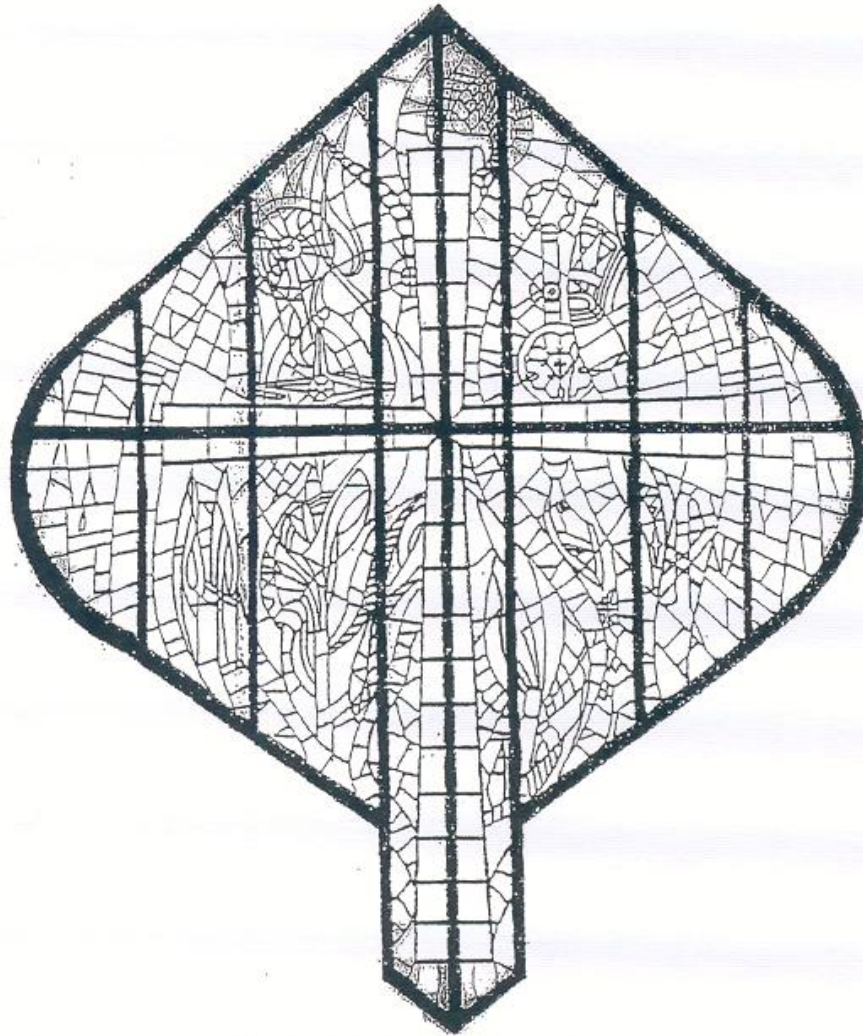


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COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENT

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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THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD (recognized)

You Will Be My Witnesses

May 12, 2024

AS WE GATHER

While the Ascension is often underappreciated, it is a very important feast, and its message is deeply profound. We tend to think of Jesus' ascension as an ending point, and no one likes to wave goodbye. Even the apostles felt a sense of apprehension. But our Lord prepared them by opening the Scriptures to them so that they might know where to hear His voice even as His visual appearance would not be with them. We know that they understood this, because they returned with joy and not fear, celebrating this event as a new beginning and not an end.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"Here I am Lord"

H.I.S. Band

I the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them
Whom shall I send

Refrain:

Here I am Lord

Is it I Lord

I have heard you calling in the night

I will go Lord

If you lead me

I will hold your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away
I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send
(Refrain)

Refrain:
Here I am Lord
Is it I Lord
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go Lord
If you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart

I the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send
(Refrain)

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WELCOME

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

LSB #493

(Please rise)

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection and examination

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.**

Pastor: 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.**

EXCHANGING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(Sharing of the peace)

HYMN RESPONSE

"Brothers and Sisters in Christ"

H.I.S. Band

Sing Alleluia! Amen!

Let your prayers and praises ascend.

Lift up your voices and sing

To our Lord God, our Savior and King!

Here brought together by grace

We are gathered as friends in this place.

Chorus:

And assembled as one, in the name of the Son,

Lifting hearts, lifting hands, celebrating as friends,

And proclaiming the Lord, All our praises afford,

We are brothers and sisters in Christ.

Man walked alone and in need.
Without faith, hope, or promise or creed.
Wandering, aimlessly lost,
Unaware of the staggering cost.
That God in his mercy would save
All his people from death and the grave.

(Chorus)

Chorus:

**And assembled as one, in the name of the Son,
Lifting hearts, lifting hands, celebrating as friends,
And proclaiming the Lord, All our praises afford,
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.**

Lord, teach us how to proclaim
All your goodness, Your love and Your name!
Lord, teach us how to forgive
And in love, teach us, Lord, how to live.
Raising our voices in song.
Help us tell all the world we belong.

(Chorus)

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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 Lord, to whom our Savior ascended in His glory and from whose right hand He works to supply His church with the fruits of His redeeming work, keep us in faith that we may be sustained by His mercy and brought to everlasting 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)

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1–11

Lector

(The Lord ascends from their sight and the disciples return to Jerusalem with great joy.)

EPISTLE*Ephesians 1:15-23*

Lector

(Paul commends the faith of the congregation in the context of the resurrection and ascension of Christ.)

HYMN*“On Christ’s Ascension I Now Build”*

LSB #492

(Please rise)

HOLY GOSPEL*Luke 24:44-53*

Pastor

(The evangelist records how Christ opened the Scriptures to the disciples before ascending in glory before their sight.)

CONFESSION OF FAITH*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

“Lift High the Cross”

LSB #837

SERMON

“The Great Notification”

Pastor John

Text: Luke 24:46-48; Acts 1:8

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 the evil one.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS INSTITUTION OF OUR LORD

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.**

(Please be seated)

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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"I Love to Tell the Story"

H.I.S. Band

I love to tell the story, Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love,
I love to tell the story, Because I know 'tis true,
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

**I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story, Of Jesus and His love.**

I love to tell the story, More wonderful it seems,
Than all the golden fancies, Of all our golden dreams;
I love to tell the story, It did so much for me,
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee.

(Refrain)

Refrain:

**I love to tell the story! 'Twill be my theme in glory,
To tell the old, old story, Of Jesus and His love.**

I love to tell the story, 'Tis pleasant to repeat,
What seems, each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet:
I love to tell the story, For some have never heard,
The message of salvation, From God's own holy Word.

(Refrain)

I love to tell the story, For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting, To hear it like the rest,
And when in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story, That I have loved so long.

(Refrain)

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"Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying"

LSB #826

DISMISSAL BLESSING

(Please rise)

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN *"For Mothers Dear, We Give You Praise"*

Words on Screen

(Please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Video

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THIS WEEK

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	Adult Discipleship Class	10:45 A.M.
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