



12th Sunday after Pentecost

Christ the Crucified Comes to Save Us by the Word of Faith.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH | Lodi, California

August 23, 2020

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.
- **Please continue to practice social distancing.**

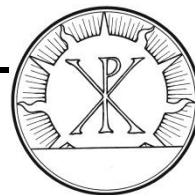
CONNECTION CARDS

Take a moment to fill out the Connection Card. If you have a private prayer request, comment, or question, write it on the back side place the completed card in the collection plate or hand it to an usher.

WORSHIP THEME

The Lord who "*laid the foundation of the earth*" ([Job 38:4](#)) is the Author and Giver of life who governs all things by His Word. His wisdom and power are beyond our understanding, except as He reveals Himself in the incarnate Word. God draws near to us in his mercy but we don't always recognize him. When we cry out in fear he speaks to us, "Don't be afraid," and he reaches out his hand to save.

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.

OPENING HYMN

433 Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me O - ver life's tem -
2 As a moth - er stills her child, Thou canst hush the
3 When at last I near the shore And the fear - ful

pes - tuous sea; Un - known waves be - fore me roll,
o - cean wild. Bois - t'rous waves o - bey thy will
break - ers roar 'Twixt me and the peace - ful rest,

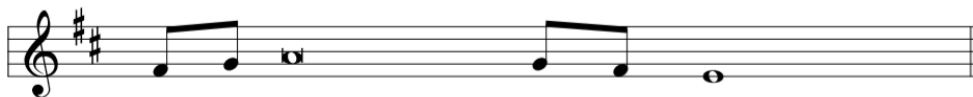
Hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal. Chart and com - pass
When thou say'st to them, "Be still!" Won - drous Sov - 'reign
Then, while lean - ing on thy breast, May I hear thee

come from thee: Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
say to me, "Fear not! I will pi - lot thee."

Text: Edward Hopper, 1818–88, abr.
Tune: PILOT (77 77 77) John E. Gould, 1822–75.



L O Lord, o-pen my lips.



C And my mouth shall de-clare your praise.



L Hasten to save me, O God.



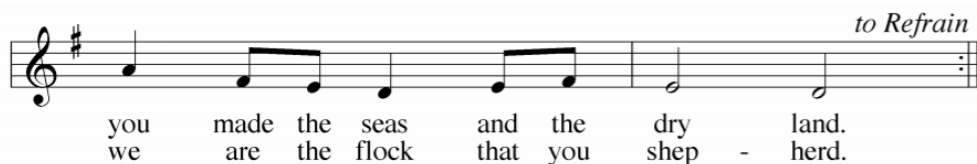
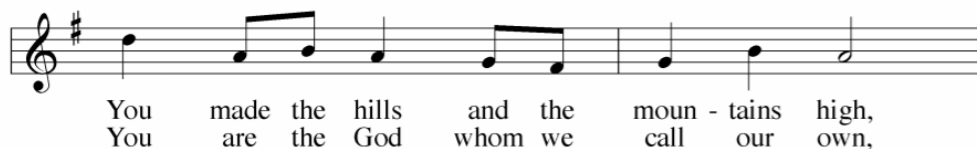
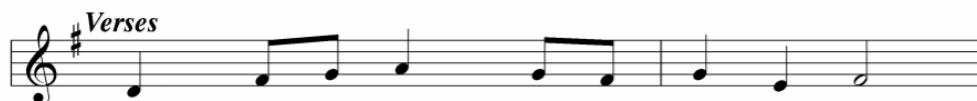
C O Lord, come quickly to help me.



L Give glory to God, our light and our life.



C Come, oh, come, let us wor - ship.



CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

ABSOLUTION

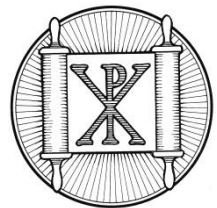
M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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: Let us pray.
Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what you want done; 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

Job 38:4-18

God in mercy appears to Job but he doesn't answer any of his questions. God points out his love for all of his creation and that includes Job.

- ⁴Where were you when I established the earth?
Tell me, if you have^[a] understanding.
⁵Who fixed its dimensions? Certainly you know!
Who stretched a measuring line across it?
⁶What supports its foundations?
Or who laid its cornerstone
⁷while the morning stars sang together
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?
⁸Who enclosed the sea behind doors
when it burst from the womb,
⁹when I made the clouds its garment
and total darkness its blanket,^[b]
¹⁰when I determined its boundaries^[c]
and put its bars and doors in place,
¹¹when I declared, “You may come this far, but no farther;
your proud waves stop here”?
¹²Have you ever in your life commanded the morning
or assigned the dawn its place,
¹³so it may seize the edges of the earth
and shake the wicked out of it?
¹⁴The earth is changed as clay is by a seal;
its hills stand out like the folds of a garment.
¹⁵Light^[d] is withheld from the wicked,
and the arm raised in violence is broken.
¹⁶Have you traveled to the sources of the sea
or walked in the depths of the oceans?
¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you?
Have you seen the gates of deep darkness?
¹⁸Have you comprehended the extent of the earth?
Tell me, if you know all this.

PSALM OF THE DAY

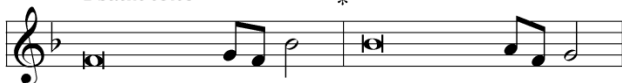
Psalm 18

Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone



The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.
He reached down from on high and took hold of me;
he rescued me from my powerful enemy
He brought me into a spacious place;
he rescued me because he delighted in me.

Refrain

You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning;
my God turns my darkness into light.
You save the humble
but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.
You give me your shield of victory,
and your right hand sustains me.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Romans 10:5-17

God comes down and brings a word of peace. It's not through your effort that you are saved but by his promise.

⁵ since Moses writes about the righteousness that is from the law: **The one who does these things will live by them.**^[a] ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith speaks like this: **Do not say in your heart, "Who will go up to heaven?"**^[b] that is, to bring Christ down ⁷ or, **"Who will go down into the abyss?"**^[c] that is, to bring Christ up from the dead. ⁸ On the contrary, what does it say? **The message is near you, in your mouth and in your heart.**^[d] This is the message of faith that we proclaim: ⁹ If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised

him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰ One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation.¹¹ For the Scripture says, **Everyone who believes on him will not be put to shame,**^[a]¹² since there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord of all richly blesses all who call on him.¹³ For **everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.**^[a]

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on him they have not believed in? And how can they believe without hearing about him? And how can they hear without a preacher?¹⁵ And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: **How beautiful^[a] are the feet of those who bring good news.**^[a]¹⁶ But not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, **Lord, who has believed our message?**^[a]¹⁷ So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the message about Christ.^[a]

VERSE OF THE DAY

Hebrews 11:1

Alleluia. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

The disciples are terrified not at the waves, not at the wind, but at the sight of Jesus walking on the water.

God's power is on display and Jesus saves.

²² Immediately he^[a] made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.²³ After dismissing the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. Well into the night, he was there alone.²⁴ Meanwhile, the boat was already some distance^[b] from land,^[c] battered by the waves, because the wind was against them.²⁵ Jesus came toward them walking on the sea very early in the morning.^[d]²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified. "It's a ghost!" they said, and they cried out in fear.

²⁷ Immediately Jesus spoke to them. "Have courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter answered him, "command me to come to you on the water."

²⁹ He said, "Come."

And climbing out of the boat, Peter started walking on the water and came toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he saw the strength of the wind,^[e] he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand, caught hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ Then those in the boat worshiped him and said, "Truly you are the Son of God."



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound - less;
 2 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior,
 3 By grace! Oh, mark this word of prom - ise
 4 By grace to tim - id hearts that trem - ble,
 5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing;



My soul, be - lieve and doubt it not. Why wa - ver
 Came down to earth to bear our sin. Was it be -
 When you are by your sins op - pressed, When Sa - tan
 In trib - u - la - tion's fur - nace tried— By grace, de -
 In Je - sus' prom - ise I re - joice. For though I



at this word of prom - ise? Has Scrip - ture ev - er
 cause of your own mer - it That Je - sus died your
 plagues your trou - bled con - science, And when your heart is
 spite all fear and trou - ble, The Fa - ther's heart is
 know my heart's con - di - tion, I al - so know my



false - hood taught? So then this word must true re -
 soul to win? No, it was grace, and grace a -
 seek - ing rest. What rea - son can - not com - pre -
 o - pen wide. Where could I help and strength se -
 Sav - ior's voice. My heart is glad; all grief has



main: By grace you, too, shall heav'n ob - tain.
 lone, That brought him from his heav'n - ly throne.
 hend God by his grace to you did send.
 cure If grace were not my an - chor sure?
 flown Since I am saved by grace a - lone.

Text: Christian L. Scheidt, 1709–61, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE (DRETZEL) (98 98 88) Cornelius H. Dretzel, 1697–1775, alt.

SERMON

WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD – *Te Deum*



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

Verse 1: With the angels in heaven, We praise you, we praise you!
With the cherubim and seraphim, We praise you, we praise you!
With apostles and prophets, We praise you, we praise you!
With the martyrs and your holy Church, We sing in endless praise!

Refrain

Verse 2: Creator of all things, We praise you, we praise you!
O Jesus Christ, the Son of God, We praise you, we praise you!
O Spirit, most holy, We praise you, we praise you!
To the Trinity most blessed, We sing in endless praise!

Refrain

Verse 3: O Christ, King of glory, We praise you, we praise you!
You became a man to set us free; We praise you, we praise you!
You have risen to free us; We praise you, we praise you!
And with all your saints in glory, We sing in endless praise!

Final Refrain: You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we acclaim you To you, O
Father holy, all creation offers praise, all creation offers praise, all
creation offers praise.

OFFERING

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

LORD, HAVE MERCY – *Kyrie*

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a square box containing the letter 'L'. The lyrics are: 'In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;'. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.'. The third staff begins with a square box containing the letter 'C'. The lyrics are: 'Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have'. The fourth staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.'.

L In the morn - ing, O Lord, I call to you;
be mer - ci - ful to me and hear my prayer.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

M: O Lord, you have taught us to pray.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,

M: With the confidence Jesus gives me I come to you, Father. He shows me what a wonderful Father you are, and he has made me your child. I bring my needs and the needs of my fellow Christians to you, for you are able and eager to help us.

C: Hallowed be thy name,

M: Lead us to honor your holy name with godly lives and faithful testimony to your Word. Restrain the scoffers and false teachers who find fault with your name. Overcome our doubts, and finally vindicate your holiness at the end of time by revealing yourself fully.

C: Thy kingdom come,

M: Father, reign in our hearts through the gospel of Jesus. Make our faith in him stronger so that we serve you better. Establish your reign in the hearts of others by bringing them to faith in Jesus. When Jesus returns in glory, unveil your perfect reign and let us see you face to face.

C: Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

M: Direct our lives to conform to your will. Govern history so that your plan of salvation in Christ may be fulfilled. Bring all your elect to stand before your throne, made new in your image and perfectly conformed to your will, the loving children of a loving Father.

C: Give us this day our daily bread;

M: Father, you provide generously for your children. Give us today all that material blessings we need to serve you in the manner you desire, and make us grateful for all we receive. I pray this especially for Christians distressed by need, wherever they may be.

C: Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

M: Do not hold our sins against us. Use the gospel of Jesus to bring home to us the joy of your forgiveness, and enable us to stand before you fearlessly on the Last Day. I pray this as one who has learned from you, Father, how to forgive, and I strive to prove myself your child in this way.

C: Lead us not into temptation,

M: Keep your promise and be true to yourself, Father, by not doing anything that would cause us to sin. Do not abandon us in temptation, and do not let any temptation beyond our strength befall us, but send us your Spirit to defend us in every temptation. I pray this for myself and all your children.

C: But deliver us from evil.

M: Father, rescue me and all your saints in the church militant from evil. Protect us when we are tempted, assure us of your love, and transform everything that seems to harm us into blessing. Bring us all to glory, where we will worship you, our all in all. I pray this in the name of the One who taught us this prayer, Jesus Christ, your Son.

C: For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever.

M: All those who sincerely desire these things will say from their hearts, "Amen," trusting without any doubt that their prayers are answered in heaven, as Christ has promised: "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

C: Amen!

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts we come before you and say:

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN

415 Be Still, My Soul



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take
3 Be still, my soul; though dear - est friends de - part
4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain;
To guide the fu - ture as he has the past.
And all is dark - ened in the vale of tears;
When we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord,



Leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide;
Your hope, your con - fi - dence, let noth - ing shake;
Then you will bet - ter know his love, his heart,
When dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



In ev - 'ry change he faith - ful will re - main.
All now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.
Who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your fears.
Sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.



Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly friend
Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



Through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
His voice who ruled them while he lived be - low.
From his own full - ness all he takes a - way.
All safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Text: Catharina A. von Schlegel, 1697–1752, abr.; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt.
Tune: FINLANDIA (10 10 10 10 10 10) Jean J. C. Sibelius, 1865–1957, adapt. © Breitkopf & Härtel.
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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



L Let us praise the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BLESSING



L The Lord bless and keep you.



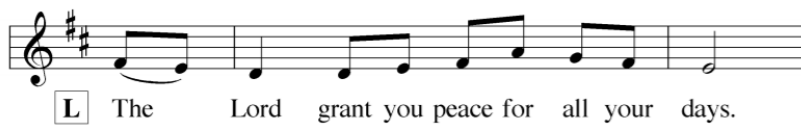
C A - men.



L The Lord's face ev - er shine up - on you.



C A - men.



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CLOSING HYMN

405 Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink



1 Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Though
 2 That will not mur - mur nor com - plain Be -
 3 A faith that shines more bright and clear When
 4 That bears un - moved the world's dread frown Nor
 5 A faith that keeps the nar - row way Till



pressed by man - y a foe, That will not trem - ble
 neath the chas - t'ning rod, But in the hour of
 tem - pests rage with - out, That, when in dan - ger,
 heeds its scorn - ful smile, That sin's wild o - cean
 life's last spark is fled And with a pure and



on the brink Of pov - er - ty or woe,
 grief or pain Can lean up - on its God,
 knows no fear, In dark - ness feels no doubt,
 can - not drown Nor Sa - tan's arts be - guile,
 heav'n - ly ray Lights up the dy - ing bed.

6 Lord, give us such a faith as this,
 And then, whate'er may come,
 We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss
 Of an eternal home.

Text: William H. Bathurst, 1796–1877.

Tune: ST. PETER (CM) Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877.