



2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH | Lodi, California

*June 14, 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.

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## WORSHIP THEME

The Holy Ministry stands on the rock-solid truth of God's Word. Not all who call themselves ministers do that, so watch out for false teachers! Many will come with wise sounding words and pious promises, but they are not what they seem. The Church's only defense is to stand firmly on the rock-solid truth of God's Word. The Season of Pentecost explicates the teachings of Christ and the application of faith in the life of the Christian. How fitting that this initial Sunday lays the foundation for that teaching and life: the inspired Word of God.

# The Service of the Word

## OPENING HYMN

282 Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through your  
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants  
3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the  
Word to me draw near. Let me your Word e'er pure re -  
heal - ing from my sin. Your Word has pow'r to guide and  
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or  
tain; Let me your child and heir re - main.  
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.  
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Johannes Olearius, 1611–84; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, st. 1, 3, alt.; Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 2.  
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Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder zu Wittenberg*, Wittenberg 1543, alt.

## INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

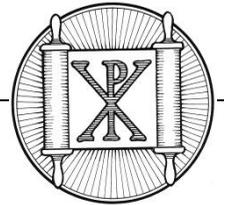
C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

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.

O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

*The **Collect** (also known as the "Prayer of the Day") is a concise prayer which "collects" the thoughts of the day and presents them to God in his mercy. Many of these prayers have been in use in the church for more than 1,500 years.*

### FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28

*The Word is to be an essential part of life not a decoration that hangs on the wall. Apply these words to your heart and life.*

<sup>18</sup> "Imprint these words of mine on your hearts and minds, bind them as a sign on your hands, and let them be a symbol<sup>[a]</sup> on your foreheads.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>19</sup> Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>20</sup> Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your city gates, <sup>21</sup> so that as long as the heavens are above the earth, your days and those of your children may be many in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors.

<sup>26</sup> "Look, today I set before you a blessing and a curse: <sup>27</sup> there will be a blessing, if you obey the commands of the LORD your God I am giving you today, <sup>28</sup> and a curse, if you do not obey the commands of the LORD your God and you turn aside from the path I command you today by following other gods you have not known.

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 78

### *Refrain*



### *Psalm tone*



O my people, hear my teaching;

listen to the words of my mouth.

I will utter things from of old,

what we have heard and what our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from our children;

we will tell the next generation

the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD.

### ***Refrain***

The LORD decreed statues for Jacob

and established the law in Israel,

so the next generation would know them,

and they in turn would tell their children.

Then they would put their trust in God

and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

**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 3:21-28

*Only through Christ's cross could God be both just and justifier. Only through Christ's cross could we be justified by faith. That is the truth anything else added to it is not.*

<sup>21</sup> But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been revealed, attested by the Law and the Prophets.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>22</sup> The righteousness of God is through faith in Jesus Christ<sup>[b]</sup> to all who believe, since there is no distinction. <sup>23</sup> For all have sinned and fall short of the<sup>[c]</sup> glory of God; <sup>24</sup> they are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup> God presented him as the mercy seat<sup>[d]</sup> by his blood, through faith, to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his restraint God passed over the sins previously committed. <sup>26</sup> God presented him to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so that he would be just and justify the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup> Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law?<sup>[e]</sup> By one of works? No, on the contrary, by a law<sup>[f]</sup> of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we conclude that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Psalm 119:105

**Alleluia. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Alleluia.**

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 7:15-29

*Jesus prepares his disciples to go out as sheep among wolves. How can we be safe? Look at the fruit of a prophet. Look at what they say and compare to Scripture.*

<sup>15</sup> “Be on your guard against false prophets who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravaging wolves. <sup>16</sup> You’ll recognize them by their fruit. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes or figs from thistles? <sup>17</sup> In the same way, every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A good tree can’t produce bad fruit; neither can a bad tree produce good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that doesn’t produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> So you’ll recognize them by their fruit.

<sup>21</sup> “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. <sup>22</sup> On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, didn’t we prophesy in your name, drive out demons in your name, and do many miracles in your name?’ <sup>23</sup> Then I will announce to them, ‘I never knew you. **Depart from me, you lawbreakers!**’<sup>[a][b]</sup>

<sup>24</sup> “Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> The rain fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and pounded that house. Yet it didn’t collapse, because its foundation was

on the rock. <sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and doesn't act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain fell, the rivers rose, the winds blew and pounded that house, and it collapsed. It collapsed with a great crash."

<sup>28</sup> When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> because he was teaching them like one who had authority, and not like their scribes.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



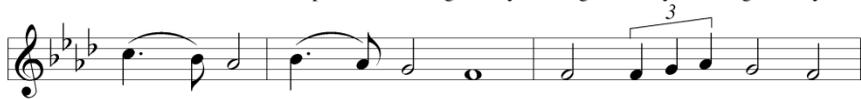
C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## HYMN OF THE DAY

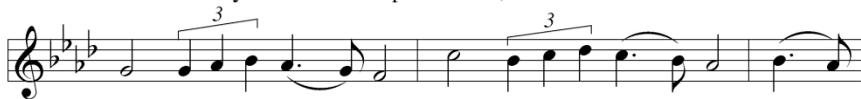
280 (*v. 1-3*) Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us right - eous; Bright with  
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth  
 5 Give us lips to sing thy glo - ry, Tongues thy



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
 thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -  
 mer - cy to pro - claim, Throats to shout the



light we thank thee While thine or - dered sea -  
 thy sal - va - tion, Breathed thine own life - giv -  
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes  
 ev - er beam - eth All thy bright re - deem -  
 hope that fills us, Mouths to speak thy ho -



sons run. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise  
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to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 the light which thou dost send Fill our songs with



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!

## SERMON

Matthew 7:15-29

### 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,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died,  
and was buried.**

*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*

**He descended into hell.**

*1 Pet. 3:19*

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

*1 Cor. 15:4b*

**He ascended into heaven**

*Ac. 2:33-34*

**and is seated at the right hand**

**of God the Father almighty.**

*Heb. 1:13*

**From there he will come to judge**

*Mt. 25:31*

**the living and the dead.**

*2 Tim. 4:1*

**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.**

*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 just preached. 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.*

*Be seated*

### OFFERING

*Of all the gifts God gives to us, forgiveness in Jesus Christ is the most precious. No gift we could give back to God for what he did through his Son Jesus Christ could ever balance the debt we owe for what our Lord accomplished for us on the cross. Yet Jesus says the debt we owe has been canceled, that means that we do not give out of obligation but as an act of worship and thanks to God. 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

M: Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

**C: We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.**

M: You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

**C: For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.**

M: Look with favor upon our nation, and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

**C: Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.**

M: Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident, and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

**C: Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.**

M: Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

M: To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

**C: Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. 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.

**HYMN**

280 (v. 4-5) Thy Strong Word

**PRAYER**

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people.  
 Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and  
 bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns  
 with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**THE BLESSING**

*Numbers 6:22-27*

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
 Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

*The  **blessing** of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So I will put my name on them, and I will bless them."*



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Be seated*

**CLOSING HYMN**

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## God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -  
 ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our  
 chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way; In death it  
 is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its  
 teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925.  
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