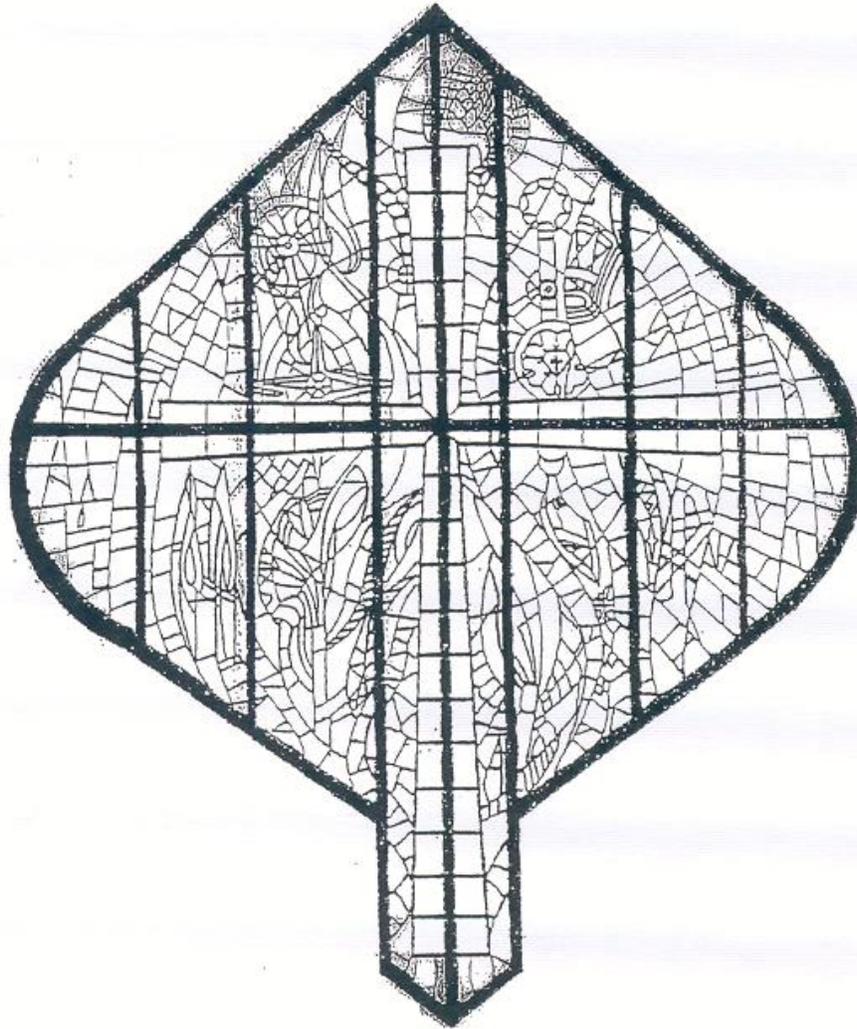


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COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENT

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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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTACOST –

PROPER 12

God's Promises

July 25, 2021

AS WE GATHER

God's promise of life in the rainbow summons us to hope in God. The apostle Paul urges us to discover and to know how real and firm is God's love. Like the fearful disciples in today's Gospel, we may have doubts of faith. But God's Word assures us: "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid" (Mark 6:50). This causes us to stop our worrying and believe. Hope in God can calm you. The love of God can convince you. Here, now, at His mighty Word, your sins are forgiven, and you have hope, love, and life. We now gather before Him, our Creator, our Redeemer, and our loving God.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"In Christ Alone"

H.I.S. Band

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
'Til he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

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WELCOME

HYMN

"God Himself is Present"

LSB #907

God Himself is present:
Let us now adore Him
And with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple;
All within keep silence;
Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.
He alone
On His throne
Is our God and Savior;
Praise His Name forever!

God himself is present:
Hear the harps resounding;
See the hosts the throne surrounding.
"Holy, Holy, Holy!"
Hear the hymn ascending,
Songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow Your ear
To us here:
Hear, O Christ, the praises
That Your church now raises.

Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Purify my spirit,
Trusting only in Your merit.
Like the holy angels,
Worshiping before You,
May I ceaselessly adore You.

Let Your will
Ever still
Rule Your Church terrestrial
As the hosts celestial.

"God Himself is Present"

Text: Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697-1769, abr.; tr. Frederick W. Foster, 1760-1835, and John Miller, 1756- 90, alt.

Tune: Joachim Neander, 1650-80, alt.; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

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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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Pastor: Since the beginning of time, God has revealed His will to seek and to save that which was lost. No matter how often we have entered the gates of God's place, whether often or rarely, because of sin, we are all lost, on our own, and helpless. Let us therefore approach God in humility to receive His forgiveness.

People: **O God, I believe in You; O Lord, I trust Your promise to save me. Forgive me for my sins in thought, word, and deed. Come to me, though I am not worthy. Come to me with Your promise, with Your touch of forgiveness, healing, help, and life. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

Pastor: God has come to you in grace and mercy. Upon this your confession, as a called and ordained servant of the Word and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN 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.

2nd & 3rd verse words
by Pastor John

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.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, our Redeemer, according to Your gracious promises and gift of salvation, help us now in any anxiety or fear to believe in Your love and power to deliver us, and restore to us Your gift of life; 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

Genesis 9:8-17

Lector

(The covenant of the rainbow)

EPISTLE

Ephesians 3:14-21

Lector

(Prayer for spiritual strength)

VERSE

"Standing on the Promises"

H.I.S. Band

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let His praises ring,
glory to the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

Chorus:

Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.
(Chorus)

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.
(Chorus)

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.
(Chorus)

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(Please rise)

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:45-56

Pastor John

(Jesus walks on water.)

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 “*When Jesus had Dismissed the Crowd*” Text: Mark 6:45-56
By Rev. John C. Stennfeld Tune: St. Peter

When Jesus had dismissed the crowd
Whom he had fed that day,
He told his friends to cross the lake
While he went off to pray.

When night time came their boat was in
The middle of the lake,
And Jesus saw them from the shore
For he was still awake.

And though they rowed with all their might,
The wind was still too strong,
They could not make it 'cross the lake
Though they tried all night long.

So Jesus then went out to them
By walking on the sea,
But terrified they all then were
By this great mystery.

Thus Jesus said, "Don't be afraid.
Take courage. It is I."
And in their boat he climbed with them,
As then the wind did die.

And the disciples were amazed
At Jesus awesome pow'r,
And could not grasp how he had made
Those loaves without some flour.

For when he fed the massive crowd,
And though they played a part,
Their Lord they yet not understood,
As hardened were their hearts.

And thus, dear Lord, help us believe,
Though we not understand,
That you, O Christ, are God above
All sky and sea and land.

And may we ne'er be troubled, Lord,
By whate'er things you do,
But simply trust and hope in you
Each day our whole lives through.

SERMON

Re-Claiming the Rainbow

Text: Genesis 9:8-17

Pastor John Stennfeld

OFFERING

(Please rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

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

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

People: **Amen**

AGNUS DEI

“Lamb of God”

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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 sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

“Old Rugged Cross”

H.I.S. Band

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame,
And I love that old cross
Where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.

Chorus:

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.**

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me.
For the dear Lamb of God
Left His glory above to bear it to dark Calvary.

(Chorus)

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see.
For 'twas on that old cross
Jesus suffered and died to pardon and sanctify me.

(Chorus)

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
Its shame reproach gladly bear.
Then He'll call me some day
To my home far away, where his glory forever I'll share.

(Chorus)

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“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

H.I.S. Band

Jesus, keep me near the Cross,
There a precious fountain
Free to all a healing stream,
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain

Chorus:

**In the Cross, in the Cross,
Be my glory every;
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.**

Near the Cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star
Shed its beams around me.

(Chorus)

Near the Cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day,
With its shadows o'er me

(Chorus)

Near the Cross I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting, ever,
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river.

(Chorus)

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(Please rise)

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; 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 *Numbers 6:24-26*

HYMN

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

LSB #427

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Text: John Bowring, 1972-1872

Tune: Ithamar Conkey, 1815-67; setting: *Service Book and Hymnal*, 1958, alt.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THIS WEEK

TODAY:	Worship Service	9:30 A.M.
	Adult Discipleship	10:45 A.M.
	Children's Discipleship	10:45 A.M.
NEXT SUNDAY:	Worship Service	9:30 A.M.
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