

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

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

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**Reformation Sunday  
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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.

**Prayer Before Worship** Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Our Songs**

CW 203	“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word“
CW 390	“Salvation Unto Us Has Come“
CW 200	“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God“
CW 382	“My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less“
CW 529	“Built On The Rock”

## Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship 38	Communion 19	Sunday Bible Class 15
Sunday Offering: General \$2,390.00		Endowment \$25.00
Midweek Bible Study: 7		

## Serving In Worship Today

Minister	Pastor Alan W. Gumm
Organist	Jonette Jordan
Choir Director	Linda Martin
Accompanist	Sharon Martin
Videographer	Larry Martin

# In Nomine Jesu Order of Worship

**Call To Worship: “God Is In His Holy Temple:**

**Opening Hymn: 203 “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word”**

Verse 1 & 2 Choir

Verse 3 Congregation and Choir

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him in the name our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: *Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.***

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, through the preaching of Your servants, the blessed Reformers, You caused the light of the gospel to shine forth. Grant that we may faithfully defend it against all enemies and joyfully proclaim it to the salvation of people everywhere to the glory of Your holy name, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**First Lesson**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

<sup>31</sup> “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them

out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord. <sup>33</sup> “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the Lord. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.” NIV2011

## **Psalm 46**

**ALL: The mighty Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

P: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

**C: *Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.***

P: Though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

**Women: *The mighty Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.***

P: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

**C: *The holy place where the Most High dwells.***

P: God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

**Men: *The mighty Lord is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress.***

P: Be still and know that I am God;

**C: *I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.***

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

**C: *As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

**ALL: The mighty Lord is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

## **Second Lesson**

## **Romans 3:19-28**

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin. <sup>21</sup> But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup> This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and

Gentile, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup> God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— <sup>26</sup> he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus <sup>27</sup> Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. <sup>28</sup> For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. NIV<sup>2011</sup>

## **Hymn: 390 “Salvation Unto Us Has Come”**

*Please stand for the Gospel Lesson*

### **Gospel Lesson**

**John 8:31-36**

<sup>31</sup> To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup> They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. NIV<sup>2011</sup>

### **Apostles’ Creed**

**John 8:31-36**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen

## **Hymn: 200 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**

## Sermon

“Use It - Don't Lose It”

John 8:31-36

## Offering

## Intercessory Prayers

## Lord's Prayer

## Hymn: 382 “My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”

P: Let us pray: Lord, our refuge and strength, we gather to worship and praise You for Your ongoing work of reformation in Your Church

**C: *Lord, to You alone be glory.***

P: God of grace, in unfathomable love You pitied us sinners and sent Your Son as our substitute to deliver us from sin, guilt, death, darkness and despair.

**C: *For Your grace, Lord, to You alone be glory.***

P: By Your grace, You sent Your Spirit to call us to repentance. Your powerful gospel rescued us from rebellion and fills us with faith in You, the true and living God.

**C: *For saving faith, Lord, to You alone be glory.***

P: By Your grace we are heirs of Your eternal Word and trustees of the inspired Scriptures, through which You proclaim Your saving truth to every generation. By Scriptures You overthrew the darkness of those who perverted Your teachings and restored to Your church the message of salvation by grace alone.

**C: *For the Holy Scriptures, Lord, to You alone be glory.***

P: In these last days, Lord Jesus Christ, protect Your little flock. We are like sheep living among fierce wolves. Satan stalks us like a roaring lion. Defend us from false teachers who twist Your Word to satisfy the latest longing.

**C: *For wisdom and watchfulness under attack, hear our prayers, O Lord.***

P: Never in the history of the world has Your Holy Word been so accessible. We lack only the zeal to treasure Your restored truth with lives of faithful Bible study.

**C: *For the noble character to search the Scriptures daily, hear our prayer, O Lord.***

P: As we celebrate the Reformation that restored Your pure gospel to Your Church, we also celebrate our common confession of the pure gospel in Word and sacrament.

**C: *For this unity of faith, we give You thanks, O Lord.***

P: We remember the faithful confessors of this and former generations, who have passed down to us Your Word of Truth.

**C: *For these faithful servants, we give You thanks, O Lord.***

P: In thanksgiving for the many and amazing blessings restored to Your Church through the Reformation, we now commit ourselves to Your care..

**C: *Be our mighty fortress, our trusty shield and weapon, O Lord. Amen.***

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and grant you peace.

**C: *Amen***

### **Closing Hymn: 529 “Built On The Rock”**

Verse 1 Congregation and Choir

Verse 2 Women

Verse 3 Choir

Verse 4 Men

Verse 5 Congregation and Choir

### **Silent Prayer**

### **Announcements**

# Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Today, October 29: Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
Worship Service, 10:30 AM

Tuesday, October 31: Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
Choir, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, November 1: A Return To Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy", 6:30 PM  
Merchant's Crossing, 1501 N. Cleveland Avenue, Fort Myers

Sunday, November 5: Bible Study, 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 - 4:00 PM

Christmas Cruise from Fisherman's Village in Punta Gorda. The boat leaves at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 16th. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex on the table to find out if people are interested in going on this Christmas Cruise. For more information, please contact Robby or Evyonne Robinson at 941-627-3531.

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, Joan Smith-29th*

*Prayer List: John Smith, Sue Whittier, Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Fran Stecher, Keith Haslam, Dick Clemens*