

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Pastor Alan W. Gumm

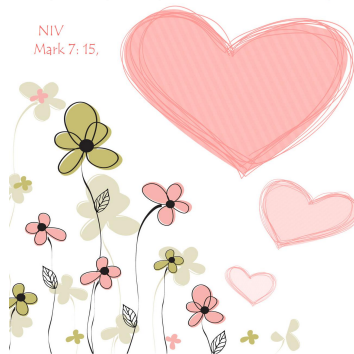
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can make him 'unclean'.
by going into him. Rather,
it is what comes out of a
man that makes him 'unclean'.

NIV
Mark 7: 15.



**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
*September 2, 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 O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Worship Guide For Today's Service

Service of the Word and Sacrament, page 26-37

Our Songs CW 303 "With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh"
CW 397 "Just As I Am, without One Plea"
CW 401 "Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

Psalm CW 111 Psalm 119c

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship: 22
Sunday Offering: General \$1,222.00
Tuesday Bible Class: 8

Sunday Bible Class: 8

Serving In Worship Today

Minister
Organist
Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm
Jonette Jordan
Wally Jordan

Opening Hymn

CW 303 "With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh"

Guide For Worship

CW Page 26 Service of Word and Sacrament

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 4:1, 2, 6-8

¹ Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ² Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you. ⁶ Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." ⁷ What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the Lord our God is near us whenever we pray to him? ⁸ And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today? (NIV1984)

The Psalm

CW Page 111 Psalm 119c

Congregation sings refrain and speaks the second half of each verse

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled round your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that

comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should. (NIV1984)

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart.
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 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

¹ The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus and ² saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were “unclean”, that is, unwashed. ³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When they come from the market-place they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with ‘unclean’ hands?” ⁶ He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: “ ‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁷ They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.’ ⁸ You have let go of the commands of God and are

holding on to the traditions of men.” ¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵ Nothing outside a man can make him ‘unclean’ by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him ‘unclean’.” ²¹ For from within, out of men’s hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³ All these evils come from inside and make a man ‘unclean’.” (NIV1984)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon Hymn

CW 397 “Just As I Am, without One Plea“

Sermon

“The Natural Condition Of The Human Heart”

Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

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.

Intercessory Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

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The Sacrament

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 401 "Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

Announcements

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Today, September 2: Bible Class, "Heaven", 9:30 AM
Worship Service wit Communion, 10:30 AM

Tuesday, September 4 Bible Class, "Book of James", 9:30 AM
Mary/Martha, 10:30 AM

Sunday, September 9: Bible Class, 9:30 AM
Worship Service, 10:30 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; 6:00 to 8:00PM

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

September Birthdays: Joyce Broecker-9th, Curtis Whittier-12th, Fred Teitzel-13th, Jodie Roberts-13th,
Robert Schrank-24th, EyVonne Robinson-26th, Jean Mathweg-30th,

Prayer List: Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Keith Haslam, Marge Krueger, Barb Wiese, Marlene
Fleming, John Smith



GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK

With this Sunday a modified *lectio continua* from the Gospel of Mark resumes and with it a shift again in emphasis for the third cycle of the Pentecost season. Loosely expressed, the emphasis in this third cycle might be this: Jesus wants to so deepen our understanding of his grace that he becomes all in all to us. The particular emphasis in the readings for this Sunday is the truth that all God pleasing obedience must begin in the heart. As so often, the Prayer of the Day affords us a good summary of the thoughts for the day.

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 4:1, 2, 6-8

God is serious about all of his Word, both the law and the gospel. As the verses left out of the reading (3-5) make clear, those who only take God's gifts seriously soon lose those gifts as a consequence of despising his commands. His commands are good because he who gave them is good. And because he is good, his abundant blessing through a peaceful and orderly life rests on those who follow his Word. That blessing brings forth a still greater blessing and honor: those who do not know his Word may be moved to hear it by the evidence of God's blessings on the godly lives of Christians.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

Faithfulness and obedience to the Word of God are not merely one aspect of life out of many. They are the all-important matters of life that should be reflected in all of the rest of life. There is a life-and-death struggle going on with us, as Satan strives with all his might to pull us back into sin and unbelief. The only help that avails in that life-and-death struggle is the help of God's own Word, the covering of the gospel and the confidence of faith which comes from it. Armed with the promises of God, we storm the gates of heaven with our prayers for assistance, in the certainty that God will hear us and in his Word answer us. May our awareness of the battle and of the victory Christ gives permeate all that we do at work and at play, at home and away, in our lives with family, with friends, with foes as well.

The Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

Adding to God's Word is just as bad as subtracting from it. In both cases man sets aside what God has said in favor of what he wants in order to justify himself apart from God's Word and Christ's work. Precisely because the Word of both the law and the gospel is addressed to the heart, it allows for no additions, no subtractions. For to the extent that the heart is cleansed by the gospel, to that extent what flows from it will be clean and in accord with the law. An unclean heart can produce only unclean works, no matter how clean those works may appear on the outside. Those who take the law seriously need first and always the cleansing power of the gospel, lest their outward works be only outward and ultimately a mask for hypocrisy. (Pietism and self righteousness are often the last refuge of a guilty conscience!) On the other hand, those who refuse to take God's law seriously prove thereby that their hearts are still unclean and separated from God. The sin that begins in the heart will not agree to stay there; it will look for ways to get out and express itself. The Pharisees should have recognized that happening in their own hearts: their hearts harbored hatred for Jesus which yearned for expression in acts that ended in murder during Holy Week.

OUR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgy: Service of the Word, page 38

Hymns: 239, 383, 376, 388

First Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Second Lesson: James 1:17-27

The Gospel: Mark 7:7:31-37

Psalm 146

Sermon Theme: "That's Easy For You To Say"

Sermon Text: Isaiah 35:4-7a