

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

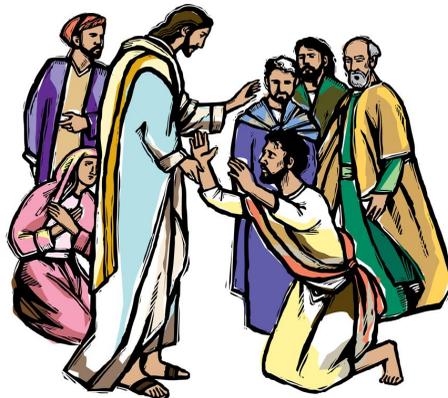
“To know... To teach... To share Christ”

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He healed many people who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. Mark 1:34

**Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
*February 4, 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 Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Worship Guide For Todays Service

Service of the Word and Sacrament, page 26-37

Our Songs CW 340 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
CW 93 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"
CW 250 "From All that Dwell below the Skies"

Psalm CW 105 Psalm 103

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship: 76
Sunday Offering: General \$2,517.54
Midweek Bible Study: 10

Sunday Bible Class: 26
Endowment \$21.75

Serving In Worship Today

Minister
Organist
Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm
Jonette Jordan
Larry Martin

Opening Hymn

CW 340 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Guide For Worship

CW Page 26 Service of Word and Sacrament

The First Lesson

Job 7:1-7

¹ "Does not man have hard service on earth? Are not his days like those of a hired man? ² Like a slave longing for the evening shadows, or a hired man waiting eagerly for his wages, ³ so I have been allotted months of futility, and nights of misery have been assigned to me. ⁴ When I lie down I think, 'How long before I get up?' The night drags on, and I toss till dawn. ⁵ My body is clothed with worms and scabs, my skin is broken and festering. ⁶ "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and they come to an end without hope. ⁷ Remember, O God, that my life is but a breath; my eyes will never see happiness again. (NIV1984)

The Psalm

Psalm 103, CW Page 105

Congregation sings refrain and speaks the second half of each verse

The Second Lesson

I Corinthians 9:16-23

¹⁶ You see, if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast about, because an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷ If I do this as a volunteer, I receive compensation. But if not, I have been entrusted with a responsibility as a steward. ¹⁸ What then is my compensation? To present the gospel of Christ free of charge when I preach it, instead of making use of the right I have when I preach the gospel. ¹⁹ In fact, although I am free from all, I enslaved myself to all so that I might gain many more. ²⁰ To the Jews, I became like a Jew so that I might gain Jews. To those who are under the law, I became like a person under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might gain those who are

under the law. ²¹ To those who are without the law, I became like a person without the law (though I am not without God's law but am within the law of Christ) so that I might gain those who are without the law. ²² To the weak, I became weak so that I might gain the weak. I have become all things to all people so that I may save at least some. ²³ And I do everything for the sake of the gospel so that I may share in it along with others. (EHV2017)

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." 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

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹ They left the synagogue and went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. ³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was lying in bed, sick with a fever. Without delay they told Jesus about her. ³¹ He went to her, took her by the hand, and raised her up. The fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening, when the sun had set, the people kept bringing to him all who were sick and demon-possessed. ³³ The whole town gathered at the door. ³⁴ He healed many people who were sick with various diseases and drove out many demons. But he did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew who he was. ³⁵ Jesus got up early in the morning, while it was still dark, and went out. He withdrew to a solitary place and was praying there. ³⁶ Simon and his companions searched for him, ³⁷ and, when they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is looking for you!" ³⁸ He told them, "Let's go somewhere else, to the neighboring villages, so that I can preach there too. In fact, that is why I have come." ³⁹ Then he went

throughout the whole region of Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons. (EHV2017)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon Hymn

CW 93 "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

Sermon

"The Lord Reveals His Authority"

Mark 1:29-39

Nicene Creed

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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

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The Sacrament

Dear visitors, 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 250 "From All that Dwell below the Skies"

Announcements

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

- Today, February 4: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Worship Service with Communion, 10:30 AM
- Tuesday, February 6: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Membership Class, 10:30 AM
Mary/Martha, 10:30 AM
Barefoot Bookies Bookclub, 11:30 AM
- Wednesday, February 7: Choir, 7:00 PM
- Thursday, February 8: Membership Class (Repeat from Tuesday), 10:00 AM
- Sunday, February 11: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Worship Service, 10:30 AM
Bake Sale - Donations Welcome
- Pastor in the Office: Tuesday, 9:00 AM to 12:00PM
Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM & 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

The *Time of Grace* television program with Pastor Mark Jeske is now airing locally out of Fort Myers on Sundays at 5:30AM. Channel 26.1 (ABC) over the air, channel 26 on Dish or DirectTV, and channel 7 on Comcast or CenturyLink.

Lifetouch will have picture days on March 2nd and 3rd at the church. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the lobby. Please sign up on today. Pastor, EyVonne Robinson and Gloria Rische could use a couple extra helpers coordinating this event. Please let Pastor know if you can help.

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

February Birthdays: Jan Boyle-24th

January Anniversaries: Curtis and Sue Whittier-14th

Prayer List: Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Fran Stecher, Keith Haslam, Dick Clemens, Marge Krueger, Robert Krueger, Barb Wiese, Eugene Nelson



GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK

Though the call to faith is general and always miraculous in its capacity to create a willing following, it is also always individual. It comes to each in his own special or unique set of circumstances. Jesus both arranges and takes those circumstances into account when he calls us to follow him. He so rules over history that he allows and then overcomes the obstacles in each of us to heeding his call. Again he shows himself glorious, but hides the glory in apparent weakness.

First Lesson: Job 7:1-7

Job's experience of suffering is extreme but by no means unique. In pain his only recourse is prayer that trusts in the mercy of God and in the power of God to relieve and to rescue. The glory and the power of the gospel are evident in the basic fact that Job prays at all; he continues to trust in God's mercy and his promises to hear and help in the face of such terrible suffering. Even with the expectation that the only rescue will be in death, Job does not abandon his trust. The devil causes and uses misery to drive us away from God; God uses it to drive us to our knees and then with the gospel to raise us up again in hope and trust that triumphs even if the suffering stays.

Second Lesson: I Corinthians 9:16-23

When Jesus preached the gospel, he did so with the circumstances of those to whom he preached clearly in mind. So too the Apostle. He does not just have one pat sermon repeated endlessly and without any reference to the circumstances of his hearers. Just as God met him on the road to Damascus and then in Damascus used his special circumstances as the springboard of the saving message for Paul, so too Paul uses the special circumstances of his hearers as the springboard for God's universal message of grace and mercy. He put himself in the shoes of Jews, of Gentiles, of those who were strong and of those who were weak; then, not changing the essence of the message in the least, he imparts the blessing that is universal for all and specific for each.

The Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Look at all the problems and all the obstacles to following the call of Jesus. Everybody in town seemed to have trouble or sickness or demon possession. Even the mother-in-law of Peter was down sick with a fever that prevented her from hearing the Word and from serving her divine Guest. But each and every one of the problems and hindrances was a blessing in disguise. For each one of them gave people a reason to despair of their own abilities and to seek in Jesus the compassionate and merciful Savior. Notice that Peter's mother-in-law gets the point of Jesus' help immediately: she has been saved to serve. It is very useful for us to put our own problems and hindrances to following Jesus in that kind of a perspective: trials spur us to seek his help; his help should spur us to service. Notice, too, that Jesus' eyes were always and at the same time in two directions: down to rescue and to save us in our need, and up to do it all as an act of worship and obedience to his Father. He prayed. Then he went on to proclaim the gospel and continue his work of casting out the devil.

OUR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK

Last Sunday after the Epiphany—The Transfiguration of Our Lord

First Lesson: 2 Kings 2:1-12a

Liturgy: Service of the Word, page 38

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Hymns:

The Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

Psalm 148

Sermon Theme: "Let Me See His Face"

Sermon Text: