



## 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*Godly Living Properly Values Heavenly Treasure*

# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH | Lodi, California

*August 7, 2022*

## 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.
- A worship monitor is to the right as you exit. We encourage children of all ages to participate in our worship. Please bring them into the service. We have a nursery room with toys, books, and other items that you can use with your child.
- Before you leave, please sign our guest register. Located on the lectern in the entryway.

## WORSHIP THEME

Last week Jesus warned us against overvaluing earthly wealth. This week Jesus warns against undervaluing heavenly treasure. Last week, Jesus exposed the folly of greed. This week, Jesus exposes the folly of worry, even when faced with the prospect of having a shortage of earthly wealth. This week might be the bigger challenge! When it seems we lack providence or protection for our daily lives, it can be hard to avoid worry. But Jesus focuses us. He points to creatures that do not labor or toil, yet are daily fed and clothed. Even more Jesus points to our Father who promises to give us the heavenly treasures of his kingdom. Jesus assures us that Father will throw in needed earthly possessions as well. We can pursue heavenly treasure wholeheartedly, confident that our Father knows all we need.

## COMMON SERVICE

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### OPENING HYMN

*I Walk in Danger All the Way* | CW 836

*Please stand*

### INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

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 – *Kyrie***



**C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy**



**on us. Lord, have mer - cy 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.**

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

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 wor-ship you, we glorify you,**



**we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,**



**God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus 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; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of**



**God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;**



**you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,**



**are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is by your Grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

*Be seated*

## THE WORD

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### FIRST LESSON

*Genesis 15:1-6*

*In faith, Abram treasured all the LORD's gracious promises.*

After these events, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield;

your reward will be very great.

<sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what can you give me, since I am childless and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>Abram continued, "Look, you have given me no offspring, so a slave born in<sup>□</sup> my house will be my heir."

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to him: "This one will not be your heir; instead, one who comes from your own body<sup>□</sup> will be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He took him outside and said, "Look at the sky and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "Your offspring will be that numerous."

<sup>6</sup>Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

### PSALM OF THE DAY

*Psalms 121*

### SECOND LESSON

*Hebrews 11:1-16*

*The gift of faith allows us to see that treasure that is found in the city whose architect and builder is God.*

Now faith is the reality<sup>□</sup> of what is hoped for, the proof<sup>□</sup> of what is not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by this our ancestors were approved.

<sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was<sup>□</sup> created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.<sup>□</sup>

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was approved as a righteous man, because God approved his gifts, and even though he is dead, he still speaks through his faith.

<sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken away, and so he did not experience death. **He was not to be found because God took him away.**<sup>6</sup> For before he was taken away, he was approved as one who pleased God. <sup>6</sup>Now without faith it is impossible to please God, since the one who draws near to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

<sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, after he was warned about what was not yet seen and motivated by godly fear, built an ark to deliver his family. By faith he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and set out for a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance. He went out, even though he did not know where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed as a foreigner in the land of promise, living in tents as did Isaac and Jacob, coheirs of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

<sup>11</sup>By faith even Sarah herself, when she was unable to have children, received power to conceive offspring, even though she was past the age, since she<sup>11</sup> considered that the one who had promised was faithful. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, from one man—in fact, from one as good as dead—came offspring as numerous as the stars of the sky and as innumerable as the grains of sand along the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, although they had not received the things that were promised. But they saw them from a distance, greeted them, and confessed that they were foreigners and temporary residents on the earth. <sup>14</sup>Now those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they were thinking about where they came from, they would have had an opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But they now desire a better place—a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*Luke 12:32*

Alleluia. “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.” Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Stand*

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 12:22-34

*Jesus assures us we have a Father in heaven who knows what we need better than we do.*



**C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!**

<sup>22</sup>Then he said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, don’t worry about your life, what you will eat; or about the body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: They don’t sow or reap; they don’t have a storeroom or a barn; yet God feeds them. Aren’t you worth much more than the birds? <sup>25</sup>Can any of you add one moment to his life span<sup>Ⓜ</sup> by worrying? <sup>26</sup>If then you’re not able to do even a little thing, why worry about the rest?

<sup>27</sup>“Consider how the wildflowers grow: They don’t labor or spin thread. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was adorned like one of these. <sup>28</sup>If that’s how God clothes the grass, which is in the field today and is thrown into the furnace tomorrow, how much more will he do for you—you of little faith? <sup>29</sup>Don’t strive for what you should eat and what you should drink, and don’t be anxious. <sup>30</sup>For the Gentile world eagerly seeks all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

<sup>31</sup>“But seek his kingdom, and these things will be provided for you. <sup>32</sup>Don’t be afraid, little flock, because your Father delights to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Make money-bags for yourselves that won’t grow old, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## NICENE CREED

*Stand*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation,  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance  
with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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.

*Dt. 6:4*

*2 Cor. 6:18*

*Is. 51:13*

*Col. 1:16*

*1 Cor 8:6*

*Jn. 3:16*

*Heb. 1:2,5*

*Jn. 1*

*Jn. 10:30*

*Jn. 1:3*

*1 Th. 5:9*

*Jn. 6:38*

*Lk. 1:35*

*Gal. 4:4*

*Mk. 15:15*

*1 Cor. 15:3-4a*

*1 Cor. 15:4b*

*Ac. 2:33-34*

*Heb. 1:13*

*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 Nicene Creed  
is the great*

*Confession of the  
Christian faith*

***professed by  
all Christians.***

*The Creed  
originated at the  
First Council of  
Nicaea (c. AD.  
325)*

*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.*

*Be seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*How Firm a Foundation* | **CW 800**

## Consider the Ravens



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

*Be seated*

## OFFERING

*The offerings of the members of Christ Lutheran are gathered at this time. Guests need not feel obligated to give an offering.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Stand*

M: Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**C: Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

M: Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**C: Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

M: Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**C: Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

M: Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**C: Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

M: Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**C: Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

M: Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**C: Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

*Special prayers and intercessions.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer.*

M: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

**C: Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

M: Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

**C: 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.

## THE SACRAMENT

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### PREFACE

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 – sanctus means “holy.” Used as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians by the fourteenth century.*



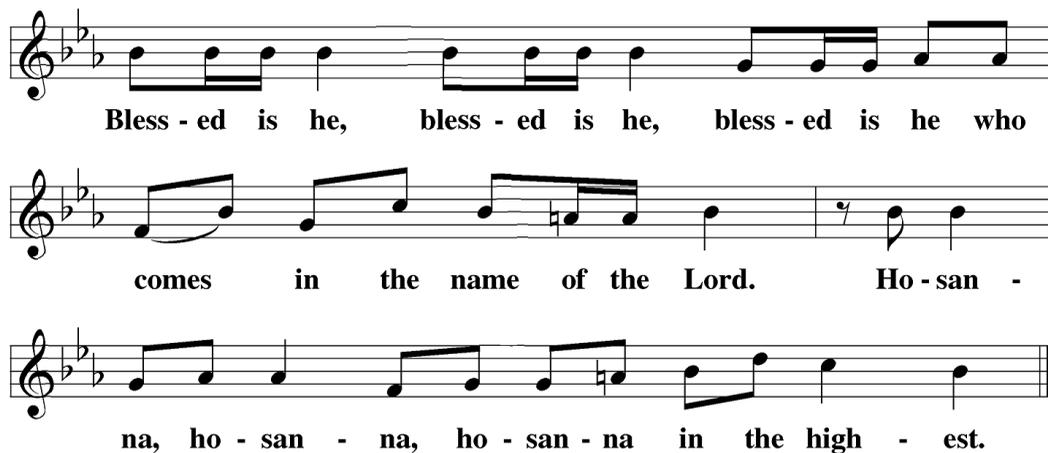
**C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:**



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** - *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: 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 peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD** – *Agnus Dei*



**C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;**



**have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,**



**you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.**



**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;**



**grant us your peace. A - - - men.**

*Be seated*

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*Participation in the Sacrament is an expression of a common faith. Our guests today who are not members of a congregation in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (or a church in fellowship with the WELS) are invited to speak with the pastor to learn how you might receive the sacrament with us in the future.*

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## **THANKSGIVING**

*Stand*

**SONG OF SIMEON – *Nunc Dimittis***



**C:** Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-



pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen-tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

**M:** O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C:** And his mercy endures forever.

**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:** A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Be seated*





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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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