

13th Sunday after Pentecost

None Who Come to Christ Are Cast Aside

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.

- Worship is on Facebook live. You do not need a Facebook account to attend. Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/christlodi>
- Communion is served after worship by appointment.

WORSHIP THEME

The Church is meant for all people. The Prayer of the Day reminds us that it is only by God's gift of grace that we come into his presence to offer true and faithful service. Today's lessons teach that the gift of grace given to Israel, God also intended to give through Israel to the world. The Church is meant for all people: a display of God's mercy and a result of the living and active Word of God.

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

521 Lord of All Nations

1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred
4 Give me your cour - age, Lord, to speak
5 With your own love may I be filled

To love all peo - ple, ev - 'ry race,
Your chil - dren, Lord, on ev - 'ry side.
By love - less act and thought - less word.
When - ev - er strong op - press the weak.
And by your Ho - ly Spir - it willed,

And in each per - son help me view
My neigh - bors' good let me pur - sue;
Make me to see the wrong I do
And should I be a vic - tim, too,
That all I touch, what - e'er I do,

My kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by you.
Bind them to me and all to you.
Will hurt my neigh - bor, Lord, and you.
Help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring you.
May be di - vine - ly touched by you.

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Tune: BEATUS VIR (LM) attr. Matthias Kunwaldsky, 1442-1500.

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.

CONFESION

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.

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.

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).

The shorter repeated expressions in the liturgy are excellent ways for young children to participate in the worship service. Help children watch for and join in phrases like, "Lord, have mercy," "Amen," and "Alleluia."

C: Christ, have mer - ey.

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 - ey.

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.

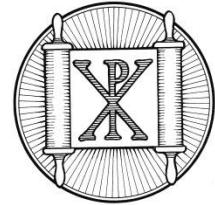
O LORD, OUR LORD

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.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; 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 56:1,6-8

Israel was to be a light to the nations. Isaiah points out that even foreigners would offer sacrifices to God.

This is what the LORD says:

Preserve justice and do what is right,
for my salvation is coming soon,
and my righteousness will be revealed.

⁶ As for the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to become his servants—

all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it
and who hold firmly to my covenant—

⁷ I will bring them to my holy mountain
and let them rejoice in my house of prayer.

Their burnt offerings and sacrifices
will be acceptable on my altar,
for my house will be called a house of prayer
for all nations.”

⁸ This is the declaration of the Lord GOD,
who gathers the dispersed of Israel:

"I will gather to them still others
besides those already gathered."

PSALM OF THE DAY

133-124

Refrain

Hap-py the peo-ple the Lord has cho-sen to be his own.

Psalm tone

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How good and pleasant it is
when brothers live together in unity!
For there the LORD bestows his blessing,
even life forevermore.

Refrain

Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD
who minister in the house of the LORD.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary
and praise the LORD.

May the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth,
bless you from Zion

**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 11:1-2,13-15, 28-32

Paul wrestles with the question of Israel's rejection of God. Has God cast Israel aside? No, the teaching of God's election by grace shows that God's mercy extends to all.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? Absolutely not! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin.² God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

¹³ Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Insofar as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry,¹⁴ if I might somehow make my own people^[a] jealous and save some of them.¹⁵ For if their rejection brings reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead?

²⁸ Regarding the gospel, they are enemies for your advantage, but regarding election, they are loved because of the patriarchs,²⁹ since God's gracious gifts and calling are irrevocable.^[a] ³⁰ As you once disobeyed God but now have received mercy through their disobedience,³¹ so they too have now disobeyed, resulting in mercy to you, so that they also may now^[b] receive mercy.³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may have mercy on all.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia.

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

At first the Canaanite woman finds rejection from the disciples and, it seems, even Jesus. But she persists. She will not be pushed away and she receives even more than she asks. Her faith is strengthened. Her daughter is healed. She is praised.

²¹When Jesus left there, he withdrew to the area of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came and kept crying out,^[a] “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely tormented by a demon.”

²³Jesus did not say a word to her. His disciples approached him and urged him, “Send her away because she’s crying out after us.”

²⁴He replied, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

²⁵But she came, knelt before him, and said, “Lord, help me!”

²⁶He answered, “It isn’t right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.”

²⁷“Yes, Lord,” she said, “yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

²⁸Then Jesus replied to her, “Woman, your faith is great. Let it be done for you as you want.” And from that moment^[b] her daughter was healed.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ

HYMN OF THE DAY

413 When in the Hour of Utmost Need

1 When in the hour of ut - most need We know not
 2 Then is our com - fort this a - lone That we may
 3 For you have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil - dren's
 4 And so we come, O God, to - day And all our
 5 So that with all our hearts we may To you our

where to look for aid, When days and nights of
 meet be - fore your throne; To you, O faith - ful
 cries in time of need Through him whose name a -
 woes be - fore you lay. Be with us in our
 glad thanks - giv - ing pay, Then walk o - be - dient

anx - ious thought Nor help nor coun - sel yet have brought,
 God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.
 lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.
 an - guish still; Free us at last from ev - 'ry ill,
 to your Word And now and ev - er praise you, Lord.

Text: Paul Eber, 1511–69, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: WENN WIR IN HÖCHSTEN NÖTEN SEIN (LM) Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510–c. 1561.

SERMON

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,

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

*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)*

begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.	<i>Jn. 10:30</i>
Through him all things were made.	<i>Jn. 1:3</i>
For us and for our salvation,	<i>1 Th. 5:9</i>
he came down from heaven,	<i>Jn. 6:38</i>
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,	<i>Lk. 1:35</i>
and became fully human.	<i>Gal. 4:4</i>
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.	<i>Mk. 15:15</i>
He suffered death and was buried.	<i>1 Cor. 15:3-4a</i>
On the third day he rose again in accordance	
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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Strengthen us through increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. During this time of civic unrest, we pray that you would open our ears and hearts to hear the hurt and pain that our fellow citizens are experiencing. Grant us and our national, state and local leaders wisdom and patience to respond appropriately. Protect both those who protest and those who serve as law enforcement officers. Grant peace and rest to our nation. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:24

**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

773 In Unity and Peace

Refrain

How good it is and how pleasant to
live in unity and peace. How good it is and how
pleasant to live to - geth - er in one Lord.

- 1 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, agree in ev'rything you say.
May there be no divisions among you, but be united in one mind.
For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all.

Refrain

- 2 Live a life that is worthy of your call; be humble, gentle, and patient.
Bear with each other in ways that are loving; preserve the unity of faith.
For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all.

Refrain

- 3 Share the love that has joined us as one; unite in spirit and ideals.
Never be rivals; do not be conceited, but look to others in their need.
For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all.

Refrain

Text (refrain): Psalm 133:1; alt.

Text (verses): 1 Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 4:1-3,5,6; Philippians 2:2-4, alt.

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After Worship

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. *In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory.* 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*

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

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 $\text{\texttt{+}}$ 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 $\text{\texttt{+}}$ 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 **Close 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 rejoice and proudly 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.

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