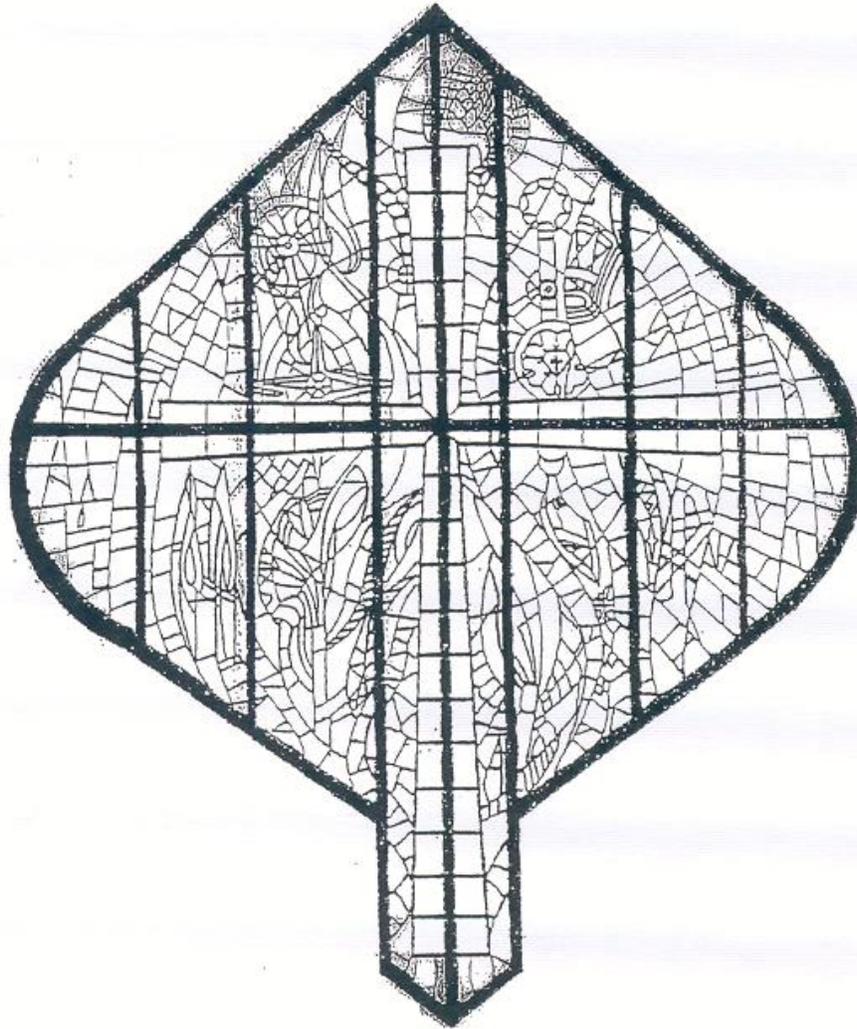


*"The People of Christ Sharing the Love of Christ"*



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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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**LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR**

**November 22, 2020**

## **AS WE GATHER**

Today is the Last Sunday of the Church Year. This Sunday is traditionally filled with themes of Christ's roles as King and Judge. But consider these words from Psalm 95: "We are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand." We are God's chosen sheep. He is our Shepherd. We follow Him as He goes to seek the lost, bring back the stray, and bind up the injured.

We pause to consider our brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who have been ignored or mistreated. We are reminded today that Christ has chosen us to be His people, to be heirs with Him of salvation. Such grace gladdens our hearts and emboldens us to help our brothers and sisters in need.

## **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

Organ

## **WELCOME**

## **HYMN**

*"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"*

LSB #348

The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light triumphant breaks,  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills  
And life to joy awakes.

Not as of old a little child,  
To bear and fight and die,  
But crowned with glory like the sun  
That lights the morning sky.

Oh, brighter than the rising morn  
When Christ, victorious rose  
And left the lonesome place of death  
Despite the rage of foes.

Oh, brighter than that glorious morn  
Shall dawn upon our race  
The day when Christ in splendor comes  
And we shall see His face.

The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:  
Come quickly, King of kings!

*"The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"*

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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 95:1–3a, 6–7*

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

People: **let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Pastor: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving!

People: **For the LORD is a great God.**

Pastor: Oh come, let us worship and bow down.

People: **For He is our God,**

Pastor: and we are the people of His pasture,

People: **and the sheep of His hand.**

(Please rise)

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Indeed, our heavenly Father has called us to be His people. He has led us to green pastures and still waters. Yet, there have been times when we have treated our fellow sheep with disdain, when we have wandered away from our Shepherd. But our Good Shepherd does not abandon us, and we confess our sins before Him and one another.

*(Silence for reflection)*

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

**People:** we confess that we have wandered away from You. We confess that we have acted shamefully toward our brothers and sisters in Christ. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have failed by our inactivity. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, O Lord, that we might follow You to the green pastures and still waters of everlasting life.

Pastor: Our heavenly Father has heard Your confession and sent His only Son, Jesus, to be our Good Shepherd. Jesus searches for each one of His sheep. He brings back those who have strayed. He binds up the injured. He even lays down His life for the sheep. By Christ's death and resurrection, God has forgiven you of all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen. We are sought by our Shepherd. We are forgiven in Christ.

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*"He Has Made Me Glad"*

H.I.S. Band

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart,  
I will enter His courts with praise.

I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made,  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad."

He has made me glad; He has made me glad;  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

He has made me glad, He has made me glad.  
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

(Please be seated)

**OLD TESTAMENT**                      *Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24*

(God will search for His sheep.)

**EPISTLE**                                      *1 Corinthians 15:20–28*

(The last enemy to be destroyed is death.)

**VERSE**                                      “*On That Day*”

H.I.S. Band

On that day ev’ry sin shall be forgotten  
On that day all tears will be wiped dry  
And we’ll stand with Christ in all His glory  
As we rise to meet him in the sky.

**Chorus:**

**And we’ll sing the angel’s hallelujah  
We’ll bow down at the throne of the Lamb  
We will raise our hearts in adoration  
As we live to serve the great I Am.**

On that day the bright sun shall stop shining  
And so too the moon and stars of night  
Yes in heav’n there will be no more darkness  
For the son of God will be it’s light.

**(Chorus)**

On that day God will dwell with His people  
Hand in hand we’ll walk through worlds above  
And we’ll live forever in His kingdom  
Home at last united by His love.

**(Chorus)**

**As we live to serve the great I Am.**

**As we live to serve the great I Am.**

*“On That Day”*

Words by John C. Stennfeld

Music by Fred Frieling

(Please rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL**                                      *Matthew 25:31–46*

(The separation of the sheep and the goats)

## 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 the 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**

*“If Christ Has Not Been Raised From Death”*

By Rev. John C. Stennfeld    Text: I Corinthians 15:17-23  
Tune Meter: Caithness

If Christ has not been raised from death  
Your faith is all in vain,  
And life with God you'll never know,  
For you still bear sin's stain.

Then also those who sleep in Christ  
Will be forever lost,  
For by themselves they'll bear the weight  
Of sin's tremendous cost.

If only for this life, do we  
Have hope in Christ, God's son,  
Then pitied we will always be  
Until our lives are done.

But Christ, indeed, was raised to life,  
The first of all who sleep,  
And on that day when Christ returns,  
From death he'll raise his sheep.

For as in Adam all men die,  
So in Christ all will live,  
And when Christ comes, eternal life,  
He will, to us, then give.

## **SERMON**

When He Comes

Text: I Corinthians 15:17-23

Pastor John Stennfeld

## **OFFERING**

(Please rise)

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

### **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;  
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

### **PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST**

**Pastor:** 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*

## **PAXI DOMINI**

Pastor: 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 SONGS**

*“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”*

LSB #915

Today Your mercy calls us  
To wash away our sin.  
However great our trespass,  
Whatever we have been,  
However long from mercy  
Our hearts have turned away,  
Your precious blood can wash us  
And make us clean today.

Today Your gate is open,  
And all who enter in  
Shall find a Father's welcome  
And pardon for their sin.  
The past shall be forgotten,  
A present joy be giv'n,  
A future grace be promised,  
A glorious crown in heav'n.

Today our Father calls us;  
The Holy Spirit waits;  
His blessed angels gather  
Around the heav'nly gates.  
No question will be asked us

How often we have come;  
Although we oft have wandered,  
It is our Father's home.

O all-embracing Mercy,  
O ever-open Door,  
What should we do without You  
When heart and eye run o'er?  
When all things seem against us,  
To drive us to despair,  
We know one gate is open,  
One ear will hear our prayer.

*"Today Your Mercy Calls Us"*

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Tune: Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812-after 1857; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

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*"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

LSB #905

Come, Thou almighty King,  
Help us Thy name to sing;  
Help us to praise;  
Father, all glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.

Come, Thou incarnate word,  
Gird on Thy mighty sword;  
Our prayer attend.  
Come and Thy people bless,  
And give Thy Word success,  
And let Thy righteousness  
On us descend.

Come, holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour!  
Thou who almighty art,  
Now rule in ev'ry heart,  
And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of pow'r.

To Thee, great One in Three,  
Eternal praises be  
Hence evermore!  
Thy sov'reign majesty  
May we in glory see,  
And to eternity  
Love and adore.

*"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

Text: English, before 1760, alt.

Tune: Felice de Giardini, 1716-96; setting: *Lutheran Book of Worship: Select Hymns*, 1985

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(Please rise)

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You gathered us together once more to share in the joys of this Sacrament, and we pray that You would strengthen us by Your Son's body and blood that as heirs of Your kingdom, we may ever serve You and our neighbors; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

*"Oh When the Saints"*

H.I.S. Band

Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
Oh, Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the Son comes back to earth,  
Oh, when the Son comes back to earth,  
Oh, Lord I want to see all his glory  
When the Son comes back to earth.

Oh, when the Lamb, sits on His throne,  
Oh, when the Lamb, sits on His throne,  
Oh, Lord I want to be there to worship  
When the Son comes back to earth.

Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
Oh, Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.

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(Please be seated)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **POSTLUDE**

Band

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**SERVING TODAY**

**PASTOR:** Rev. John C. Stennfeld

**ORGANIST:** Phyllis Trautner

**LECTOR:** Clayton Pillack

**FLOWERS:** Given in Honor of Betty Shaw  
By her children

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**THIS WEEK**

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| <b>TODAY:</b>       | Worship Service    | 9:30 A.M.  |
|                     | Adult Discipleship | 10:45 A.M. |
| <b>NEXT SUNDAY:</b> | Worship Service    | 9:30 A.M.  |
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