

14th Sunday after Pentecost
We Are Cleansed and Sustained by the Word of God

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH | Lodi, California

August 29, 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.

- For the sake of those who are preparing for worship please keep conversations in the fellowship hall. Our live-stream microphone picks up everything.
- **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 don't be afraid to bring them into the service. We have a nursery room with toys, books, and other items that you can use to help calm your child.
- Our order of worship is printed in this booklet. If at any time during worship you have a question, feel free to ask someone sitting near you for help. We are more than happy to assist you in any way that we can.
- Before you leave, please sign our guest register. Located on the lectern in the entryway.

WORSHIP THEME

Wickedness and evil come *"from within, out of the heart,"* and that is what defiles a person (Mark 7:21–23). Hence, we cannot save ourselves, because we are sinful and unclean from the inside out. But as the Lord Jesus *"declared all foods clean"* (Mark 7:19), so He cleanses us by His Word, the preaching of repentance and the forgiveness of sins. Therefore, *"listen to the statutes and the rules"* of the Lord, *"and do them, that you may live"* (Deut. 4:1). For His Word is righteous, and to live according to it is *"your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples"* (Deut. 4:6). Cling to His Word, and also teach it *"to your children and your children's children"* (Deut. 4:9). Put on this *"armor of God"* by hearing and heeding what He speaks to you, that you may *"stand firm"* in the evil day (Eph. 6:11–13). Gird yourself with the righteousness of Christ, by faith in the *"gospel of peace,"* and take up *"the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,"* by confessing Christ Jesus and *"praying at all times in the Spirit"* (Eph. 6:14–18).

Divine Service I

OPENING HYMN

Renew Me, O Eternal Light | CW 471

CONFESSION OF SINS

The Reformation never sought to abolish Private Confession and Absolution; as the Augsburg Confession says, "Private Absolution ought to be retained in the Churches." However, in addition to Private Confession, General Confession before the Sacrament developed as a way to further prepare oneself for the reception of Christ's Body and Blood.

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

C: Amen.

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.**

We invoke the name of the Trinity to signify our worship is exclusively Christian and to remember that we are God's baptized people. Gathered in his Name, we are sure he is with us to bless.

LORD, HAVE MERCY – Kyrie

*"Kyrie eleison" means, "Lord, have mercy." In the **Kyrie** we come before God with the prayer that was on the lips of Blind Bartimaeus. We approach our merciful Savior as citizens of heaven, seeking His mercy for our salvation, the peace of the whole world, the well-being of His church, our worship, and our everlasting defense (Mark 10:49).*



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the

atonement 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.

GLORY TO GOD – *Gloria in Excelsis*



Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - mighty - y God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



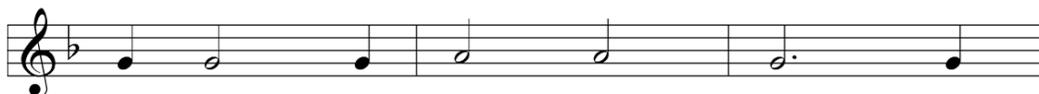
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



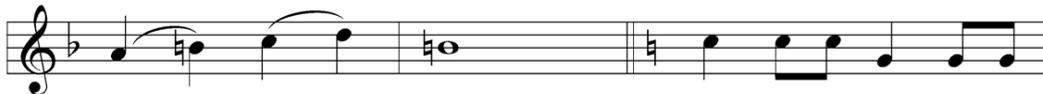
world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -



ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

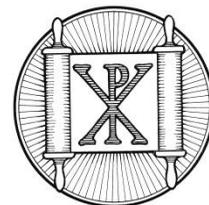


Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

The Service of the Word

Having just received absolution for their sins, believers now gather around the Word of God to find encouragement and peace for their lives on earth.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; 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

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Here Moses instructs them to cling to his word and teach it to your children's children.

“Now, Israel, listen to the statutes and ordinances I am teaching you to follow, so that you may live, enter, and take possession of the land the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²You must not add anything to what I command you or take anything away from it, so that you may keep the commands of the LORD your God I am giving you.

⁶Carefully follow them, for this will show your wisdom and understanding in the eyes of the peoples. When they hear about all these statutes, they will say, “This great nation is indeed a wise and understanding people.” ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god near to it as the LORD our God is to us whenever we call to him? ⁸And what great nation has righteous statutes and ordinances like this entire law I set before you today?

⁹“Only be on your guard and diligently watch yourselves, so that you don’t forget the things your eyes have seen and so that they don’t slip from your mind as long as you live. Teach them to your children and your grandchildren.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 119b | **p.110**

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 6:10-20

Put on the full armor of God.

Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and by his vast strength. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens. ¹³For this reason take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand. ¹⁴Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist, righteousness like armor on your chest, ¹⁵and your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In every situation take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit—which is the word of God. ¹⁸Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel. ²⁰For this I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I might be bold enough to speak about it as I should.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Jeremiah 15:15

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

GOSPEL

Mark 7:14-23

What comes out of man makes him unclean.

M: The Gospel according to Mark, chapter 7.



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

¹⁴Summoning the crowd again, he told them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵Nothing that goes into a person from outside can defile him but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.”¹⁶

¹⁷When he went into the house away from the crowd, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸He said to them, “Are you also as lacking in understanding? Don’t you realize that nothing going into a person from the outside can defile him? ¹⁹For it doesn’t go into his heart but into the stomach and is eliminated” (thus he declared all foods clean). ²⁰And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of people’s hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immoralities, thefts, murders, ²²adulteries, greed, evil actions, deceit, self-indulgence, envy,¹⁷ slander, pride, and foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within and defile a person.”

After the reading of the Gospel, the Minister will say:

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to you, O Christ! 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. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless | CW 384

SERMON

Mark 7:14-23

You aren't what you eat

CREATE IN ME

Using the words of Psalm 51, we pray that God use the Word which we have just heard to "create a pure heart" in us. We pray that he "not cast us away," but instead show us salvation.

Cre - ate in me a
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -



Be seated

OFFERING

Offerings gathered during the week are placed on the altar.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Let us pray to the God of all knowledge and wisdom that the Church may be renewed and strengthened for her mission.

Silent prayer

M: O Lord, you have revealed your good and gracious will to your people on earth. Forgive us for pursuing that knowledge that serves only selfish desires. Cleanse our hearts of the apathy we feel for searching out the deeper truths of your Word.

C: Holy Spirit, help us put self aside and rejoice in the truth that builds us up.

M: Heavenly Father, send the Spirit of Jesus into our hearts, that like the Bereans of old we eagerly learn of you.

C: Holy Spirit, increase in us the knowledge of your truth.

M: As you sent your Son among us as the Word made flesh, so bless the efforts of schools, seminaries, and especially this college of ministry, that we ably prepare those who proclaim your grace for us in Word and Sacrament.

C: Holy Spirit, instill in us a desire to teach others the wisdom of your ways, and energize our bodies and minds for useful service.

M: God of light, give to the Church renewed wisdom and fresh understanding, that the message of your salvation may shine ever brighter in this dark age.

C: Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, that others may see our good deeds and praise our Father in heaven.

Special prayers may follow

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

Silent prayer.

M: Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth, that at the name of Jesus every knee may bow. It is in his name that we pray:

God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
 ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
 ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
 na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est. (8)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.*”

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

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD – *Agnus Dei*

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. 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.

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON – *Nunc Dimittis*

As aged Simeon rejoiced at holding baby Jesus in His own arms, so we rejoice at having received Jesus with our own mouths.



The musical score is written on five staves of a single treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The second staff continues with quarter notes D5, E5, and F5, then a half note G5. The third staff starts with quarter notes A5, B5, and C6, followed by a half note D6. The fourth staff begins with quarter notes E6, F6, and G6, then a half note A6. The fifth staff continues with quarter notes B6, C7, and D7, ending with a half note E7. The lyrics are: "In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el."

In peace, Lord, you let your
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for
ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Stand

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 – *Aaronic blessing*

In Numbers 6 God tells Aaron to put His name on the people of God with these words. As we began the service with the Lord's name so we are sent out in His name with His 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.

HYMN

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ | **CW 401**

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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

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