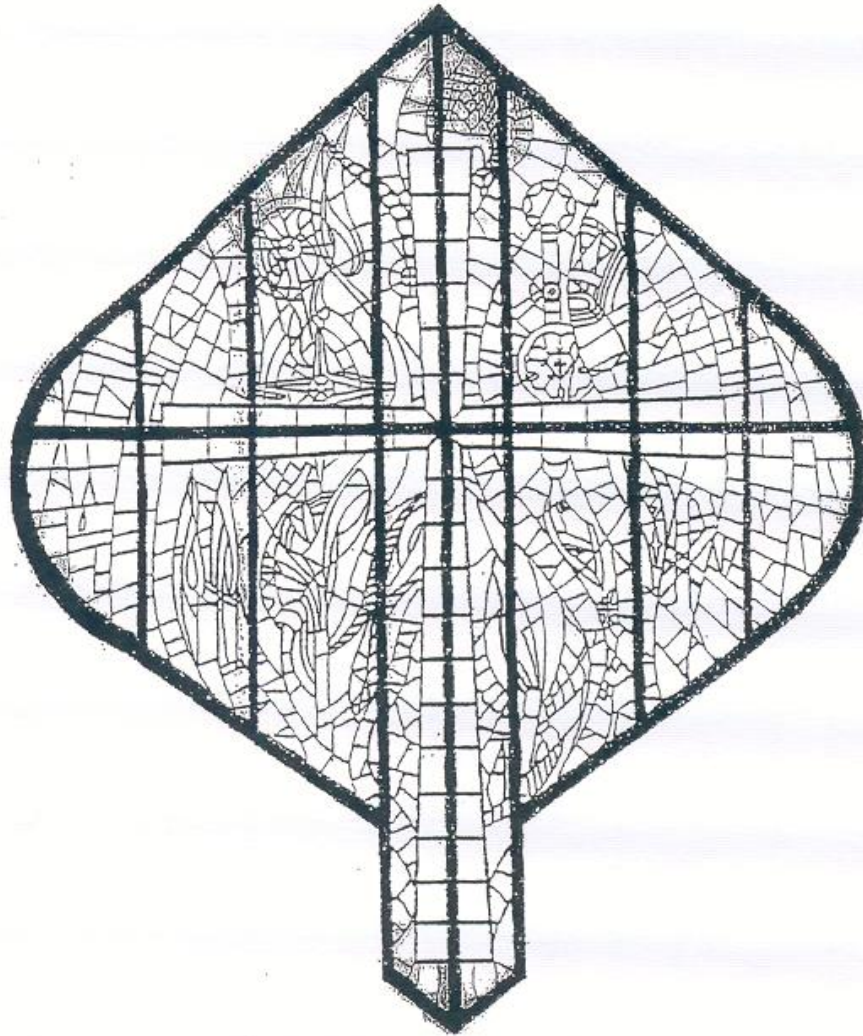


*“The People of Christ Sharing the Love of Christ”*



## Christ Lutheran Church

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Rev. John C. Stennfeld, Pastor

## COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENT

Here at Christ Lutheran Church we believe, teach and confess that Jesus Christ is the only Savior from sin, and that He alone is the way to eternal life.

We believe, teach, and confess that in the Sacrament of Holy Communion the true body and blood of Jesus Christ is received along with the elements of bread and wine, and that the reception of this gift in faith is a means through which God Himself forgives our sins, strengthens us in faith, and unites us as His children.

If your own personal beliefs are in complete harmony with these Biblical truths, if you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in these Lutheran confessions, if you recognize the reality of sin in your life and desire to receive God's forgiveness, and if you acknowledge that receiving Holy Communion at our table expresses an implied unity with us in the body of Christ you are welcome to join us at the table of our Lord.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to connect people to Jesus through:

- Inspirational worship
- Loving service
- Caring fellowship
- Relevant education

so that they may know, and grow in, his love.

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**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**October 18, 2020**

## **AS WE GATHER**

As the Lord speaks to us in His Word, He calls the righteous to live by faith and always gives reason why His people can do so through His continual presence, power, and providence. The Readings today urge us, in various ways, to live by faith in our confession and conviction. In Isaiah, He with great conviction reminds through the prophet, "I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides Me there is no God." In the Epistle, Paul assures the Thessalonians, "He has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction." Finally, in today's Gospel, Christ urges us to live by faith and as stewards of all He has provided, to "render . . . to God the things that are God's." Moved by His Spirit out of gratefulness for the salvation earned for us by Christ Jesus, we then give God our willing obedience, dedicated service, and the glory due His name as we in confession and conviction live by faith in and through Him.

## **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

*"Great is the Lord"*

H.I.S. Band

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just,  
By His power we trust in His love.  
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true,  
By His mercy he proves He is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory;  
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.  
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice,  
Now lift up your voice, Great is the Lord!  
Great is the Lord!

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just,  
By His power we trust in His love.  
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true,  
By His mercy he proves He is love.

Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory;  
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise.  
Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice,  
I lift up my voice, Great are You, Lord!  
Great are You, Lord!

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## **WELCOME**

Elder

## **OPENING HYMN**

*"Before You, Lord, We Bow"*

LSB #966

Before the Lord we bow,  
Our God who reigns above  
And rules the world below,  
Boundless in pow'r and love.  
Our thanks we bring  
In joy and praise,  
Our hearts we raise  
To You, our King.

The nation You hast blest  
May well Your love declare,  
From foes and fears at rest,  
Protected by Your care.  
For this bright day,  
For this fair land--  
Gifts of Your hand--  
Our thanks we pay.

May ev'ry mountain height,  
Each vale and forest green,  
Shine in Your Word's pure light,  
And its rich fruits be seen!  
May ev'ry tongue  
Be tuned to praise  
And join to raise  
A grateful song.

Earth, hear your Maker's voice;  
Your great Redeemer own;

Believe, obey, rejoice,  
And worship Him alone.  
Cast down thy pride,  
Your sin deplore,  
And bow before  
The Crucified.

And when in pow'r He comes,  
Oh, may our native land  
From all its rending tombs  
Send forth a glorious band;  
A countless throng,  
With joy to sing  
To heav'n's high King  
Salvation's song!

*"Before You, Lord, We Bow"*

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(Please rise)

## **INVOCATION**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

*Psalm 96:1–9*

**Pastor:** Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

**People:** **Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.**

**Pastor:** Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

**People:** **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

**Pastor:** For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

**People:** **Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.**

**Pastor:** Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

**People:** **Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts! Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*Psalm 51:1–3; 96:9–13; Isaiah 45:5,*

*adapted*

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

**People: according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**People: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

Pastor: As we come and bow before the Lord to confess our sins, we admit that we have bowed down to other gods of this world and gods of our own choosing.

**People: We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.**

Pastor: We have failed to rely on You in all times. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, and against others in what we have done and left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart

**People: and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.**

Pastor: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

**People: let the field exult, and everything in it!**

Pastor: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

**People: before the Lord, for He comes,**

Pastor: for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in His faithfulness.

**People: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.**

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, God is a merciful and loving Father, of whom “there is no other, besides Him there is no God.” He has chosen you in the Gospel, which has come not only in word but with full conviction in power and in the Holy Spirit. Jesus died on the cross to redeem You. Through Him, we have been forgiven. Go in His peace.

**People: Amen.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

*"He is Exalted"*

H.I.S . Band

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him.  
He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name!  
He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign;  
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.  
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

(Please be seated)

### OLD TESTAMENT

*Isaiah 45:1-7*

Elder

(The Lord uses Cyrus as an instrument of deliverance.)

### EPISTLE

*1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

Elder

(The Thessalonians' faith and example)

### HYMN

"Let All the Earth Sing to the Lord"  
By Rev. John C. Stennfeld

Text: Psalm 96  
Tune: Nun Danket All

Let all the earth sing to the Lord  
And praise His holy name,  
Declare the marvel of His deeds,  
And His glory proclaim. (v. 1-3)

For our Lord God is great indeed,  
And most worthy of praise;  
He made the heavens and the earth  
And reigns o'er all our days. (v.4-5)

Ascribe, O nations, to the Lord  
The glory due His name;  
With offerings come and bow before  
The splendor of His fame. (v. 7-9)

Let earth and heaven now rejoice,  
And all the sea resound,  
And sing before the Lord in whom  
Our righteousness is found. (v. 11-13)

(Please rise)

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 22:15-22*

Pastor

(Jesus tested by the Pharisees about paying taxes to Caesar)

## **APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in Holy Spirit,  
The holy Christian Church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated)

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Lord of Glory, You have Bought Us"*

LSB #851

Lord of Glory, You have bought us  
With Your life-blood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice;



And with that have freely given  
Blessings countless as the sand  
To the unthankful and the evil  
With Your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You  
Gladly, freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures,  
Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed  
'Tis to give than to receive.

Wondrous honor You have given  
To our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence,  
"You have done it all to Me."  
Can it be, O gracious Master,  
That You deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by Your poor and needy,  
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?

Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your life-blood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly,  
Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
But, oh, best of all Your graces,  
With Your love our love renew.

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## **SERMON**

**"Who Gets Your Money"**  
Text: Matthew 22:15-22

Rev. Richard Mittwede

## OFFERING

*“Offertory*

H.I.S. Band

From the bounty of your blessing  
We return these gifts O Lord.  
These treasures you have given us,  
From your great love out poured.

Please use them for your glory.  
Build your kingdom far and wide.  
‘Til everyone in every place  
Will, in your grace abide.

From the bounty of your blessing.  
From the bounty of your blessing.  
From the bounty of your blessing.

*“Offertory”*

Words by John C. Stennfeld  
Music by Fred Frieling

(please rise)

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Elder

## PREFACE

Elder: The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**People: And also with you.**

Elder: Lift up your hearts.

*[Colossians 3:1]*

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Elder: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*[Psalm 136]*

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PRONOUNCEMENT OF THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Elder: Pastor John, our called pastor, consecrated these elements for use in our worship today with these words:

“Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks. He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: ‘Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.’”

In the same way He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: 'Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.'

## **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**Elder:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

**People:** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

## **LORD'S PRAYER** Matthew 6:9-13

**People:** **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **PAX DOMINI**

**Elder:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **AGNUS DEI** *"Agnus Dei II"* H.I.S. Band

Lamb of God, you gave your life,  
To free me from my sinful strife.  
Wash me now, of all my sin.  
Fill me with, your grace within.  
Help me to trust in you this day,  
Help me to follow you I pray.

*"Agnus Dei II"*

Words by John C. Stennfeld

Music by Fred Frieling

(please be seated)

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

*“O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”*

LSB #554

O Jesus, King most wonderful!  
O Conqueror renowned!  
O Source of peace ineffable,  
In whom all joys are found!

When once You visit darkened hearts,  
Then truth begins to shine,  
Then earthly vanity departs,  
Then kindles love divine.

O Jesus, light of all below,  
Thou fount of life and fire,  
Surpassing all the joys we know,  
All that we can desire:

May ev'ry hear confess Your name,  
Forever You adore;  
And, seeking You, itself inflame  
To seek You more and more.

Oh, may our tongues forever bless,  
May we love You alone  
And ever in our lives express  
The image of Your own!

*“O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”*

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*“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”*

LSB #802

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;

Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest--to both great and small--  
In all life Thou livest, the true Life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree  
And wither and perish--but naught changes Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render: O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light that hides Thee.

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

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(Please rise)

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor

## **SONG**

*"Jesus Please Watch Over Us"*

H.I.S. Band

As we step from the edge of morning,  
Feet can't tell where to take us;  
Here's a light that will shine forever,  
Here's the light that will guide us.

**Chorus:**

**Jesus, please watch over us.**

**Jesus, please take care of us.**

Trouble comes, and we search for safety,  
We forget that you hold us;  
Fill our minds so that we remember,  
Say once more that you love us.

**(Chorus)**

Danger meets us at every moment,  
Death is never in hiding;  
You are stronger than any danger,  
You are stronger than dying.

**(Chorus)**

In Your life is the Father's welcome,  
In Your death there is freedom;  
Be our life and our death forever,  
Be our new resurrection.

**(Chorus)**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Elder

**POSTLUDE**

Organ

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**SERVING TODAY**

**GUEST PREACHER AND OFFICIANT:** Rev. Richard Mittwede,  
Pastor at University Lutheran Church (University of Texas)

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Elder Donn Trautner

**ORGANIST:** Phyllis Trautner

**FLOWERS:** Given by Kevin & Barbara Craig  
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