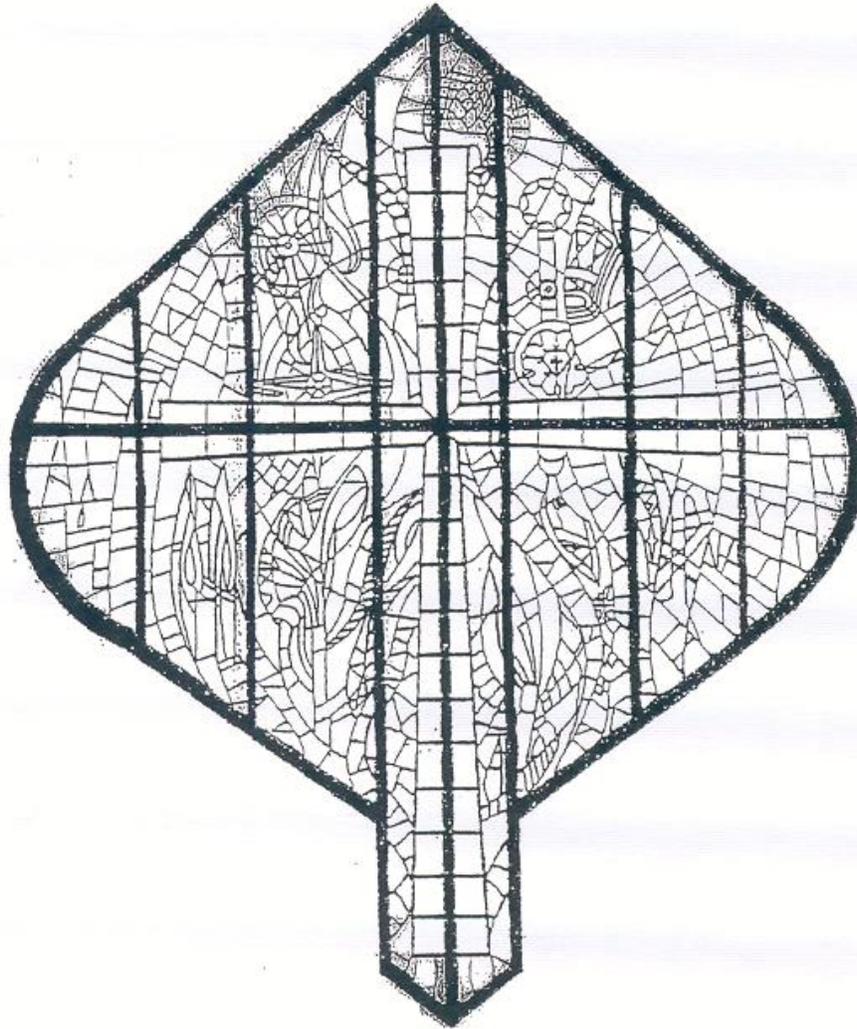


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COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENT

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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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 2020

AS WE GATHER

A part of us expects justice from God. We think that fairness ought to reign—that each of us should get what we deserve. But this is a dead end. God does not give us what we deserve but acts with mercy and grace beyond belief. He is scandalously generous and lavish with us—giving us what we do not deserve and have not earned. We are tempted to ask God for equity and what we deserve, but God is determined to give us so much more in Christ. Only in faith can we learn to let God be God, to honor His generosity with the only response He desires: faith and thanksgiving. Today we pray the Lord to break through to our hearts and minds with His abundant grace and to rejoice that He is more than fair—He is merciful!

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Majesty"

H.I.S. Band

Majesty.... Worship His Majesty.

Unto Jesus be all glory, power, and praise.

Majesty... Kingdom authority.

Flow from His throne... unto His own... His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high, the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus, the King.

Majesty... Worship His Majesty.

Jesus who died... now glorified... King of all Kings.

Majesty!

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WELCOME

With the Lord begin thy task;
Jesus will direct it.
For His aid and counsel ask;
Jesus will perfect it.
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise,
And when day is ended,
In His name then close your eyes;
Be to Him commended.

Let each day begin with prayer,
Praise, and adoration.
On the Lord cast every care;
He is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night
Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter's might,
With His presence cheer you.

With your Savior at your side,
Foes need not alarm you;
In His promises confide,
And no ill can harm you.
All your trust and hope repose
In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows
How to stem disaster.

If your task be thus begun
With the Savior's blessing,
Safely then your course will run,
Toward the promise pressing.
Good will follow ev'ry where
While you here must wander;
You at last the joy will share
In the mansions yonder.

Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task
Be to You commended;
May Your will be done, I ask,
Until life is ended.

Jesus, in Your name begun
Be the day's endeavor;
Grant that it may well be done
To Your praise forever.

"With the Lord Begin Your Task"

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(please rise)

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 27:1-9

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear?

People: **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,

People: **my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

Leader: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

People: **though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

Leader: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after;

People: **that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

Leader: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

People: **he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.**

Leader: And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

People: **I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

Leader: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;

People: **be gracious to me and answer me!**

Leader: You have said, "Seek my face."

People: **My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."**

Leader: Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger,
People: **O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
People: **I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin.**

Leader: Is this your sincere confession?
People: **I am sorry for all my sins, and I ask for grace that I may do better. Amen.**

Leader: As you believe, so let it be. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. Go in peace knowing that we have been forgiven.
People: **Amen.**

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HYMN

"The Lord's My Light and Salvation"

By Rev. John C. Stennfeld

Text: Psalm 27:1-5

Tune: Evan

The Lord's my light and salvation,
Whom shall I ever fear?
The Lord's the stronghold of my life,
My strength from year to year.

When evil men come threaten me,
And all my foes attack,
Yet with the Lord e'er by my side
There's nothing that I lack.

For in the day that trouble comes
He'll keep me from all harm,
And set me high upon a rock,
Protected by His arm.

There is one thing I ask of Him,
That on Him I may gaze,
And in His house I might there dwell
Through all my earthly days.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; 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 READING *Isaiah 55:6-9*
(Seek the Lord while He may be found.)

Lector

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 20:1-16

(The last will be first and the first will be last.)

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 *“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”* LSB #707

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep His statutes still!
Oh that my God would grant me grace
To know and do his will!

Order my footsteps by Thy Word
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget Thy way,
Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

Make me to walk in Thy commands—
'Tis a delightful road—
Nor let my head or heart or hands
Offend against my God.

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”

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SERMON

“My Ways – My Thoughts”

Elder – Mr. Donn Trautner

Text: Isaiah 55:6-9

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.**

PRONOUNCEMENT OF THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Elder: On Wednesday, 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

PAX DOMINI

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

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"

LSB #550

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But you have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain:

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

(Refrain)

I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God.

(Refrain)

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DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"What a Friend"

H.I.S. Band

(To the Tune of "The Rose")

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear;
What a privilege to carry
Ev'ry thing to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Ev'ry thing to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful?
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden?
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield you
You will find a solace there.

"What a Friend"

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Leader: O God, You satisfy the longing of our hearts with great mercy and bring us to the fullness of Your grace and favor. Wherever we have been or however long it has taken for us to hear and believe Your Word, teach us to rejoice that we are Yours and to rejoice over those who are still hearing and still believing in Christ through Your Church's proclamation. Sustain us through temptation, and deliver us from trouble that we be sustained in this faith to the day of Christ's return; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Leader: The Lord bless us and keep us.
The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.
The Lord look upon us with favor and ✠ give us peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

People: **Amen.**

HYMN

“*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*”

LSB #685
(v 1, 3, & 4)

Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father’s bidding.
Faithful Lord with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.

Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.

Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live there we shall be
In your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

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SERVING TODAY

SPEAKER/OFFICIANT: Donn Trautner

ORGANIST: Phyllis Trautner

LECTOR: MaryLou Moore

FLOWERS: Given by Sophie Werchan
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THIS WEEK

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