

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

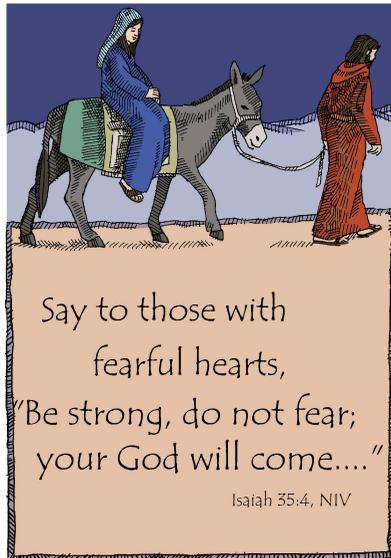
“To know... To teach... To share Christ”

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September 9, 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 Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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, pages 38-44

Our Songs CW 239 "Glory Be to God the Father"
CW 383 "Blessed Are They, Forever Blest"
CW 376 "Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness"
CW 388 "Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven"

Psalm CW 120 Psalm 146

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship: 24	Communion: 24	Sunday Bible Class: 7
Sunday Offering: General Fund \$1,495.00		Garage Fund: \$200.00
Tuesday Bible Class: 6		

Serving In Worship Today

Staff Minister
Organist
Videographer

Mark Becker
Jonette Jordan
Wally Jordan

Opening Hymn

CW 239 "Glory Be to God the Father"

Guide For Worship

CW Page 38 Service of the Word

The First Lesson

Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴ say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." ⁵ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. ⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. ⁷ The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. (NIV1984)

The Psalm

CW Page 120, Psalm 146

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

The Second Lesson

James 1:17-27

¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first fruits of all he created. ¹⁹ My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰ for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. ²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent, and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. ²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But the man who looks

intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does. ²⁶ If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. (NIV1984)

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 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 7:31-37

³¹ Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³² There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged him to place his hand on the man. ³³ After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spat and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴ He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "*Ephphatha!*" (which means, "Be opened!"). ³⁵ At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly. ³⁶ Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷ People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (NIV1984)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon Hymn

CW 383 "Blessed Are They, Forever Blest"

Sermon

"That's Easy for you to Say"

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Apostles' 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

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The Lord's Prayer

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Hymn

CW 376 "Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness"

Prayer and Benediction

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Closing Hymn

CW 388 “Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven”

Announcements

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Tuesday, September 11 Bible Class, "Book of James", 9:30 AM

Sunday, September 16: Bible Class, 9:30 AM
Worship Service with Communion, 10:30 AM

Thank you Mark Becker for conducting today's service!

Pastor's son, Rev. Jeremiah Gumm, will be installed as the pastor at King of Kings Lutheran Church & School in Maitland, FL today.

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, 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, Robby Robinson



GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK

Unbelief mocks and says that if God did all things well and was the source of all good because he is good, then he shouldn't allow misery and need in the first place. But especially in need and suffering God does all things well; that truth is the center of the Christian's quiet confidence. It is the reason for his hope based on the promises of God and earned for us by the work of Christ and its eternal consequence for us.

First Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7a

This reading depicts our spiritual needs in physical terms. Physical weakness and trouble mirror the absolute need in which we were born. Troubles, fears, weaknesses of every sort are often God's rich blessings; for they drive us to despair of our own strength and understanding and to be more ready to receive from his Word ears that hear and eyes that see. The reading is a promise of just such help from the Messiah, who alone can solve that absolute spiritual need and who alone rules over the physical reflections of that need so that they are turned to blessing. Yes, he does indeed do all things well!

Second Lesson: James 1:17-27

Calls for a sanctified life always find their basis and their motivation in the precious gospel message of God's gifts to us. His gifts are all good and perfect (even and especially the crosses—a point coming up on another Sunday) because God is changeless; he only knows how to give good and perfect gifts that suit our needs and fit our circumstances in life. But to recognize those gifts and to appreciate them and then make use of them in life we need the Word. The Word clears the clutter from life and the temptation to hypocrisy from the heart by showing us the first and best gifts, the gifts of salvation and adoption. With such gifts how could we doubt that anything he does in our lives would be anything but good and perfect? Therefore, listen to the Word; be honest with God in confession; get on with the life that reflects the good and perfect gifts of God. For his gifts are given to us as a reflection of his goodness, so that we can reflect his goodness in our use of those gifts.

The Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

That Jesus does all things well is, of course, biblical understatement. Consider just how well he does all things. There is nothing mechanical in his manner or method. He takes into account this individual's very individual needs. The poor man is frightened and comprehends nothing of what the crowd is doing with him. But Jesus understands. Jesus deals with even the momentary fear of the man most gently. That is how he always deals with us, one at a time, with perfect understanding and compassion. He allows the needs that we need and then helps and strengthens and ultimately delivers us at just the right moment and in just the right way. (Notice again Jesus' command after he has helped and healed; he wants no publicity to get in the way of his march to the cross and the ultimate help and salvation that he will win there for us.)

OUR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgy: The Common Service, page 15

Hymns: 454, 471, 469

First Lesson: Isaiah 50:4-10

Second Lesson: James 2:1-5, 8-10, 14-18

The Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

Psalm 116

Sermon Theme: "Love Speaks with Focused Heart"

Sermon Text: I Timothy 6:6-16