

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

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

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**First Sunday In Lent
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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 our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us 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 Today's Service

The Common Service, page 15-25

Our Songs CW 358 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"
CW 348 "Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus"
CW 313 "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"
CW 324 "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

Psalm CW 66 Psalm 6

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship: 74	Sunday Bible Class: 26
Ash Wednesday: 44	Lord's Supper 41
Sunday Offering: General Fund \$2,947.00	Bake Sale \$326.00
Midweek Bible Class: 12	

Serving In Worship Today

Minister
Organist
Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm
Jodie Roberts
Larry Martin

Opening Hymn

CW 358 "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds"

Guide For Worship

CW Page 15

The First Lesson

Genesis 22:1-18

¹ Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. ² Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about." ³ Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you." ⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together. ⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. ¹² "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." ¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided." ¹⁵ The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, "I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless

you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.” (NIV1984)

The Psalm

Psalm 6, CW Page 66

Congregation sings refrain and speaks the second half of each verse

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What then will we say about these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² Indeed, he who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also graciously give us all things along with him?

³³ Who will bring an accusation against God’s elect? God is the one who justifies! ³⁴ Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus, who died and, more than that, was raised to life, is the one who is at God’s right hand and who is also interceding for us! ³⁵ What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will trouble or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ Just as it is written: For your sake we are being put to death all day long. We are considered as sheep to be slaughtered. ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors[c] through him who loved us.

³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor rulers, neither things present nor things to come, nor powerful forces, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (EHV)

Verse of the Day

It is written: “Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.”

The Gospel

Please Stand

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings

Glory be to you, O Lord

Mark 1:12-15

¹² The Spirit immediately sent Jesus out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels were serving him. ¹⁴ After John was put in prison, Jesus went to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ “The time is fulfilled,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near! Repent, and believe in the gospel.” (EHV)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Nicene Creed

CW Page 18

Sermon Hymn

CW 348 “Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus“

Sermon

“God Is For Us”

Romans 8:31-39

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

CW Page 20

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.

CW Page 21

Communion Hymn

CW 313 "Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior"

Prayer and Benediction

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Closing Hymn

CW 324 "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

Announcements

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

- Today, February 18: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Worship Service with Communion, 10:30 AM
- Tuesday, February 20: No Bible Study or Membership Class.
- Wednesday, February 21: Soup Supper, 5:00 PM
Midweek Lenten Service 6:00 PM
Choir, 7:00 PM
- Thursday, February 22: Men's Breakfast, 8:30 AM
Church Council Meeting, 9:30 AM
Membership Class, 10:30 AM
- Saturday, February 24: Cleanup and Work Day
- Sunday, February 25: Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Worship Service, 10:30 AM
- Saturday, March 10: Spring Rally at Crown of Life Fort Myers, 8:30 AM
- Pastor in the Office: Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM & 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Remember to submit your Mite Boxes or donations today.

The *Time of Grace* television program with Pastor Mark Jeske is now airing locally out of Fort Myers on Sundays at 5:30AM. Channel 26.1 (ABC) over the air, channel 26 on Dish or DirectTV, and channel 7 on Comcast or CenturyLink.

Lifetouch will have picture days on March 2nd and 3rd at the church. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the lobby. Please sign up on today.

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

February Birthdays: John Pueschel-6th Jan Boyle-24th

February Anniversaries: Curtis and Sue Whittier-14th, Perry and Lois Jamar-26th, William and Jonette Jordan-28th.

Prayer List: Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Fran Stecher, Keith Haslam, Dick Clemens, Marge Krueger, Robert Krueger, Barb Wiese, Eugene Nelson



GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK

The call to sinners in Lent is a serious call to struggle. While we throw out and leave behind the trivial outward Roman type practices of Lent, let's not throw out repentance in the process. Let's not replace the trivial externals with something even worse: assurances that we are so forgiven that we need not bother anymore with repentance.

First Lesson: Genesis 22:1-18

Or perhaps you don't think that you have all that much to repent of or struggle against. Well, then think about the First Commandment. What do you love so much that it would be impossible to willingly and gladly give up if the Lord required it? Would you give up your son? Abraham got up early and went straight ahead to obey. Would you? When God has required you to give something up, some time, some friend, some money, some popularity, out of love and loyalty to his Word, did you do it? Did you do it gladly and willingly? If God would ask you now to give up house and home, wealth and position, all that you are and have, would you get up early and go straight to it? If he took these things away, would you complain about it? If you do not love God enough to give up your son for him, why should he give up his Son for you? But that's what he promises in the closing verses of the reading. The offspring, descended from Isaac, in whom we will really be blessed, deserves our all. We deserve nothing. How little he gets. How much he gives just to forgive the littleness of our heart's devotion. Everything is opposite and upside down of the way we would expect and the way we deserve. Do you still think you have nothing to repent of and that the struggle is easy?

Second Lesson: Romans 8:31-39

As beautiful as these verses are, it takes a miracle for us to believe them! That's what Lent is all about, a detailing of the otherwise unbelievable love of God in the sacrifice of his own Son for the likes of us sinners. Having given his Son, and having performed the miracle of giving us faith to believe it, how could we ever again doubt his love? Come death, come angels or demons! Let the past haunt me and the present scare me and the future terrify me! It is all nothing; the love of God in Christ leaves me at peace and secure. Lent proves that love as nothing else could. The repentance that is always profound sorrow over sin has its counterpart in an equal measure of confidence in the love of God for sinners. Indeed sorrow filled repentance is a joy when I know what God's response to it will be! And a repentance that is without genuine terror or real sorrow receives the proclamation of Lent and of salvation won coldly or with indifference.

The Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Make no mistake about it: the life of Christ for us was along a hard and painful road. He begins his earthly ministry and his journey to the cross by a time of loneliness and struggle in the desert. So intense is the struggle that the angels attend him! That's a mystery deep and profound. What possible help could they be? Nevertheless there it is: as in Gethsemane, they do not come to lessen his struggle but to help him in some way endure it or continue in it. Given the seriousness with which he begins his journey to the cross, you can be sure that his call to repentance was not trite or cute or trivial. The good news is that he was victorious in the struggle, and that he won it for us. Now he calls us into his kingdom. Pass through the gate of repentance to the good news Lent announces, and then go back into the desert to struggle against the foes of the devil, the world and your own flesh with him as your strength and support and with the holy angels as your companions. The alternative? A struggle outside of the kingdom with the fallen angel/destroyer as your guide and his doom as your future.

OUR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK

Second Sunday in Lent

First Lesson: Genesis 28:10-17

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-11

The Gospel: Mark 8:31-38

Sermon Theme: "God Demonstrates His Love"

Liturgy: Service of the Word, page 38

Hymns: 114, 108, 120, 379

Psalm 73

Sermon Text: Romans 8:31-39