

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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**First 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.

1st Candle - (purple) The Candle of Love

God sent his only Son to earth to save us, because he loves us! “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” ~ John 3:16-17

Worship Guide For Today's Service

Service of the Word and Sacrament, page 26-37

Our Songs CW 1 “The Advent of Our King“
CW 18 “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You“
CW 9 “Jesus, your Church with Longing Eyes”

Psalm CW 74 Psalm 25

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship: 35
Sunday Offering: General \$1,205.00
Tuesday Bible Class: 11

Sunday Bible Class: 14

Serving In Worship Today

Pastor Alan W. Gumm
Organist
Choir Director
Accompanist
Videographer

Minister

Jonette Jordan
Linda Martin
Sharon Martin
Larry Martin

Advent Candle Lighting Carol

Choir: "Light The Candle"

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Invitation to Worship

P: We light one Advent candle, remembering Jesus, who is coming again. He will come to gather his people from everywhere, both the living and the dead.

C: We remember Jesus, who will come at the end of time. None of us know what day that will be.

P: We hear his call to watch.

C: We light one Advent candle as a sign of our watchfulness and waiting.

P: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

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

Opening Hymn

CW 1 "The Advent of Our King"

Guide For Worship

CW Page 26 Service of Word and Sacrament

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴ "The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. ¹⁵ "In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David's line; he will do what is just and right in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The Lord Our Righteousness." (NIV1984)

The Psalm

CW Page 74 Psalm 25

Congregation sings refrain and speaks the second half of each verse

The Second Lesson

I Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. ¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. ¹² May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. ¹³ May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones. (NIV1984)

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. 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 21:25-36

²⁵ "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. ²⁶ Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. ²⁷ At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸ When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹ He told them this parable: "Look at the fig-tree and all the trees. ³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. ³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² "I tell you the truth, this generation

will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. ³⁴ “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come upon all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.” (NIV1984)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon Hymn

CW 18 “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You“

Sermon

“Lord, Prepare Us For Your Return”

I Thessalonians 3:9-13

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 9 "Jesus, your Church with Longing Eye"

Announcements

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Today, December 2: Bible Class, "Is There Really A Hell?", 9:30 AM
Worship Service with Communion, 10:30 AM

Tuesday, December 4: Bible Class, "Romans", 9:30 AM
Mary/Martha, 10:30 AM
Barefoot Bookies Bookclub, 11:30 AM

Thursday, December 6: Church Decorating, 9:00 AM
Choir, 7:00 PM

Christmas Cruise on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 7:30PM. \$18.80 per person.

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- 14th, Sam Tran -14th. George Davis - 23rd, Joyce Rauch - 23rd

December Anniversaries: Irwin Marg & Glenna Rhodes - 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 your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK

The judgment is coming, but there will be deliverance for God's people.

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Again and again the Lord had promised blessings for his people, if they would only obey his commands. Yet generation after generation had turned away from the Lord and sought self over Savior. When Jeremiah heard the Word of the Lord he was experiencing the wrath of the Lord carried out on rebellious Judah. To the faithful, come words of promise: Justice will be carried out on the wicked and there will be deliverance. The line of David will continue as a "righteous branch" sprouts. He comes to restore the desolate land and the decimated people. He comes to bring peace and safety. He comes to bring life. Therefore he will be called "the Lord Our Righteousness."

Second Lesson: I Thessalonians 3:9-13

The Apostle Paul met the righteous branch of David face to face; he saw the promise of "the Lord Our Righteousness" fulfilled. Therefore he exhorts the Thessalonians and all believers - those who know the Christ's deliverance from sin - to continue living lives of faith and hope in the promise that the Lord Jesus will come again to bring us to eternal life.

The Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Jesus has proclaimed to us that he will come again to judge the world. While it is not for us to know "the day or hour," our Savior would not leave us ignorant of the coming judgment. Eschatological signage abounds for those looking through eyes of faith. Yet, even as we anticipate his coming again to be our judge, we need not cower in fear, for with him comes the deliverance promised of old.

OUR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK

The Second Sunday in Advent

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First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

Second Lesson: Philippians 1:3-11

The Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Psalm 24