



13th Sunday after Pentecost

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH | Lodi, California

August 22, 2021

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news about God’s grace, love, and forgiveness given to us. If you would like to learn more about our church, please speak with our pastor or one of our members after the service.

- *Please observe silence before worship. Our livestream microphone picks up every conversation.*

WORSHIP THEME

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God’s law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us “the words that I have spoken to you are Spirit and life.” These Spirit filled words bring life through water and the word. We are washed by God in Baptism. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

MORNING PRAISE

“Morning Praise” is based on the historic service called “Matins”. Joined to Christ, our risen Lord, we glorify God as we prepare for the activities of the day.

HYMN

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty | CW 255



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



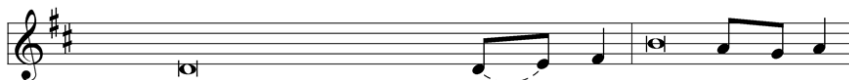
C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

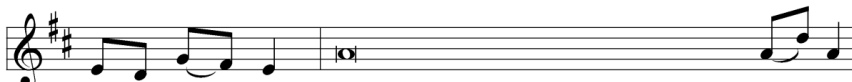


M: Praise be to God, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy — Spir - it: let us wor - ship him.

OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD – *Venite*



C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



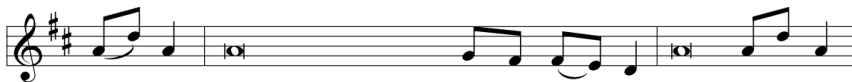
great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



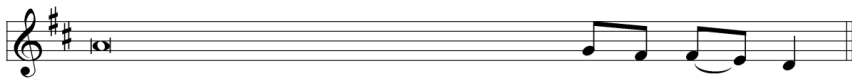
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

be seated

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 29:11-19

Isaiah writes to those who have given lip service but not obedience to God. They had set aside the Word of God for the traditions of man. They have reversed roles, turned things upside down and to them Isaiah announces, "Woe," God is about to bring a reversal of his own as the exalted are humiliated and the humble are exalted.

¹¹For you the entire vision will be like the words of a sealed document. If it is given to one who can read and he is asked to read it,^[a] he will say, "I can't read it, because it is sealed." ¹²And if the document is given to one who cannot read and he is asked to read it,^[a] he will say, "I can't read."

¹³The Lord said:

These people approach me with their speeches
to honor me with lip-service,^[a]
yet their hearts are far from me,
and human rules direct their worship of me.^[a]

¹⁴Therefore, I will again confound these people
with wonder after wonder.

The wisdom of their wise will vanish,
and the perception of their perceptive will be hidden.

¹⁵Woe to those who go to great lengths
to hide their plans from the LORD.

They do their works in the dark,
and say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?"

¹⁶You have turned things around,
as if the potter were the same as the clay.
How can what is made say about its maker,
"He didn't make me"?

How can what is formed
say about the one who formed it,
"He doesn't understand what he's doing"?

¹⁷ Isn't it true that in just a little while
Lebanon will become an orchard,
and the orchard will seem like a forest?

¹⁸ On that day the deaf will hear
the words of a document,
and out of a deep darkness
the eyes of the blind will see.

¹⁹ The humble will have joy
after joy in the LORD,
and the poor people will rejoice
in the Holy One of Israel.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 14 | CWS p.40

The Psalmist confesses, "There is no one who does good, not even one." Our works won't earn anything but salvation has come from Zion.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:22-33

We don't set aside God's law for the sake of our own... do we? We have. But God has done something about it. He has forgiven our sin. He has washed us clean in the waters of baptism. Jesus serves as Savior and example. Since we are "in Christ," let us live according to his will.

²² Wives, submit[□] to your husbands as to the Lord, ²³ because the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of the body. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives are to submit to their husbands in everything. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing[□] her with the washing of water by the word. ²⁷ He did this to present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In the same way, husbands are to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hates his own flesh but provides and cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, ³⁰ since we are members of his body.[□] ³¹ **For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.**[□] ³² This mystery is profound, but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³ To sum up, each one of you is to love his wife as himself, and the wife is to respect her husband.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Jeremiah 15:15

Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.
please stand

THE GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-13

Jesus teaches true obedience first by quoting Isaiah to undermine the Pharisee. They say they love the law of God but only to establish the traditions of men. It's not just the work worked that Jesus is interested in it is the heart.

7 The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him. ²They observed that some of his disciples were eating bread with unclean—that is, unwashed—hands. ³(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, keeping the tradition of the elders. ⁴When they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they have washed. And there are many other customs they have received and keep, like the washing of cups, pitchers, kettles, and dining couches.)⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why don’t your disciples live[Ⓜ] according to the tradition of the elders, instead of eating bread with ceremonially unclean[Ⓜ] hands?”

⁶He answered them, “Isaiah prophesied correctly about you hypocrites, as it is written:

**This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me.**

⁷**They worship me in vain,
teaching as doctrines human commands.**[Ⓜ]

⁸Abandoning the command of God, you hold on to human tradition.”[Ⓜ] ⁹He also said to them, “You have a fine way of invalidating God’s command in order to set

up[Ⓜ] your tradition! ¹⁰For Moses said: **Honor your father and your mother;** [Ⓜ] and **Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must be put to**

death.[Ⓜ] ¹¹But you say, ‘If anyone tells his father or mother: Whatever benefit you might have received from me is *corban*’ (that is, an offering devoted to God), ¹²“you no longer let him do anything for his father or mother. ¹³You nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many other similar things.”

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God, My Faithful God | **CW 459**

SERMON

Mark 7:1-13

please stand

OFFERING

The offerings during the week are placed on the altar. Thank you to all who are able to support our church and it's ministry during this time. We give thanks to God for the opportunity to give.

LORD, HAVE MERCY – Kyrie

please stand



M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



C: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

General Thanksgiving CW p. 128

M: Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

C: **Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.**

M: Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

C: **Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.**

M: Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

C: **Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.**

M: Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

C: **Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.**

Special prayers and intercessions may be offered.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

Silent prayer.

M: Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

C: Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HYMN

The Law of God Is Good and Wise | **CW 287**

PRAYER FOR GRACE

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen



M: Let us praise the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



be seated

CLOSING HYMN

Baptismal Waters Cover Me | **CWS 739**

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We preach a message of forgiveness, hope and peace
through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
Families and individuals of all ages will find opportunities
both to grow and to serve.

Our mission statement:

Look what Christ is doing!

He binds us together in fellowship

He gathers us in for worship

He builds us up for service

*“Now you are the body of Christ,
and each one of you is a part of it.”
(1 Corinthians 12:27)*

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