



13009 N. Elderberry Ct.

Lodi, CA 95242

www.christlodi.org

209-368-6250

Pastor Joshua Hanson

WELCOME TO CHRIST EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH!

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!

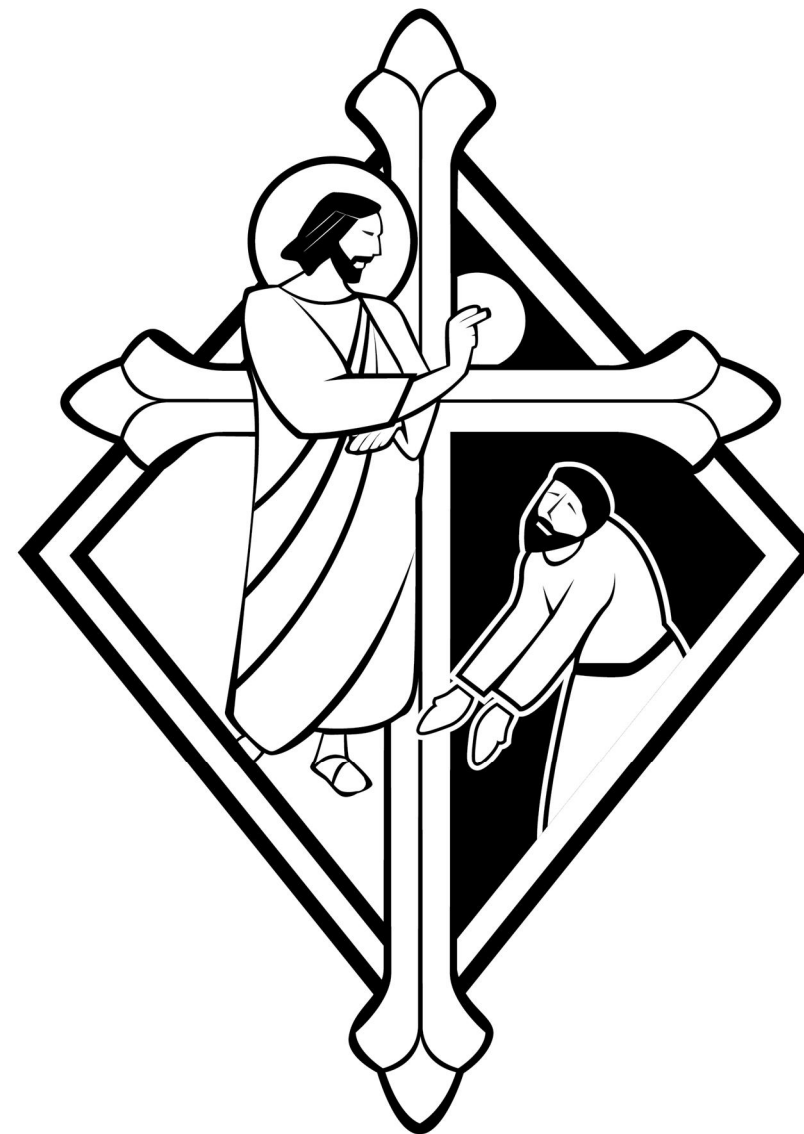
He binds us together in fellowship

He gathers us in for worship

He builds us up for service

He sends us out with the gospel

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



2nd Sunday after Pentecost

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH | Lodi, California

June 11, 2023

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.

- Bathrooms are located in the fellowship hall. A changing table is located in the women's bathroom.

WORSHIP THEME

God calls people into ministry. God gives the high and holy privilege of sharing Christ's salvation to human beings. Even more surprising: to sinners! Matthew was called from the life of a tax collector to follow Jesus. Moses was a murderer turned shepherd, called to deliver God's people from slavery in Egypt. Paul was called to be an apostle and missionary even though he was once obsessed with persecuting the Christian faith. It is a wonder and a mystery that God would use sinners such as these to accomplish his work in the world. What will he do with each of us?

The Common Service

The high and holy worship of God is faith in Jesus Christ. Such faith is created and sustained by God's service to us (the German, "Gottesdienst," "God/Divine Service). In the Divine Service, the Lord comes to us in His Word and Sacrament to bless and enliven us with His gifts. The Service is not something we do for God, but His service to us received in faith. The liturgy is God's work. He gives, we receive.



HYMN

Lord, Take my Hand and Lead Me | CW 439

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✚ and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

To God be the Glory | CW 399

COPYRIGHT INFORMATION

Content requiring a copyright license is reproduced under OneLicense.net #A-718312. All rights reserved. The Common Service: Texts revised from The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941. Music revised by James Engel. Scripture Quotations: From the Holy Bible, New International Version (NIV 1984), © 1973, 1978, 1984 by Biblica, Inc.

PEACE OF THE LORD – *Pax Domini*


John 20:19

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

C: Amen

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD – *Agnus Dei*

John 1:29


C:  O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
Grant us your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

Those who will be receiving Holy Communion today may wish to read Personal Preparation for Holy Communion, found on page 156 in the front section of the hymnal. This page helps us put into practice what the Bible encourages: “Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup.” (1 Corinthians 11:28)

Christ Lutheran Church confesses and practices the Biblical teaching of a Closed Communion. We ask that only members of the Wisconsin Synod [WELS] or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS] join us at the Lord’s Table. If you have questions concerning our communion practice, or would like to inquire about how you, too, can commune with us, please speak with the Pastor following the service.

THE SONG OF SIMEON

C:  Lord, now you let your servant, depart in peace
According to your word.
For my eyes have seen your salvation,
Which you have prepared before the face of all people,
A light to lighten the Gentiles
And the glory of your people Israel.

CONFESSION

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.


 Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

ABSOLUTION

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ 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.

C: Amen

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C:  Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
We glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory.
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.
For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
Are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

From God’s Word we know that wherever God puts His name, there He is to bless. In the Old Testament the temple was the place where God graciously caused His name to be present (1 Kings 8:27-30). God has put His name—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—on us in Holy Baptism. The Divine Service begins with the Invocation, the words spoken over us at our baptisms. Every Divine Service is for the hallowing of the Lord’s name, which the Small Catechism reminds us is done “when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it” (Matthew 28:18-20).

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 3:1–15

God called Moses into ministry. But first, he called him to trust that God would do all the work.

3 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³ So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”

⁴ When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

And Moses said, “Here I am.”

⁵ “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶ Then he said, “I am the God of your father,^[a] the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ The LORD said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸ So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹ And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

The Service of the Sacrament

This greeting marks a new service, so to speak. These ancient introductory words & phrases help to highlight, celebrate and bring attention to the Sacrament.



M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY – *Sanctus*

C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take and eat. This is my ✚ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it all of you; this is my ✚ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The Words of institution both proclaim the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's Supper.

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

C: 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.

¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

¹² And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you^[b] will worship God on this mountain."

¹³ Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"

¹⁴ God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM.^[c] This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD,^[d] the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.'

"This is my name forever,
the name you shall call me
from generation to generation.

PSALM

Psalms 119c, page 111

SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 1:12–17

Though he once persecuted God's church, Paul was called to be an Apostle and share the gospel of free and full forgiveness.

¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. ¹³ Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴ The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 9:9-13

The tax collectors of Jesus' day were seen as traitors to their people and servants of their enemies, the Romans. The worst of sinners. But Jesus came to call sinners; not just to faith, but to ministry.

9 As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

12 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.'^[a] For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,	Dt. 6:4	
the Father, the Almighty,	2 Cor. 6:18	
maker of heaven and earth,	Is. 51:13	
of all that is, seen and unseen.	Col. 1:16	The Nicene Creed
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,	1 Cor 8:6	is the great
the only Son of God,	Jn. 3:16	Confession of the
eternally begotten of the Father,	Heb. 1:2,5	Christian faith
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,	Jn. 1	professed by
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.	Jn. 10:30	all Christians.
Through him all things were made.	Jn. 1:3	The Creed
For us and for our salvation,	1 Th. 5:9	originated at the
he came down from heaven,	Jn. 6:38	First Council of
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,	Lk. 1:35	Nicaea (c. AD.
and became fully human.	Gal. 4:4	325)
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.	Mk. 15:15	
He suffered death and was buried.	1 Cor. 15:3-4a	
On the third day he rose again in accordance		
with the Scriptures.	1 Cor. 15:4b	
He ascended into heaven	Ac. 2:33-34	
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.	Heb. 1:13	

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. Eph. 4:5; Ac. 2:38 We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Mt. 25:31
2 Tim. 4:1
Lk. 1:33
Job 33:4
Jn. 15:26
Jn. 4:24
2 Pet. 1:25
Mt. 16:18; Eph. 2:19-20
Eph. 4:5; Ac. 2:38
1 Cor. 15:21-22
Rev. 22

The Creed itself was crafted as a confession of Scripture in opposition to the Arian heresy, which denied that the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit are God.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Chief of Sinners Though I Be | CW 385

SERMON

Exodus 3:1-15

OFFERING

In response to God's love and forgiveness, we give back a portion of what he has given us. The members of Christ Lutheran Church have joined to proclaim the gospel to this community. These offerings support that work. While our guests are welcome to participate, they should not feel obligated to do so.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.