

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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We do not know how to
pray as we ought, but that
very *Spirit*
intercedes

Romans 8:26



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*August 6, 2017***

Our Worship Today

Service Theme: "As Out Last Hour Draws Nigh"

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 Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; 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 Todays Service

Service of the Word and Sacrament, page 26-37

Our Songs CW 412 "Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright"
CW 181 "Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit"
CW 183 "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

Psalm CW 69 Psalm 18

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship 20

Sunday Offering:

Midweek Bible Class 5

General Fund \$-

Sunday Bible Class 9

Other \$-

Serving In Worship Today

Minister

Organist

Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm

Jodie Roberts

Wally Jordan

Opening Hymn

CW 412 “Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright“

Guide For Worship

CW Page 26 Service of Word and Sacrament

The First Lesson

Joel 3:12-16

“Let the nations be roused; let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, for there I will sit to judge all the nations on every side. Swing the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, trample the grapes, for the winepress is full and the vats overflow—so great is their wickedness!” Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision. The sun and moon will be darkened, and the stars no longer shine. The Lord will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem; the earth and the sky will tremble. But the Lord will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel. (NIV1984)

The Psalm

Psalm 18, CW Page 69

Congregation sings refrain and speaks the second half of each verse

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:26-27

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will. (NIV1984)

Verse of the Day

The minister says the proper Verse of the Day

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

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed ears, then the weeds also appeared. “The owner’s servants came to him and said, ‘Sir, didn’t you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?’ “ ‘An enemy did this,’ he replied. The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

“ ‘No,’ he answered, ‘because while you are pulling the weeds, you may root up the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.’ ” Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.” He answered, “The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. “As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear. (NIV1984)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon Hymn

CW 181 "Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit"

Sermon

"As Out Last Hour Draws Near"

Romans 8:26-27

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.

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

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The Sacrament

In the celebration of the Holy Supper, we receive, in a miraculous way, the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, in, with and under the bread and wine. We celebrate the restored fellowship we have with God through the blood of our Savior, and we publicly declare complete oneness in faith with those who receive the body and blood with us. Because the Bible teaches this is so, and out of a love for those who may accidentally receive the sacrament in an unscriptural way, we kindly ask that only those who have publicly declared their oneness in faith (membership in Christ the King, the WELS or ELS) participate in the meal today. Thank You.

Please 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 #183 "Holy Spirit, Light Divine"

Announcements

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Today, August 6: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Worship Service with Communion, 10:30 AM
Tuesday, August 8: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Thursday, August 10: Mens Breakfast, 8:30 AM
Church Council Meeting, 9:30 AM
Sunday, August 13: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Worship Service, 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

Please bring "Goodies" for Sunday Fellowship.

Please continue to bring food items for our food pantry, especially protein items.

*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*

August Birthdays: Jonette Jordan-14th, Larry Martin-15th, Dan Hoteling-28th

August Anniversaries: Pastor & Carolyn Gumm-6th

*Prayer List: Doris Cox, Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Fran Stecher, Keith Haslam,
Dick Clemens*



GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK

The Christian lives as wheat among weeds as he waits for the harvest. In the Prayer of the Day we ask for the spirit to live like wheat—to think and to do what is right—even while we live in this sinful world. Living with an eye on the coming harvest gives us encouragement, comfort, and hope.

First Lesson: Exodus 19:2-8a

The book of Joel foretells the coming of the Day of the Lord. Here in chapter 3, Joel pictures the judgment of the nations as a day of harvest. The day is coming when the sickle will swing and the harvest will begin. Can you imagine the terror that will strike the unbelieving heart when the sun is darkened and the moon and stars fail to shine? Can you imagine the fear when he hears the roaring and thundering of the LORD? Yes, we live as wheat among weeds, but the harvest is coming. When it does, there will be no need for God's people to fear. He is their refuge and stronghold.

Second Lesson: Romans 5:6-11

This is the eighth in a series of sixteen lessons that run through Pentecost 17. Prayer is a gift from God for all believers who are living as wheat among weeds. Surrounded by wickedness, the power and comfort of prayer is a great privilege indeed. Yet it's a privilege that we so often leave unused or underutilized. Thank God for the gift of the Spirit! The One who called, enlightened, and sanctified us is still at work to overcome our weaknesses. When we don't know what to pray for, we can know that the Spirit is praying for us.

The Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8

God intended to have a weed free field of wheat. From the beginning, however, the enemy thwarted his intentions with temptation and sin. How many Christians have seen the evil all around them and pondered the servants' question, "Didn't you sow good seed?" How many churchmen have tried to separate the wheat and weeds in the kingdom with rules or monasteries, with inquisitions or Pharisaical laws? Anyone who tries only succeeds in ruining wheat along with the weeds. They uproot the faith of the weak who fall into sin; they trample the faith of the strong by feeding their pride. The Lord most certainly has a plan to separate the wheat and weeds—just not yet. He has servants standing by to do the work—they're just not us. Instead, God urges his people to live with their eye on the coming harvest. God does not want us to try and separate wheat from weeds before then. Christ tells us to live as wheat among the weeds of this world and wait expectantly for the harvest when the angels will sort it all out: weeds to fire, and wheat to shine as the righteous sons of God in the kingdom of their Father.

OUR READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

First Lesson	1 Kings 3:5-12
Second Lesson	Romans 8:28-30
The Gospel	Matthew 13:44-52
Psalm 119b	