

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

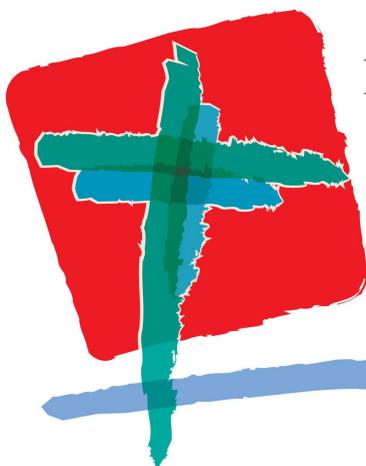
"To know... To teach... To share Christ"

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But God demonstrates
his own love for us
in this: While we
were sinners,
Christ died for us.

ROMANS 5:8, NIVV

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 30, 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 Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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 385 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"
CW 391 "God Loved the World So that He Gave"
CW 401 "Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ"
CW 394 "Blessed Are the Saints of God"

Psalm CW 87 Psalm 51b

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship: 25

Sunday Bible Class: 13

Sunday Offering: General Fund \$1,557.00

Tuesday Bible Class: 8

Serving In Worship Today

Minister
Organist
Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm
Sharon Martin
Wally Jordan

Opening Hymn

CW 385 “Chief of Sinners Though I Be“

Guide For Worship

CW Page 38 Service of the Word

The First Lesson

Numbers 11:16, 24-29

¹⁶ The Lord said to Moses: “Bring me seventy of Israel’s elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Make them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you. ²⁴ So Moses went out and told the people what the Lord had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and made them stand round the Tent. ²⁵ Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again. ²⁶ However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the Tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸ Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ assistant since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!” ²⁹ But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!” (NIV1984)

The Psalm

CW Page 87, Psalm 51b

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

The Second Lesson

James 4:7-12

⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Grieve, mourn

and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. ¹¹ Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. ¹² There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor? (NIV¹⁹⁸⁴)

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 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 9:38-50

³⁸ “Teacher,” said John, “we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.” ³⁹ “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “No-one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, ⁴⁰ for whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward. ⁴² “And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where “ ‘their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.’ ⁴⁹ Everyone will be

salted with fire. ⁵⁰ “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other. (NIV1984)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon Hymn

CW 391 “God Loved the World So that He Gave“

Sermon

“Love Speaks Unconditionally”

Romans 5:6-11

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, when we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. (NIV1984)

Apostles’ Creed

CW Page 41

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

CW Page 43

Hymn

CW 401 "Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ"

Prayer and Benediction

CW Page 43

Closing Hymn

CW 394 "Blessed Are the Saints of God"

Announcements

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

Tuesday, October 2: Bible Class, "Biblical Love", 9:30 AM
Mary/Martha, 10:30 AM
Barefoot Bookies Bookclub, 11:30 AM

Sunday, October 7: Bible Class, 9:30 AM
Worship Service with Communion, 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

October Birthdays: Jodie Roberts-13th, Pastor Martin-19th, Nancy Schrank-21st, Marilyn Yelland-27th, John Mathweg-27th, Gayle Schultz-28th, Joan Smith-29

October Anniversaries: James & Linda Brusehaver-1st, Neil & Gayle Schultz-1st, David & Jan Boyle-10th

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

"If God is your Co-pilot, swap seats!"



GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK

The gifts of God are so rich and varied that the devil uses that very generosity in God to stir up jealousy and envy. Expect it in others; find it yourself as well! That weakness makes it crystal clear that our need for a Savior is a constant one. It makes it equally clear that our struggle against our own flesh gives us much more difficulty and anguish than the hostility or the persecution from the world.

First Lesson: Numbers 11:16, 24-29

The point here is again the humility of Moses. He rejoiced in the gifts that God gave to his people and desired that those gifts be even more abundant to the glory of God and the benefit of God's children. Thus, as in the gospel lesson, service to the glory of God is our goal, be it the service of the greatest of the prophets, that of the seventy chosen by God to assist, or that of those in the assembly with still other gifts from the Lord. For not one of us has all of God's gifts to meet the needs of each one of those we serve. That should keep each one humble as each looks for opportunities to serve while giving thanks for the gifts that others have and use in service. So which is the dominant tendency in our hearts? Do we marvel and give thanks for the gifts that God has given to others and the opportunities he give us for service? Or do we grumble that no one properly marvels at how gifted I am or sufficiently appreciates the service that I render to those who don't really deserve it?

Second Lesson: James 4:7-12

Before we can serve in a God pleasing way we need to be cleansed from the heart, inside and out. So we draw near in humble confession that we have been too ambitious in self service and thereby have hurt one another and hindered the course of the gospel. "Double minded" is a good description of us as our fallen nature still does battle against the Christian within. Instead of bewailing our own pains, it would be better to lament and cry over the crosses we have imposed on one another when our own jealousy and pride gave birth to strife and loveless faultfinding. The fruit of true repentance is humility that serves with a pure heart such a heart is purified by the gospel and looks for ways to selflessly serve.

The Gospel: Mark 9:338-50

Again we hear about ambition and Jesus teaches us the difference between God pleasing ambition and ambition that only looks God pleasing on the outside. But how hard that distinction is to learn and live! Everybody wants to be the boss. But Jesus shows us that the important thing is humble service. The great sin is anything in me that gets in the way of such humble service devoted to his glory alone and in accord with his Word. What a powerful preaching of the law there is in this text! Would it ever occur to us to amputate our limbs if they got in the way of our entrance into heaven or of our service to one another? Would we not finally have to cut out our hearts, the seat of desire, and then amputate the head, the throne of memory? After all, the limbs are but the instruments of the heart and the mind, that is, ultimately of the soul itself. How will we amputate those? All that is left to us is to cry: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Pardon, cleanse, and restore me, that I may serve not self but you, not for my own gain, but for the benefit of those who bear the cross with me!