

21st Sunday after Pentecost

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH | Lodi, California

October 17, 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

The fevered pace of life is refreshed only by the living Christ. We hear the preaching of his Word, receive it, and learn it. Through this Word, we hear the restorative Gospel from Jesus. No other riches on earth can compare to his gospel. It is the means by which we enter eternal life.

Someone work enables you to rest. So it is with God. Today your gracious God invites you to enter his rest. He has already done the work. Rest in his presence as he serves you with his living and active Word and as he prepares a table of grace for you to enjoy.

The Service – Divine Service One

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 770

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*

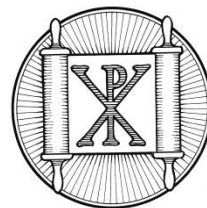
Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
We glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of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

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

We rejoice and rest in the gifts of God.

¹⁰The one who loves silver is never satisfied with silver, and whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with income. This too is futile. ¹¹When good things increase, the ones who consume them multiply; what, then, is the profit to the owner, except to gaze at them with his eyes? ¹²The sleep of the worker is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of the rich permits him no sleep.

¹³There is a sickening tragedy I have seen under the sun: wealth kept by its owner to his harm. ¹⁴That wealth was lost in a bad venture, so when he fathered a son, he was empty-handed. ¹⁵As he came from his mother's womb, so he will go again, naked as he came; he will take nothing for his efforts that he can carry in his hands. ¹⁶This too is a sickening tragedy: exactly as he comes, so he will go. What does the one gain who struggles for the wind? ¹⁷What is more, he eats in darkness all his days, with much frustration, sickness, and anger.

¹⁸Here is what I have seen to be good: It is appropriate to eat, drink, and experience good in all the labor one does under the sun during the few days of his life God has given him, because that is his reward. ¹⁹Furthermore, everyone to whom God has given riches and wealth, he has also allowed him to enjoy them, take his reward, and rejoice in his labor. This is a gift of God, ²⁰for he does not often consider the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with the joy of his heart.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 119b

Refrain

Lord, you have the words of
ev - er - last - ing life.

Psalm tone

Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;

then I will keep them to the end.

Give me understanding, and I will keep your law
and obey it with all my heart.

Direct me in the path of your commands,
for there I find delight.

Refrain

Turn my eyes away from worthless things;

preserve my life according to your Word.
Fulfill your promise to your servant,
so that you may be feared.
How I long for your precepts!
Preserve my life in your righteousness.
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 READING

Hebrews 4:1-13

There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.

⁴ Therefore, since the promise to enter his rest remains, let us beware^[a] that none of you be found to have fallen short.^[a] ² For we also have received the good news just as they did. But the message they heard did not benefit them, since they were not united with those who heard it in faith.^[a] ³ For we who have believed enter the rest, in keeping with what^[a] he has said,

**So I swore in my anger,
“They will not enter my rest,”^[a]**

even though his works have been finished since the foundation of the world. ⁴ For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in this way: **And on the seventh day God rested from all his works.**^[a] ⁵ Again, in that passage he says, **They will never enter my rest.**^[a] ⁶ Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news did not enter because of disobedience, ⁷ he again specifies a certain day—**today**. He specified this speaking through David after such a long time:

**Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts.^[a]**

⁸ For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken later about another day. ⁹ Therefore, a Sabbath rest remains for God’s people. ¹⁰ For the person who has entered his rest has rested from his own works, just as God did from his. ¹¹ Let us, then, make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall into the same pattern of disobedience.

¹² For the word of God is living and effective and sharper than any double-edged sword, penetrating as far as the separation of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ No creature is hidden from him, but all things are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give an account.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mark 10:23-31

What is impossible for man is a gift from God.

²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”

²⁴The disciples were astonished at his words. Again Jesus said to them, “Children, how hard it is ^{to} enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”

²⁶They were even more astonished, saying to one another, “Then who can be saved?”

²⁷Looking at them, Jesus said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God, because all things are possible with God.”

²⁸Peter began to tell him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.”

²⁹“Truly I tell you,” Jesus said, “there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father ^{or} children or fields for my sake and for the sake of the gospel, ³⁰who will not receive a hundred times more, now at this time —houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions —and eternal life in the age to come. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

What a Friend We Have In Jesus | CW 721

SERMON

Hebrews 4:1–13

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.**

2 Cor. 6:18

Is. 51:13

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

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

Lk. 1:35

*Upon hearing the
Word preached,
the congregation
unites in one voice
to speak a
summary of the
Christian faith
that **all**
Christians*

born of the virgin Mary,	<i>Lk. 1:34; 2:7</i>
suffered under Pontius Pilate,	<i>Lk. 23:16</i>
was crucified, died,	<i>Mt. 27:32-61; Mk 15:21-47</i>
and was buried.	<i>Lk. 23:26-56; Jn. 19:16b-42</i>
He descended into hell.	<i>1 Pet. 3:19</i>
The third day he rose again from the dead.	<i>1 Cor. 15:4b</i>
He ascended into heaven	<i>Ac. 2:33-34</i>
and is seated at the right hand	
of God the Father almighty.	<i>Heb. 1:13</i>
From there he will come to judge	<i>Mt. 25:31</i>
the living and the dead.	<i>2 Tim. 4:1</i>
I believe in the Holy Spirit,	<i>Mt. 3:16-17</i>
the holy Christian Church,	<i>Eph. 5:23</i>
the communion of saints,	<i>Eph. 4:3-6</i>
the forgiveness of sins,	<i>Rom. 4:6-8</i>
the resurrection of the body,	<i>1 Cor. 15:13-19</i>
and the life everlasting. Amen.	<i>1 Th. 4:17</i>

be seated

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

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.

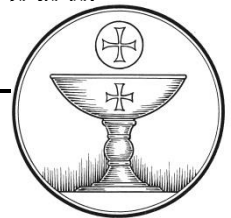
M: The Lord be with you.

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 right to give him thanks and praise.

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 gather together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until 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

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of our Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in the very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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.

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: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

JESUS, LAMB OF GOD – *Agnus Dei*

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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.*

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M: We give thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 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.

CLOSING HYMN

What is the World to Me | **CW 717**



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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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