

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

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

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“FOR THE  
LORD  
HIMSELF  
WILL COME  
DOWN FROM  
HEAVEN, WITH A  
LOUD COMMAND.”

**1 Thessalonians 4:16, NIV**



**Third Sunday of End Time - Saints Triumphant  
*November 19, 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** Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Worship Guide For Todays Service

The Common Service, page 15-25

**Our Songs** CW 388 "Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven"  
CW 550 "Behold a Host, Arrayed in White"  
CW 394 "Blessed Are the Saints of God"

**Psalm** CW 96 Psalm 84

## Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship 43

Sunday Offering

Sunday Bible Class 19

General Fund \$1,705.00

## Serving In Worship Today

Minister

Organist

Choir Director

Soloist

Accompanist

Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm

Jonette Jordan

Linda Martin

Lois Jamar

Sharon Martin

Larry Martin

## Opening Hymn

CW 388 "Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven"

## Guide For Worship

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## The First Lesson

Isaiah 52:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Awake, awake, O Zion, clothe yourself with strength. Put on your garments of splendor, O Jerusalem, the holy city. The uncircumcised and defiled will not enter you again. <sup>2</sup> Shake off your dust; rise up, sit enthroned, O Jerusalem. Free yourself from the chains on your neck, O captive Daughter of Zion. <sup>3</sup> For this is what the Lord says: "You were sold for nothing, and without money you will be redeemed." <sup>4</sup> For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: "At first my people went down to Egypt to live; lately, Assyria has oppressed them. <sup>5</sup> "And now what do I have here?" declares the Lord. "For my people have been taken away for nothing, and those who rule them mock," declares the Lord. "And all day long my name is constantly blasphemed. <sup>6</sup> Therefore my people will know my name; therefore in that day they will know that it is I who foretold it. Yes, it is I." (NIV1984)

## The Psalm

Psalm 84, CW Page 96

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

## The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

<sup>13</sup> Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup> We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>15</sup> According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup> For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice

of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup> After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord for ever. <sup>18</sup> Therefore encourage each other with these words. (NIV1984)

## Verse of the Day

Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. 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!**

## Choir Anthem

“Jerusalem the Golden”

## The Gospel

*Please Stand*

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings*

**Glory be to you, O Lord**

Matthew 25:1-13

<sup>1</sup> “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. <sup>4</sup> The wise, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. <sup>6</sup> “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ <sup>7</sup> “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup> “ ‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup> “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the

bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> “Later the others also came. ‘Sir! Sir!’ they said. ‘Open the door for us!’ <sup>12</sup> “But he replied, ‘I tell you the truth, I don’t know you.’ <sup>13</sup> “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. (NIV1984)

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## **Nicene Creed**

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## **Sermon Hymn**

CW 550 “Behold a Host, Arrayed in White“

## **Sermon**

“Someday”

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

## **Response to God’s Word**

CW Page 20 “Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God”

## **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**

## **The Lord’s Prayer**

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## **The Sacrament**

*Dear visitors, 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 394 "Blessed Are the Saints of God"

## **Announcements**

## **WELS Connection**

# Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Today, November 19:       Worship Service, with Communion 10:30 AM

Tuesday, November 21:    Bible Class, 9:30  
                                  Choir, 7:00

Wednesday, November 22: Thanksgiving Service, 6:00 PM

Saturday, November 25:   Church Work Day, 9:00 AM

Sunday, November 26:     Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
                                  Worship Service, 10:30 AM

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

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*



## **GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK**

Lord, keep us watchful for our triumph! Today the Church hears strains of the distant triumph song and affirms, "Blessed are they who are called to the marriage feast of the Lamb." Jesus wants us to be the waiting Church—the Church that watches for her Savior and cries, "Come, Lord Jesus!" As we journey through these latter days, however, our vigilance slips, and our hearts grow drowsy because the bridegroom seems to be taking so long. So while we wait, the Church prays, "Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven."

### **Isaiah 52:1-6**

Isaiah prophesies to captive Israel who is sleepwalking through life, because they are lost in the stupor of grief over their afflictions. "Awake!" the prophet cries, and hear God's promise of coming triumph that will give you strength to face your present problems. God would reveal his glory by redeeming his people and leading them safely home. Captive Israel here is a picture of the waiting Church, and one day God will fulfill this promise also in us. The Church of the End Times labors in a world held captive by sin, and is tempted to sleepwalk through these last days. So the prophet cries to us, "Awake!" for the day of triumph is coming when God will lay bare his arm and redeem us from sin, death, and the devil forever. He will lead us to the New Jerusalem where we will sit enthroned at the marriage feast of the Lamb. The day is coming—watch for it!

### **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

To the new Christians in Thessalonica, Paul explains the certain hope we have to be saints triumphant. His words are so simple, yet so profound! We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that all who die in Christ will go with him to heavenly triumph. And we will be with the Lord forever. This is the crown jewel of the Christian faith: blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Paul's main point: encouragement. Encourage each other with the hope of saints triumphant so that there is neither ignorance nor hopeless grief, but rather faithful, expectant watching for the triumph we know is coming.

### **The Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13**

Jesus pictures the time before his return as virgins waiting for a bridegroom and the start of a wedding feast. The parable divides all people (*ten* virgins) into two groups: foolish and wise. They weren't described that way because of what they did in the parable, but their actions showed what they were. The foolish virgins acted utterly foolish, bearing empty lamps. The other virgins' actions showed that they indeed were wise. The wise went into the joys of wedding banquet, but the foolish lost both invitation and even recognition. Jesus' central instruction in this parable calls for the waiting Church to be the watchful Church. Keep watch for you do not know the day or the hour!

## **OUR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK**

First Lesson	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24	Liturgy	Morning Praise, page 45
Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 15:20-28	Hymns	341, 370, 345, 250
The Gospel	Matthew 27:27-31	Psalm 47	
Sermon Theme	"The Best is Yet to Be"	Sermon Text	1 Corinthians 15:20-28