

## 11 Sunday after Pentecost

God Provides

# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH | Lodi, California

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*August 16, 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.

- Tune car radio to 92.1FM.
- Feel free to run your AC and idle your car. It's going to be a hot day.
- Due to the excessive heat we'll be postponing Lord's Supper today. Lord's Supper is available at any time during the week.

## **WORSHIP THEME**

God causes the sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. God not only provides what we need physically but he gives us an even greater gift when he feeds us spiritually. Physical or Spiritual: The Christian trusts God to provide.

## *The Service of the Word and Sacrament*

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*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. The liturgy is God's work. He gives, we receive.*



HYMN

353 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness With a  
 2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren With a  
 3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who



lib - er - a - ting light; Praise the one who frees the  
 strong, yet gen - tle, word; Praise the one who drove out  
 suf - fered in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic -



pris - 'ners, Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
 de - mons With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
 to - rious That we may know God by grace.



Praise the one who preached the gos - pel, Heal - ing  
 Praise the one who brings cool wa - ter To the  
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, See - ing



ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing storms and feed - ing  
 des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this well comes liv - ing  
 what our God has done; Let us praise the true Re -



thou - sands With the Fa - ther's word of peace.  
 wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
 deem - er, Praise the one who makes us one.

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Tune: BEACH SPRING (87 87 D) attr. Benjamin F. White, 1800-79.

## 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

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**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.**

## ABSOLUTION

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

## LORD, HAVE MERCY - *Kyrie*

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

*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:** Lord, have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

**C:** Amen.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

### O LORD, OUR LORD

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above the notes) in the second, third, and fourth staves. The piece concludes with a double bar line and a final chord.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;  
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the  
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,  
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

## *The Service of the Word*

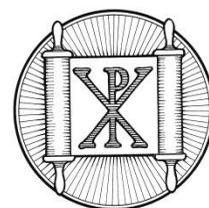
*Having just received absolution for their sins, believers now gather around the Word of God to find encouragement and peace for their lives on earth.*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; 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

Isaiah 55:1-5

*God's care for our physical needs is coupled with his care for our spiritual needs. "Come!" is his invitation; "All" is his guest list; "Free" is the cost. What hungry or thirsty soul would turn down his call?*

55 "Come, everyone who is thirsty,  
come to the water;  
and you without silver,  
come, buy, and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without silver and without cost!

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend silver on what is not food,  
and your wages on what does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and you will enjoy the choicest of foods.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>3</sup>Pay attention and come to me;  
listen, so that you will live.

I will make a permanent covenant with you  
on the basis of the faithful kindnesses of David.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>4</sup>Since I have made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples,  
<sup>5</sup>so you will summon a nation you do not know,  
and nations who do not know you will run to you.  
For the LORD your God,  
even the Holy One of Israel,  
has glorified you."

## PSALM OF THE DAY

42-43

### *Refrain*



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

### *Psalm tone*



As the deer pants for streams of water,

so my soul pants for you, O God.

My soul thirst for God, for the living God.

Where can I go and meet with God?

Why are you downcast, O my soul?

Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God,

for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

### *Refrain*

Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me;

let them bring me to the place where you dwell.

Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and my delight.

I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

**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 9:1-13

*By the grace of God at work through his Word we are children of God. What Israel missed out on we have received, not by works by the one who calls (vs. 11).*

I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience testifies to me through the Holy Spirit<sup>[a]</sup>—<sup>2</sup> that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off<sup>[b]</sup> from Christ for the benefit of my brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the temple service, and the promises. <sup>5</sup>The ancestors are theirs, and from them, by physical descent,<sup>[c]</sup> came the Christ, who is God over all, praised forever.<sup>[d]</sup> Amen.

<sup>6</sup>Now it is not as though the word of God has failed, because not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. <sup>7</sup>Neither is it the case that all of Abraham’s children are his descendants.<sup>[e]</sup> On the contrary, **your offspring will be traced<sup>[f]</sup> through Isaac.**<sup>[g]</sup> <sup>8</sup>That is, it is not the children by physical descent<sup>[h]</sup> who are God’s children, but the children of the promise are considered to be the offspring. <sup>9</sup>For this is the statement of the promise: **At this time I will come, and Sarah will have a son.**<sup>[i]</sup> <sup>10</sup>And not only that, but Rebekah conceived children through one man, our father Isaac. <sup>11</sup>For though her sons had not been born yet or done anything good or bad, so that God’s purpose according to election might stand—<sup>12</sup>not from works but from the one who calls—she was told, **The older will serve the younger.**<sup>[j]</sup> <sup>13</sup>As it is written: **I have loved Jacob, but I have hated Esau.**<sup>[k]</sup>

## VERSE OF THE DAY

John 14:23

**Alleluia. Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.” Alleluia.**

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

*Providing for 5,000 in a deserted place is an easy thing for God. He provided for his people as they wandered through the desert for 40 years. God can provide for our physical needs*

<sup>13</sup>When Jesus heard about it, he withdrew from there by boat to a remote place to be alone. When the crowds heard this, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore,<sup>[a]</sup> he saw a large crowd, had compassion on them, and healed their sick.

<sup>15</sup>When evening came, the disciples approached him and said, “This place is deserted, and it is already late.<sup>[b]</sup> Send the crowds away so that they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”

<sup>16</sup>“They don’t need to go away,” Jesus told them. “You give them something to eat.”

<sup>17</sup>“But we only have five loaves and two fish here,” they said to him.

<sup>18</sup>“Bring them here to me,” he said. <sup>19</sup>Then he commanded the crowds to sit down on the grass. He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them. He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>Everyone ate and was satisfied. They picked up twelve baskets full of leftover pieces. <sup>21</sup>Now those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

349 Jesus Priceless Treasure



1 Je - sus, price - less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est  
2 In thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo -  
3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de -  
4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my  
5 Hence, all fear and sad - ness! For the Lord of



plea - sure, Tru - est friend to me. Ah, how long  
lest me Can - not reach me here. Though the earth  
cry thee; Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt  
plea - sure; Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp -  
glad - ness, Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love



in an - guish Shall my spir - it lan - guish,  
be shak - ing, Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing,  
not harm me Nor thy threats a - larm me  
thy glo - ry! Naught to me thy sto - ry  
the Fa - ther, Though the storms may ga - ther,



Yearn - ing, Lord, for thee? Thou art mine, O  
Je - sus calms my fear. Light - nings flash And  
While I sing of peace. God's great pow'r Guards  
Told with tempt - ing voice. Pain or loss Or  
Still have peace with - in. Yea, whate - 'er I



Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer naught to  
thun - ders crash; Yet, tho' sin and hell as -  
ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its depths a -  
shame or cross Shall not from my Sav - ior  
here must bear, Thou art still my pur - est



hide thee, Naught I ask be - side thee.  
sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.  
dore him, Si - lent bow be - fore him.  
move me Since he deigns to love me.  
plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–77, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1-2, 4-5, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 3.

Tune: JESU, MEINE FREUDE (665 665 34 86) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

## SERMON

Isaiah 55:1-5

*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.*

**CONFESSION** – *The Fourth Petition (from Luther's Small Catechism)*

**C: Give us this day our daily bread.**

M: What does this mean?

**C: God surely gives daily bread without our asking, even to all the wicked. But we pray in this petition that He would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving!**

M: What is meant by “daily bread”?

**C: Daily bread includes everything that we need for our bodily welfare, such as food and drink, clothing and shoes, house and home, land and cattle, money and goods, a godly spouse, godly children, godly workers, godly and faithful leaders, good government, good weather, peace and order, health, a good name, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.**

## 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.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### 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.**

**THE BLESSING**

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

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.

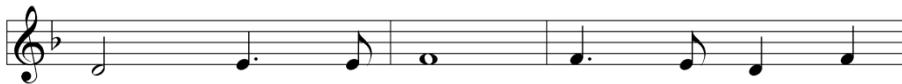
**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

332 Go, My Children, with My Blessing



1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing,  
2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en,  
3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished,  
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you



Nev - er a - lone. Wak - ing, sleep - ing,  
At peace and pure. Here you learned how  
Clos - er to me; Grow in love and  
And give you peace; I the Lord will



I am with you; You are my own.  
much I love you, What I can cure.  
love by serv - ing, Joy - ful and free.  
smile up - on you And give you peace;



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; Here you  
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; Here his  
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior,



made you mine for - ev - er. Go, my chil - dren,  
touched him, saw his glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren,  
ten - der com - fort stilled you. Go, my chil - dren,  
Com - fort - er, and Broth - er. Go, my chil - dren;



with my bless - ing— You are my own.  
sins for - giv - en, At peace and pure.  
fed and nour - ished, Joy - ful and free.  
I will keep you And give you peace.

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Tune: AR HYD Y NOS (84 84 88 84) Welsh melody, 18th century.

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