



20th Sunday after Pentecost

Christ Jesus Is the One and Only Good by Whom You Inherit Eternal Life

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH | Lodi, California

October 10, 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.

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

WORSHIP THEME

Has a friend ever asked, “Why do you go to church?” While there are many good answers to that question, we are reminded today of the primary reason we gather in a place like this, for a service like this, on a day like this. The author to the Hebrews reminds us: “For we share in Christ” (Hebrews 3:14). Going to church isn’t primarily something we do; church is, first and foremost, something God does for us. Through His Son, Jesus Christ, our gracious God serves us through Word and Sacrament, so that we may hold fast to Him—even as He holds us in His care! Today’s service will help us to treasure all that we’ve been given in our Savior, who is fully present among us by His Word and Spirit. Hold fast, for you share in Christ!

The Service – New Service Settings

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.



HYMN

Today Your Mercy Calls Us | CW 916

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen

CONFESSION

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

Lord, Have Mercy – Kyrie

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

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).

C: Amen.

Glory Be to God – *Gloria in Excelsis*

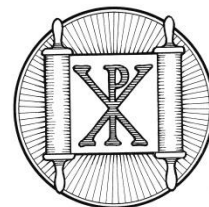
Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
We glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of 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.

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.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in you our heavenly treasure; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

FIRST READING

Amos 5:6–7, 10–15

Seek the Lord while he may be found that you may live.

⁶Seek the LORD and live,
or he will spread like fire
throughout the house of Joseph;
it will consume everything

with no one at Bethel to extinguish it.

⁷Those who turn justice into wormwood
also throw righteousness to the ground.

¹⁰They hate the one who convicts the guilty
at the city gate,
and they despise the one who speaks with integrity.

¹¹Therefore, because you trample on the poor
and exact a grain tax from him,
you will never live in the houses of cut stone
you have built;
you will never drink the wine
from the lush vineyards
you have planted.

¹²For I know your crimes are many
and your sins innumerable.
They oppress the righteous, take a bribe,
and deprive the poor of justice at the city gates.

¹³Therefore, those who have insight will keep silent^[a]
at such a time,
for the days are evil.

¹⁴Pursue good and not evil
so that you may live,
and the LORD, the God of Armies,
will be with you
as you have claimed.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good;
establish justice at the city gate.
Perhaps the LORD, the God of Armies, will be gracious
to the remnant of Joseph.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

SECOND READING

Psalm 90
Hebrews 3:12–19

Today, you hear his call to follow. Hear his voice and not the siren song of the world.

¹² Watch out, brothers and sisters, so that there won't be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. ¹³ But encourage each other daily, while it is still called **today**, so that none of you is hardened by sin's deception. ¹⁴ For we have become participants in Christ if we hold firmly until the end the reality^[a] that we had at the start. ¹⁵ As it is said:

**Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.**^[b]

¹⁶ For who heard and rebelled? Wasn't it all who came out of Egypt under Moses? ¹⁷ With whom was God angry for forty years? Wasn't it with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸ And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, if not to those who disobeyed? ¹⁹ So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Isaiah 25:9

Alleluia. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-22

A young man wants to know what he else he must do, since he believes he has already done it all. One thing is lacking however and that is his love for worldly wealth. He hasn't kept the commandments but Jesus' call is still the same.

¹⁷ As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus asked him. "No one is good except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: **Do not murder; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not bear false witness; do not defraud; honor your father and mother.**"^[a]

²⁰ He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these from my youth."

²¹ Looking at him, Jesus loved him and said to him, "You lack one thing: Go, sell all you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come,^[b] follow me." ²² But he was dismayed by this demand, and he went away grieving, because he had many possessions.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY
SERMON

Jesus Calls Us O're the Tumult | **CW 711**
Hebrews 3:12-19

stand

Having heard the Word of God, we confess our faith in His name. The creed is our saying back to God what He has first said to us. In the Creed we acclaim the truth of the triune God and His work of salvation accomplished for us in His incarnate Son, Jesus Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died,
and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

2 Cor. 6:18

Is. 51:13

1 Cor. 8:6; Jn. 3:18

Lk. 1:35

Lk. 1:34; 2:7

Lk. 23:16

Mt. 27:32-61; Mk 15:21-47

Lk. 23:26-56; Jn. 19:16b-42

1 Pet. 3:19

1 Cor. 15:4b

Ac. 2:33-34

Heb. 1:13

Mt. 25:31

2 Tim. 4:1

Mt. 3:16-17

Eph. 5:23

Eph. 4:3-6

Rom. 4:6-8

1 Cor. 15:13-19

1 Th. 4:17

*Upon hearing the Word preached, the congregation unites in one voice to speak a summary of the Christian faith that **all Christians profess.** The creeds signify our allegiance to the Christian faith and unite us with over 2,000 years of Christian history. By repeating the creeds weekly, we equip ourselves for public witness by grounding our confession in the fundamentals of our faith.*

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 sacrament 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 just 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, [especially...]. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

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

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, [especially...]. 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.

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.

HYMN

Cling Tightly to the Word of God | CW 707

stand

PRAYER

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us all the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.

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.



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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

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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