



6th Sunday after Pentecost

WORSHIP SEEKS SERVICE FROM JESUS MORE THAN SERVICE FOR JESUS

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH | Lodi, California

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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

We call worship a "service." Which raises the question: who is serving whom? In answering that question, it is easy to focus on what we do in worship. "I set aside time in my week to come to church. I am singing praise to God. I brought him an offering. Clearly, I am serving him." True enough. However, as God speaks this week, he clarifies our focus, letting us see that worship is primarily about him serving us. Through Word and sacrament, he delivers every spiritual gift he wants us to receive. Our service to God is good. His service for us is perfect. Our service to God is important. His service for us is essential. God loves our service to him. But we desperately need his service for us. Receiving his service is actually the highest form of worship. "God wants to be worshipped through faith so that we receive from him those things he promises and offers" (Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Article IV).

The Service of the Word and Sacrament

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

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 mer - cy.**

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).

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 mer - cy.

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.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C: A - men.

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.

O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,

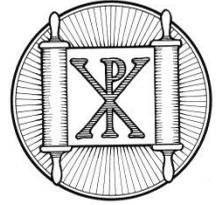
you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

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 Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; 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

Genesis 18:1-14

Abraham jumps into service. He recognizes these visitors are anybody but usual. And in place of a bit of bread he provides a feast and stands as a servant. Why then is Martha then criticized in our Gospel? The Lord will serve Abraham and Sarah.

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham at the oaks of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance of his tent during the heat of the day. ²He looked up, and he saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, bowed to the ground, ³and said, “My lord, if I have found favor with you, please do not go on past your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, that you may wash your feet and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵I will bring a bit of bread so that you may strengthen yourselves. This is why you have passed your servant’s way. Later, you can continue on.”

“Yes,” they replied, “do as you have said.”

⁶So Abraham hurried into the tent and said to Sarah, “Quick! Knead three measures[℥] of fine flour and make bread.”[℥] ⁷Abraham ran to the herd and got a tender, choice calf. He gave it to a young man, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸Then Abraham took curds[℥] and milk, as well as the calf that he had prepared, and set them before the men. He served[℥] them as they ate under the tree.

⁹“Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him.

“There, in the tent,” he answered.

¹⁰The LORD said, “I will certainly come back to you in about a year’s time, and your wife Sarah will have a son!” Now Sarah was listening at the entrance of the tent behind him.

¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were old and getting on in years.¹² Sarah had passed the age of childbearing. ¹² So she laughed to herself: “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I have delight?”

¹³ But the LORD asked Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, saying, ‘Can I really have a baby when I’m old?’ ¹⁴ Is anything impossible for the LORD? At the appointed time I will come back to you, and in about a year she will have a son.”

PSALM

Psalm 27

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:21-29

Paul prays that God would serve the Colossians through the gospel, rescuing them from the dominion of darkness and empowering them to produce the fruit of good works.

²¹ Once you were alienated and hostile in your minds as expressed in your evil actions. ²² But now he has reconciled you by his physical body through his death, to present you holy, faultless, and blameless before him— ²³ if indeed you remain grounded and steadfast in the faith and are not shifted away from the hope of the gospel that you heard. This gospel has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and I, Paul, have become a servant of it.

²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for you, and I am completing in my flesh what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for his body, that is, the church. ²⁵ I have become its servant, according to God’s commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶ the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. ²⁷ God wanted to make known among the Gentiles the glorious wealth of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ We proclaim him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ²⁹ I labor for this, striving with his strength that works powerfully in me.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Isaiah 55:11

My word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 10:38-42

Why was Martha criticized? She was acting as a Good Samaritan and serving. The service wasn’t the problem. More important than what we do for God is what God does for us.

³⁸ While they were traveling, he entered a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who also sat at the Lord’s¹² feet and was listening to what he said.⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, and she came up and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to serve alone? So tell her to give me a hand.”¹²

⁴¹The Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but one thing is necessary. Mary has made the right choice, and it will not be taken away from her.”

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY
SERMON

One Thing's Needful | **CW 645**
Luke 10:38-42

It's Faith

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.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation,
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance

Dt. 6:4
2 Cor. 6:18
Is. 51:13
Col. 1:16
1 Cor 8:6
Jn. 3:16
Heb. 1:2,5
Jn. 1
Jn. 10:30
Jn. 1:3
1 Th. 5:9
Jn. 6:38
Lk. 1:35
Gal. 4:4
Mk. 15:15
1 Cor. 15:3-4a

The Nicene Creed is the great Confession of the Christian faith professed by all Christians. The Creed originated at the First Council of Nicaea (c. AD. 325)

The Creed itself was crafted as a confession of Scripture in opposition to the Arian heresy, which denied

with the Scriptures.	<i>1 Cor. 15:4b</i>
He ascended into heaven	<i>Ac. 2:33-34</i>
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.	<i>Heb. 1:13</i>
He will come again in glory	<i>Mt. 25:31</i>
to judge the living and the dead,	<i>2 Tim. 4:1</i>
and his kingdom will have no end.	<i>Lk. 1:33</i>
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,	<i>Job 33:4</i>
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,	<i>Jn. 15:26</i>
who in unity with the Father and the Son	<i>Jn. 4:24</i>
is worshiped and glorified,	
who has spoken through the prophets.	<i>2 Pet. 1:25</i>
We believe in one holy Christian	<i>Mt. 16:18; Eph. 2:19-20</i>
and apostolic Church.	
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.	<i>Eph. 4:5; Ac. 2:38</i>
We look for the resurrection of the dead	<i>1 Cor. 15:21-22</i>
and the life of the world to come. Amen.	<i>Rev. 22</i>

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.

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.**

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.**

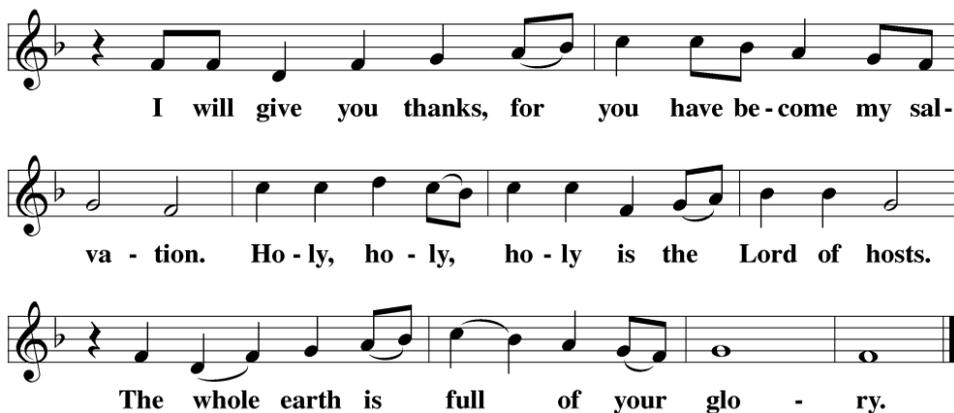
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. *He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.* Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY – *Sanctus*





I will give you thanks, for you have be-come my sal-
va-tion. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of your glo-ry.

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.

PEACE OF THE LORD – *Pax Domini*

John 20:19

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD – *Agnus Dei*

John 1:29

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

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.*

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 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

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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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