

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

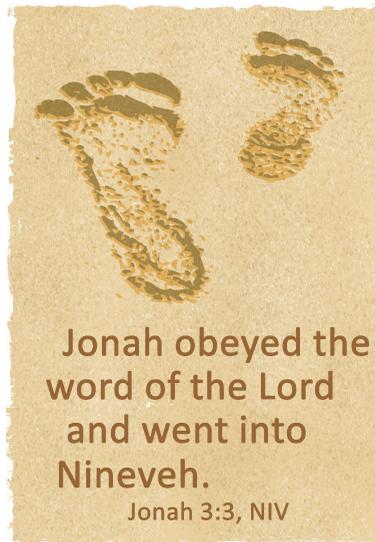
*“To know... To teach... To share Christ”*

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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** Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; 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 Today's Service

The Common Service, page 15-25

**Our Songs** CW 338 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"  
CW 337 "Delay Not! Delay Not"  
CW 208 "Great God, What Do I See and Hear"

**Psalm** CW 88 Psalm 62

## Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship 66

Sunday Offering General Fund \$2050.10

Midweek Bible Class: 8

Sunday Bible Class 26

Endowment \$98.00

## Serving In Worship Today

Minister

Organist

Videographer

Pastor Alan W. Gumm

Jonette Jordan

Wally Jordan

## Opening Hymn

CW 338 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

## Guide For Worship

CW Page 15

## The First Lesson

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

<sup>1</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup> "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." <sup>3</sup> Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city—a visit required three days. <sup>4</sup> On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned." <sup>5</sup> The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. <sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened. (NIV1984)

## The Psalm

Psalm 62, CW Page 88

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

## The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

<sup>29</sup> What I mean, brothers, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they had none; <sup>30</sup> those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; <sup>31</sup> those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away. (NIV1984)

## Verse of the Day

Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. 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!**

## The Gospel

*Please Stand*

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

**Glory be to you, O Lord**

Mark 1:14-20

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!” <sup>16</sup> As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” <sup>18</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. <sup>20</sup> Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him. (NIV1984)

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

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

## Nicene Creed

## **Sermon Hymn**

CW 337 "Delay Not! Delay Not"

## **Sermon**

"The Time Is Short"

I Corinthians 7:29-31

## **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.

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## **Prayer and Benediction**

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## **Closing Hymn**

CW 208 "Great God, What Do I See and Hear"

## **Announcements**

## **WELS Connection**

# Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

Today, January 21:	Bible Study, 9:30 AM Worship Service with Communion, 10:30 AM
Tuesday, January 23:	Bible Study, 9:30 AM Membership Class, 10:30 AM
Wednesday, January 24:	Choir, 7:00 PM
Thursday, January 25:	Men's Breakfast, 8:30 AM Church Council Meeting, 9:30 AM Membership Class (Repeat from Tuesday), 10:00 AM
Friday, January 26:	Joint Council Meeting, 9:00 AM
Saturday, January 27:	Work Day
Sunday, January 28:	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

Our food pantry is running low on the following items. Spaghetti, soups, cereal, canned meat, and peanut butter. Please leave donated items on the counter in the kitchen. Thank you everyone for your support.

Lifetouch will have picture days on February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the church. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the lobby. Please sign up on today. Pastor, EyVonne Robinson and Gloria Rische could use a couple extra helpers coordinating this event. Please let Pastor know if you can help.

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

January Birthdays: Linda Martin-3rd, Gloria Riche-5th, Bill Halberg-18th, Fred Tietzel Sr.-21st

January Anniversaries: Gayle & Neil Schultz-29th

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



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

Jesus shows his glory in the kind of people that he calls to serve him and in using the gospel to make them willing to follow him. This Sunday it is the second lesson that gives unity to the readings, since all of the other readings deal with specific calls to a full-time following that leaves behind secular vocations. Jesus still calls such to the holy ministry. To all however comes the call to follow him with a willingness to abandon everything should faithfulness require it; the calls in these readings bid us have a mindset that has forsaken everything, even when we are not required to do it.

### **Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

God makes a habit of calling the unfit and the unworthy! He does it to magnify the power of the gospel and show that salvation can only be a gift of God, never a work of man or even a cooperative venture between God and man. No more unfit workman could there have been than Jonah. No city deserved destruction more than Nineveh. But God called both to repentance and showed the power of his Word in giving grace to both according to his good pleasure.

### **1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

The general call to discipleship is a call that envelopes the whole of life, not just the Sunday morning part. That God does not always require the sacrifice of everything should not dull our hearts to the reality that we should be ready to make just such a sacrifice. The call of Christ to follow him is the call to see him as our all in all; only then are we what these verses say we ought to be. It is only the glorious power of the gospel that will make it possible for us to learn the lesson. These verses contain all three uses of the law.

### **The Gospel: Mark 1:14-20**

Notice the sharp contrast: the first verse makes all the rest of the verses seem foolish. If God could not keep John out of prison, why would anyone want to follow the one whom John proclaimed as the Messiah? The contrast is all the more striking, when we remember that those called in this reading had been disciples of John first. Why haven't they become bitter or cynical? Don't they grasp that this Jesus may well share in John's fate, and they may share in it with him? Why haven't they just given up on religion and set themselves to making the best of it in their occupation? Jesus for his part could have made, humanly speaking, better choices in his disciples than these. Ah, but there it is again: the hidden glory of the Savior is manifest in a call strong enough to overcome despair and cynicism in the ones called, and strong enough to accomplish the work of God on earth through these outwardly frail and inept workmen.

## **OUR SERVICE FOR NEXT WEEK**

First Lesson	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Liturgy	Morning Praise, page 45
Second Lesson	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Hymns	416, 370, 446, 419
The Gospel	Mark 1:21-28	Psalm 1	
Sermon Theme	"Jesus Displays His Authority"	Sermon Text	Mark 1:21-28