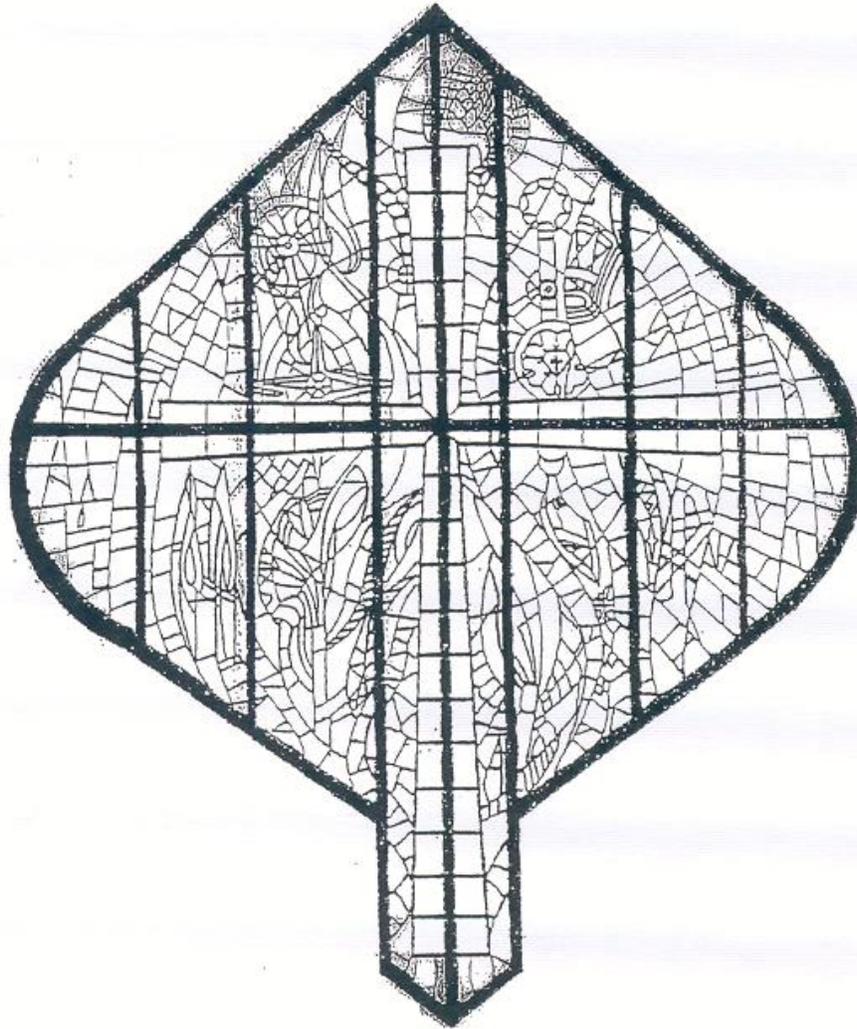


“The People of Christ Sharing the Love of Christ”



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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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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, 2020

AS WE GATHER

Forgiveness is filled with questions. How often must I forgive? Is there a limit to the grace of forgiveness? What is the connection between God's forgiveness to me and my forgiveness to others? The answer to these questions lies in Christ. As our heavenly Father has forgiven us, so do we forgive one another in His name. This forgiveness is clearly and beautifully shown in the example of Joseph, who was sold into slavery by his brothers and then forgave them because of God's mercy.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Organ

WELCOME

HYMN

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

LSB #851

Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your lifeblood 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 lifeblood 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.

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"
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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.**

RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 103:1-12

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
People: **and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
People: **and forget not all his benefits,**

Pastor: who forgives all your iniquity,
People: **who heals all your diseases,**

Pastor: who redeems your life from the pit,
People: **who drowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

Pastor: who satisfies you with good
People: **so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Pastor: The Lord works righteousness
People: and justice for all who are oppressed.

Pastor: He made known his ways to Moses,
People: his acts to the people of Israel.

Pastor: The Lord is merciful and gracious,
People: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: He will not always chide,
People: nor will he keep his anger forever.

Pastor: He does not deal with us according to our sins,
People: nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Pastor: For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
People: so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

Pastor: as far as the east is from the west,
People: so far does he remove our transgression from us.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination.

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, confident of His grace and forgiveness to all who are penitent.

People: I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you 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.

PSALM HYMN

“Let Us Sing Praise to God with All Our Heart”

By Rev. John C. Stennfeld

text: Psalm 103

tune: Ich Sterbe Taglich

Let us sing praise to God with all our heart,
For He forgives all of our sin;
Our life he saves from hell's hot, firey pit,
And cleanses all our hearts within.

Refrain:

**So may our inmost being praise
His holy name all of our days.**

The Lord works justice for all the oppressed,
And crowns our lives with grace and love.
He satisfies our hopes with all good things;
Renews our strength from heav'n above.

(Refrain)

The Lord is gracious and so full of love;
Treats us not as our sins deserve.
So great His love is for those who fear Him,
As high as heav'n is over earth.

(Refrain)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, You have rescued us from our bondage to sin and given us a new life and identity in Baptism. Grant us Your grace that we live in peace with all people and show to those around us the same forgiveness that You have shown to us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 50:15–21

(At the death of their father, Jacob, Joseph reassured his brothers that he forgave them and recognized the hand of God at work in their lives.)

VERSE

“Trust and Obey”

H.I.S Band

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain:

**Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt nor a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.

(Refrain)

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey.

(Refrain)

But we never can prove the delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favor He shows and the joy he bestows
Are for them who will trust and obey.

(Refrain)

Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet.
Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go,
Never fear, only trust and obey.

(Refrain)

"When We Walk With the Lord (Trust And Obey)"

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(Please rise)

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

(How often must I forgive my brother? How often has God forgiven you?)

CREED *Nicene Creed*

People: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"*

LSB #843

"Forgive our sins as we forgive,"
You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But You alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.

How can Your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?

In blazing light Your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us,
How great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love
Our lives will spread your peace.

"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

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SERMON

For Good

Text: Genesis 50:15-21

Rev. John C. 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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

“Lamb of God”

LSB p. 163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God You take away the din of the world;
grant us peace.

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(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Holy Ground Medley”

H.I.S. Band

We are standing on holy ground,
And we know that there are angels all around.
Let us praise Jesus now,
We are standing in His presence on holy ground.

This is holy ground,
We’re standing on holy ground;
For the Lord is here and where He is is holy.
This is holy ground,
We’re standing on holy ground;
For the Lord is here and where He is is holy.

These are holy hands,
He’s given us holy hands;
He works through these hands, and so these hands are holy.
These are holy hands,
He’s given us holy hands;
He works through these hands, and so these hands are holy.

I am standing on holy ground,
And I know that there are angels all around.

I will praise Jesus now,
When I'm standing in His presence on holy ground.
In His presence on holy ground.

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"In Need"

H.I.S. Band

In need of grace, in need of love,
In need of mercy reigning down from high above.
In need of strength, in need of peace,
In need of things that only you can give to me.

Chorus:

**In need of Christ, the perfect Lamb. My refuge strong, the great I am.
This is my song, my humble plea, I am your child, I am in need.**

2nd & 3rd verse words
by Pastor John

In need of faith, in need of hope,
In need of all the things you give to help me cope.
I need today to hold your hand,
To give me strength for daily life so I can stand.

(Chorus)

In need of joy, in need of life.
In need to count on you to get me through my strife.
I need your blood to wash away
All of the sin that weighs me down from day to day.

(Chorus)

(Chorus)

I am your child, I am in need,
I am your child, I am in need.

"In Need"
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(Please rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, for the sake of Your holy name, forgive us, Your children, whom You have redeemed through the precious blood of Your dear Son. Deal graciously with us, Your servants, not according to our weakness and guilt but according to Your love and goodness. Grant to us forgiveness, peace, and the gift of a clear conscience; 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

HYMN

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

LSB #649

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear.

When here our pathways part,
We suffer bitter pain;
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart,
We hope to meet again.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign
Through all eternity.

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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POSTLUDE

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THIS WEEK

TODAY:	Worship Service	9:30 A.M.
	Adult Discipleship	10:45 A.M.
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