep Christ in Christmas"

Announcements

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Today, December 9: Bible Class, "Is There Really A Hell?", 9:30 AM
Worship Service, 10:30 AM

Thursday, December 13: Choir, 7:00 PM

Saturday, December 15: Christmas Cruise, Fisherman's Village, 7:30PM.

Sunday, December 16: Bible Class, "Is There Really A Hell?", 9:30 AM
Worship Service, 10:30 AM

The Poinsettia has traditionally been used as a Christmas decoration, perhaps because of their bright red color. If you are planning to purchase one of these tropical plants and would be willing to loan it to our church for this festive season please bring it any time.

Christ The King will be having a garage sale in January, if you have any items that you would like to donate for the garage sale you may bring them to church at anytime.

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

Please remember to bring in non-perishable food items for our food bank.

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

December Birthdays: Rosa Teitzel - 2nd, Robby Robinson -6th, Stephanie Stromberg- 17th, Sam Tran -14th. George Davis - 23rd, Joyce Rauch - 23rd

December Anniversaries: Irwin & Glenda Rhodes Marg - 17th

Prayer List: Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Keith Haslam, Marge Krueger, Barb Wiese, Marlene Fleming, John Smith, Curtis Whittier, Gene Broecker, Joan Smith, Vickie Weston, Roger Rauch



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK

The next two Sundays are a continuous reading from Luke 3. Anticipation builds as the account of John the Baptist/Baptizer marks fulfillment of yet another promise of the Lord, and signals that the Lord's salvation is at hand. "The messenger" proclaims impending fulfillment and commands preparation for the arrival of the greater "messenger of the covenant."

First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

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Announces to suffering believers in the Old Testament God's special message of New Testament hope and comfort. The Lord promises a herald to proclaim his coming. Let hearts be prepared; the Desire of Nations is about to come to his temple with judgment and the refiner's fire. Though no one can stand before his righteousness, yet there is righteousness for the purified and acceptance for those who heed the messenger's call for preparation. Christ's first coming is then connected in prophetic perspective to His second and final coming on the Last Day. "The messenger of the covenant" is coming to eternally restore the righteousness of the Lord.

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:3-11

In spite of fierce opposition to the both message and messenger, Paul expresses joy and complete confidence in the power of the Word. For the gospel in Word and sacrament comes to us to fill in the valleys of our depression with the fruit of his righteousness, leveling the mountains of our disobedience with the insight of his law, making a highway for our God straight to our hearts. Thus is prepared a clear, level and straight path from grace to glory when he comes again.

The Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

The careful precision of Luke demands the preacher's journey back in time to see the historical setting of this account and thus acknowledge once again the providential hand of the Lord. "When the time had fully come," the great forerunner, the promised messenger of preparation, John the Baptizer appeared. As Malachi predicted and as Paul encouraged, John was a faithful preacher of repentance by which the people of God were truly prepared in head and heart.

OUR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK

Third Sunday in Advent

Liturgy: Common Service, Page 15

Hymns: 366, 68, 234

First Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-17

Second Lesson: Philippians 4:4-7

The Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

Psalm 130

Sermon Theme: "Away In A Manger"

Sermon Text: Luke 2:7