

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

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

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**Christ has indeed been  
raised from the dead.**

**Last Sunday of End Time—Christ The King  
*November 26, 2017***

# 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** Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Worship Guide For Today's Service

Morning Praise, pages 45-51

**Our Songs** CW 341 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"  
CW 370 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"  
CW 345 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"  
CW 250 "From All that Dwell below the Skies"

**Psalm** CW 85 Psalm 47

## Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship 40	Communion 36	Sunday Bible Class 19
Sunday Offering: General \$1605.00		Other \$105.77
Midweek Bible Study: 8		Thanksgiving Service: 25

## Serving In Worship Today

Minister  
Organist  
Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm  
Sharon Martin  
Larry Martin

## Opening Hymn

CW 341 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

## 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

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24

<sup>11</sup> " 'For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. <sup>13</sup> I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. <sup>14</sup> I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I myself will tend my sheep and make them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord. <sup>16</sup> I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice <sup>23</sup> I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the Lord have spoken. (NIV1984)

# The Psalm

Psalm 47, CW Page 85

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

## The Second Lesson

I Corinthians 15:20-28

<sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own turn: Christ, the first fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> For he “has put everything under his feet”. Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. <sup>28</sup> When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all. (NIV1984)

## The Gospel

***Please Stand***

Matthew 27:27-31

<sup>27</sup> Then the governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers round him. <sup>28</sup> They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup> and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. “Hail, king of the Jews!” they said. <sup>30</sup> They spat on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. <sup>31</sup> After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. (NIV1984)

## **Seasonal Response**

**C: The Lord will come again in glory. The Spirit and the Church will cry out: Come Lord Jesus, come.**

## **Sermon Hymn**

CW 370 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

## **Sermon**

"The Best Is Yet To Be"

I Corinthians 15:20-28

## **Hymn**

CW 345 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

## **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 250 "From All that Dwell below the Skies"

## **Announcements**

# Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Tuesday, November 28: Bible Study

Wednesday, November 29: Choir

Sunday, December 3: Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
Worship Service with Communion, 10:30 AM

Saturday, December 9: Church Decorating, 9:00 AM

Monday, December 11: Advent by Candlelight, 5:00 PM

Saturday, December 16: Christmas Cruise from Fisherman's Village

Sunday, December 17: Pancake Breakfast, 9:00 AM

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

Christ the King Lutheran Church is looking for used walkers, canes, crutches, and wheel chairs that are no longer needed. Please consider donating them so others in need may borrow them and then return to Christ the King Lutheran Church after recovery. A tax deduction statement will be given at time of donation. If you donate one of the needed items, please be sure to put your name on it so that you can receive a tax deduction statement. For more information please contact Robby Robinson at 941-627-3531.

*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*

*November Birthdays: Carol Davis-17th, Phan Thai-18th, Kathleen Thai-21st,*

*Prayer List: John Smith, Sue Whittier, Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Fran Stecher, Keith Haslam, Dick Clemens, Marge Krueger, Robert Krueger*



## **GOD’S WORD FOR THIS WEEK**

Lord, keep us joyful in Christ our King! On this last Sunday of the Church Year, we rejoice in the fulfillment of God’s plan for our salvation through Christ our King. And we rejoice because Christ our King reigns—the king who once came as a sacrifice; the king who still shepherds us day by day; the king who one day will conquer all our enemies. Rejoice in his reign and look forward to the day when every knee will bow with us before the King of kings and Lord of Lords!

### **First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23, 24**

Since the time of David, Israel had called her kings “shepherds.” The men who followed in David’s line, however, did not shepherd Israel in the paths of God. So God made a promise: the Sovereign LORD would shepherd his people. Notice the first person pronouns in this lesson—we rejoice because we have a King who acts on behalf of his people, like a shepherd for sheep. God says, “I will guide them; I will guard them; I will seek them; I will find them.” Most importantly, God promised to raise up King David’s greater Son to be the prince of his people and their Good Shepherd. Rejoice in the Christ the King who shepherds his flock day by day!

### **Second Lesson: I Corinthians 15:20-28**

If the story of Christ ended on Good Friday, there could be no joy at all. Had Christ not been raised, we should be pitied more than all men, as Paul says in the verse immediately preceding this lesson. But the story didn’t end on Friday—a whole new chapter started on Easter Sunday morning! Christ has indeed been raised, and that means he is the first fruits of the dead. When the Israelites brought the first fruit offering to the Lord, they confessed that the whole harvest belonged to God, and they rejoiced at the greater harvest that was coming. Through the resurrection of Jesus, God promised that a field full of souls will follow the First fruits from death to life. Until then, Christ will reign as king until the Great Day comes when he reverses everything Adam ruined and destroys every enemy that stands against the Church. Then our joy will be complete, and God will be all in all. Rejoice in Christ the King who will conquer all our enemies!

### **The Gospel: Matthew 27:27-31**

Joyful? How can this make us rejoice? The scene would seem like bad satire if not for its sad reality. Petty little men in a tiny little fortress bully the One who created light from darkness and divided land from sea. He deserved the finest crown, but look what Man gave! He deserved the noblest scepter, but look what Man handed him! He deserved the sincerest devotion, but look what man offered! He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. The King of heaven came to earth, and look at what Man gave him! He could have swept them all away; he could have condemned us like he had the fallen angels. Man deserved nothing more—but look at what *He* gave! He gave his holiness for our sin and his death for our life. This scene is joyful because we know how it ends. The picture of our King wearing a crown of thorns is not tragic, but rather it is full of grace. We have a King in Christ who left his heavenly throne and *regnavit a ligno crucis* (“reigned from the wood of the cross”, Justin Martyr; Augustine). Rejoice in Christ the King who came as our sacrifice!

## **OUR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK**

First Lesson	Isaiah 62:16b, 17; 64:1-8	Liturgy	Service of the Word and Sacrament
Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 1:3-9		
The Gospel	Mark 13:32-37		
Psalm	24		