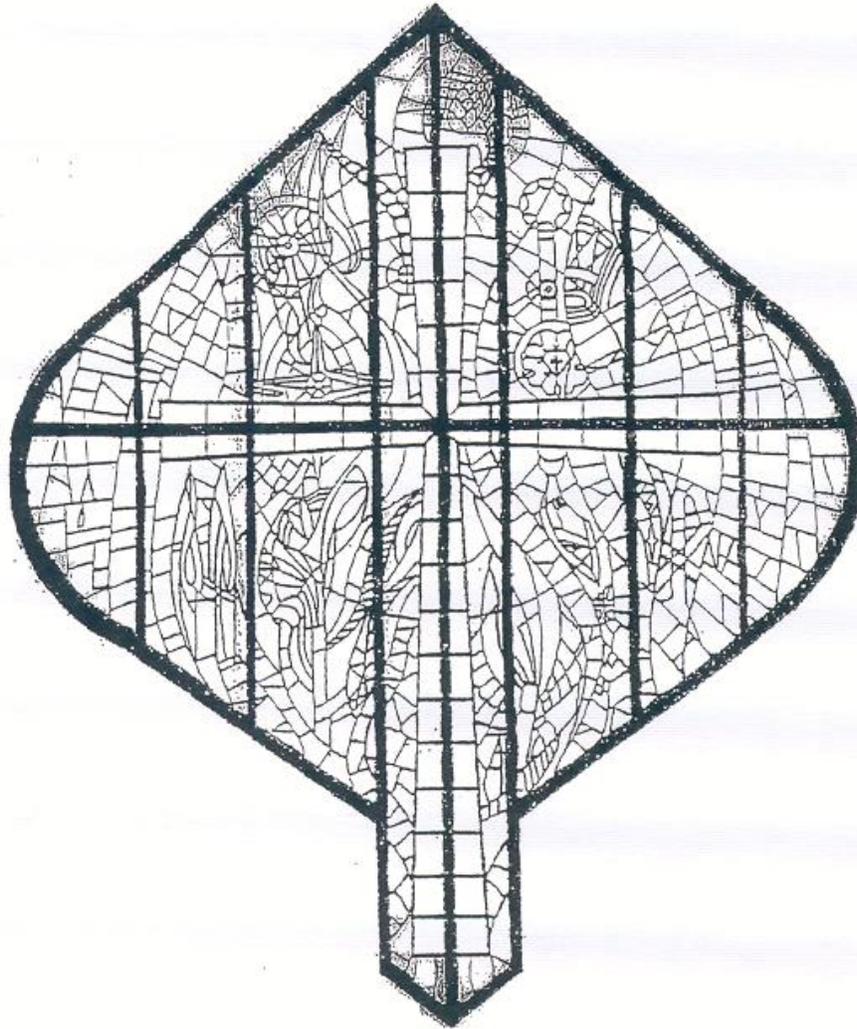


“The People of Christ Sharing the Love of Christ”



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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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2, 2021

AS WE GATHER

The images Jesus uses as He proclaims the kingdom of God often come from the world of agriculture. His parables are filled with plants and trees and birds and animals. Grapes, grapevines, and vineyards are all used as illustrations by Jesus as He teaches the people who are His first hearers and us also. As people who have been grafted as branches into Christ the Vine through Holy Baptism, we seek ways to strengthen that connection as the Holy Spirit works in and through us. We now nourish our faith as branches in Christ's vineyard as we grow in Him by Word and Sacrament.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *"Come Now is the Time to Worship"* H.I.S. Band

Chorus:

Come, now is the time to worship

Come, now is the time to give your heart

Come, just as you are to worship

Come, just as you are before your God

Come

One day every tongue will confess He is God

One day every knee will bow

Still the greatest joys remain for those

In faith who choose Him now

One day every tongue will confess He is God

One day every knee will bow

Still the greatest joys remain for those

In faith who choose Him now

(Chorus)

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
Willingly our knees we bow
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength
We gladly choose Him now

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
Willingly our knees we bow
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength
We gladly choose Him now
(Chorus)

Chorus:
Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come

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WELCOME

(Please rise)

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 34:8; 104:24, 31; 147:11*

Pastor: The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him,
People: **in those who hope in His steadfast love.**

Pastor: Taste and see that the Lord is good!
People: **Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!**

Pastor: O Lord, how manifold are Your works!
People: **In wisdom have You made them all.**

Pastor: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
People: **may the Lord rejoice in His works.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As penitent people, we ask God for His grace and mercy.

HYMN

"Confession of Sins"

H.I.S. Band

In shameful pride and arrogance
I've lived in my own way.
Ignored Your words of life and love,
too oft I seemed to stray.
Forgive my sins great God above
wash all of them away.
Help me to live as you command,
For Jesus sake I pray.

Words by Rv. John C. Stennfeld

Music by Fred Frieling

Pastor: Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

People: O almighty God, most merciful Father, I, a repentant sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. By nature I am a sinful creature. In thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your Law. For this I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life and bear fruit in keeping with true repentance.

Pastor: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

People: Amen.

Pastor: As you believe, so let it be. 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.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

"White as Snow"

H.I.S. Band

White as snow, white as snow Though my sins were as scarlet,
Lord, I know, Lord, I know, That I'm clean and forgiven.
Thru the power of your blood, Thru the wonder of Your love,
Thru faith in You I know that I can be...White as snow.

God of love, God of love, you came down to redeem us
From above, from above, sent your Son here to save us.
Came to earth to set us free, gave your life on Calvary,
Now we know that we will live eternally. God of love.

Here am I, here am I, just your clay to be molded.
Lord on high, Lord on high, to be used in your service
Here to glorify your name, help all people do the same,
Now please take my hand and guide me when I cry...

Here am I, here am I, White as snow.

"White as Snow"

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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)

FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

PSALM

Psalm 150

(Please rise)

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

(Jesus says that He is the vine and His people are the branches.)

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 Praise the Lord, Oh Praise the Lord”* Text: Psalm 150
By Rev. John C. Stennfeld Tune: Ich Singe Dir

Oh praise the Lord! Oh praise the Lord!
In all you do and say;
Praise God in His most holy place,
Praise Him both night and day.

Praise Him for all His acts of pow’r,
Praise Him in heav’n above;
Praise Him for greatness unsurpassed,
And for His gracious love.

Praise Him with trumpets sounding forth,
Praise Him with harp and lyre;
Praise Him with strings and flute and dance
With all your heart’s desire.

Oh praise the Lord with cymbals’ clash,
Forever let us praise,
Let ev’rything that has a breath,
Praise God for all our days.

SERMON Why Shouldn’t I . . . ?
Text: Acts 8:26-40

Pastor John Stennfeld

OFFERING

(Please rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;
1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

PAX DOMINI

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

People: **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI *"To the Lamb"* H.I.S. Band

To the Lamb upon the Throne,
Be the praise forevermore.
Be the power and the glory,
Be the strength and majesty.

Chorus:

**We worship Thee, O Lamb of God,
The Living Word.**

**We lift up Your name and worship Thee.
Ancient of Days, we give You praise,
O Lamb upon the Throne.**

Son of God, Son of Man,
You became the Spotless Lamb;
Suffering for me, You showed me mercy,
Now You reign in majesty.

(Chorus)

"To The Lamb"

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(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"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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The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes, God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain:

**Worthy is the Lamb, whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

The Lamb, the Lamb, one perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
(Refrain)

The Lamb, the Lamb, as wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will, on our behalf the Law to fill.
(Refrain)

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.
(Refrain)

He rose, He rose, my heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong, till every heart to Him belongs.
(Refrain)

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(Please rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Holy Father, we ask You now, by this blessed food and drink, to deliver Your Church from every evil, to teach it to love You perfectly, and to make it truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of wheat to become the carrier of the body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and the wine was drawn from the fruitfulness of many grapes. Grant that we ever abide in the Word, Christ Himself, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

CLOSING 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)

Chorus:

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

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(Please be seated)

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Band

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ORGANIST: Phyllis Trautner

LECTOR: Pachalin Stennfeld

ACOLYTE: Holly Herber

FLOWERS: Duannah Ashmore

To the Glory of God, and in thanksgiving and love for my family - Nathan, Yvette, Pete

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