

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

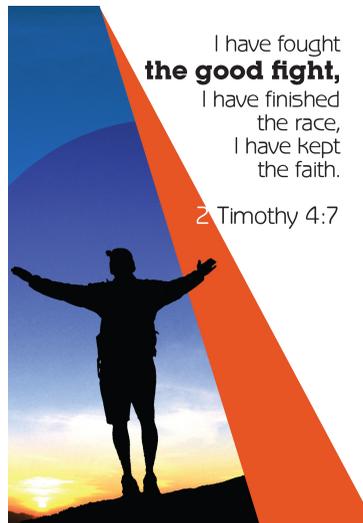
“To know... To teach... To share Christ”

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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 Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; 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

Morning Praise, pages 45-51

Our Songs CW 565 "There Still Is Room"
CW 573 "Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying"
CW 562 "I Love to Tell the Story"
CW 579 "Lift High the Cross"

Psalm CW 77 Psalm 31

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship: 24 Communion: 24 Sunday Bible Class: 11
Sunday Offering: General \$1,497.77
Tuesday Bible Class: 6

Serving In Worship Today

Minister
Organist
Videographer

Pastor Alan Gumm
Jodie Roberts
Wally Jordan

Opening Hymn

CW 565 "There Still Is Room"

Invitation To Worship

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: 🎵 **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: 🎵 **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

P: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world: let us worship him.

Oh, Come, Let Us Sing To The Lord

CW 46

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 11:18-20

¹⁸ Because the Lord revealed their plot to me, I knew it, for at that time he showed me what they were doing. ¹⁹ I had been like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter; I did not realize that they had plotted against me, saying, "Let us destroy the tree and its fruit; let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." ²⁰ But, O Lord Almighty, you who judge righteously and test the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. (NIV1984)

The Psalm

CW 77 Psalm 31

Congregation sings refrain and then speaks second half of each verse

The Second Lesson

James 3:13-18

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness. (NIV1984)

The Gospel

Please Stand

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰ They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” ³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it. ³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. ³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all.” ³⁶ He took a little child and had him stand among them. Taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.” (NIV1984)

Seasonal Response

C: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Sermon Hymn

CW 573 “Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying”

Sermon

“Love Speaks with Urgency”

II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶ For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. ¹⁶ At my first defense, no-one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷ But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion’s mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.
(NIV1984)

Hymn

CW 562 “I Love to Tell the Story”

Offering

Our Offerings to the Lord are free will. Let your offerings be a joyful response to God’s grace to you.

Intercessory Prayers

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 50

The Lord’s Prayer

CW Page 50

Prayer For Grace and the Benediction

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Closing Hymn

CW 579 "Lift High the Cross"

WELS Connection

Announcements

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Today, September 23: Bible Class, "Heaven", 9:30 AM
Worship Service, 10:30 AM

Tuesday, September 25: Bible Class, "Book of James", 9:30 AM

Sunday, September 30: Bible Class, 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 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

September Birthdays: Joyce Broecker-9th, Curtis Whittier-12th, Fred Teitzel-13th, Robert Schrank-24th, EyVonne Robinson-26th, Jean Mathweg-30th,

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

"God grades on the Cross, not the Curve."



GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK

See how deeply the love from God penetrates our heart and soul. We are called to reflect that intense and all embracing grace in our lives and attitudes toward those around us. Indeed that should be our ambition, not the promotion of self, but the imitation of Christ. We learn how fixed we are on that right ambition when we face opposition and contradiction.

First Lesson: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Jeremiah faithfully followed the Word of the Lord in his preaching of woe to those who abandoned that Word and therefore deserved to perish. His message is an evidence of the love of God as well as an evidence of the love of Jeremiah. He preached out of love for his people and to save them from destruction. But what did he receive? The hatred of those he served, so much so that his lament is the lament of Christ himself. Faithfulness always costs and the cross always stings. Ultimately God's wrath will fall on the obdurate, and he will vindicate his own. When that happens, we too will acknowledge that God has acted justly. But until then, let us persevere in the proclamation of his saving gospel, that some may still hear and by its power be turned and live. How deeply the love of Christ penetrated the heart of Jeremiah is shown by his imitation of that love in serving the undeserving.

Second Lesson: James 3:13-18

Gentleness and unselfish service are virtues that imitate Christ's own perfect gentleness and unselfish service to us. Selfish ambition and jealousy are from the devil; they not only add to the suffering of our fellow man, but also hinder the proclamation of the gospel. For where those virtues are not, the peace that comes from the gospel is crowded out by disorder and strife. Where those virtues are found among God's people, there the gospel of righteousness from him is sown in peace for the everlasting peace of those who hear and receive it. So let us resist the siren songs of Me first! and It's not fair, the way they treat me and don't appreciate me. Instead let God worry about justice while we worry about serving and then serving yet more. That is what Jesus did all the way to the cross, all the way to hell and back just for us!

The Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

How profound the love of Jesus! He is talking about his impending suffering and all the Twelve can think and talk about is the glory they expect to get out of it, and whether someone else might be getting more and therefore too much! Wouldn't you think that at least when he is describing his coming Passion he would get a little attention, just a bit of sympathy? But no! The perversity of the best of us is indeed deep and profound. But the love and compassion of the Savior is a thousand times deeper and more profound! He does not cast them off; he does not cast us off either. Instead he patiently demonstrates his love and bids us once more to be concerned only with receiving it and then imitating it.

OUR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgy: Service of the Word, page 38

Hymns: 385, 391, 401, 394

First Lesson: Numbers 11:16, 24-29

Second Lesson: James 4:7-12

The Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

Psalm 51b

Sermon Theme: "Love Speaks Unconditionally"

Sermon Text: Romans 5:6-11