



10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH | Lodi, California

*August 9, 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.

## WORSHIP THEME

The Christian seeks spiritual wealth. This Sunday's readings are centered around the very ancient Prayer of the Day. For nearly 1600 years God's people on this day have prayed that God might give them true spiritual wealth. "Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised." What a magnificent prayer for the materialist world in which we live! Our lessons today show people who have come into great wealth, but yet this earthly wealth only serves to illustrate where true treasure lies. Today we see that true, spiritual wealth can only be found in God and his eternal blessings for us in Christ.

# OPENING HYMN

477 What Is The World to Me?



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt - ed  
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon - ored by the  
 3 The world seeks af - ter wealth And all that mon - ey  
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my

plea - sure When you, and you a - lone, Lord  
 might - y, Yet nev - er once re - flects That  
 of - fers, Yet nev - er is con - tent Though  
 trea - sure, My life, my health, my wealth, My

Je - sus, are my trea - sure! You on - ly, dear - est  
 they are frail and flight - y. But what I tru - ly  
 gold should fill its cof - fers. I have a high - er  
 friend, my love, my plea - sure, My joy, my crown, my

Lord, My soul's de - light shall be; You are my  
 prize A - bove all things is he, My Je - sus,  
 good; Con - tent with it I'll be; My Je - sus  
 all, My bliss e - ter - nal - ly. Once more then

peace, my rest. What is the world to me!  
 he a - lone. What is the world to me!  
 is my wealth— What is the world to me!  
 I de - clare: What is the world to me!

Text: Georg M. Pfefferkorn, 1645–1732, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.  
 Tune: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT (67 67 66 66) Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629–1701, 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.

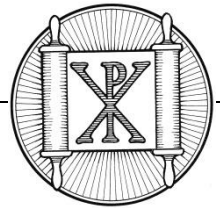
C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

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 Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings 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**

*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 7:6-9

*Moses reminds God's people why they were chosen. It was because of God's love.*

<sup>6</sup>For you are a holy people belonging to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be his own possession out of all the peoples on the face of the earth.

<sup>7</sup>“The LORD had his heart set on you and chose you, not because you were more numerous than all peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. <sup>8</sup>But because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors, he brought you out with a strong hand and redeemed you from the place of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Know that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps his gracious covenant loyalty for a thousand generations with those who love him and keep his commands.

## 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 will 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 LESSON**

Romans 8:28-39

<sup>28</sup> We know that all things work together<sup>[a]</sup> for the good<sup>[a]</sup> of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; and those he called, he also justified; and those he justified, he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup> What, then, are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He did not even spare his own Son but gave him up for us all. How will he not also with him grant us everything? <sup>33</sup> Who can bring an accusation against God's elect? God is the one who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is the one who died, but even more, has been raised; he also is at the right hand of God and intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who can separate us from the love of Christ? Can affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written:

**Because of you  
we are being put to death all day long;  
we are counted as sheep to be slaughtered.**<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

John 6:68

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

## **THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 13:44-52

*God found you and gave up everything so that he might have you as his own. This is the precious treasure given to you. It's the good news of what God has done.*

<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure, buried in a field, that a man found and reburied. Then in his joy he goes and sells everything he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. <sup>46</sup> When he found one priceless<sup>14</sup> pearl, he went and sold everything he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a large net thrown into the sea. It collected every kind of fish, <sup>48</sup> and when it was full, they dragged it ashore, sat down, and gathered the good fish into containers, but threw out the worthless ones. <sup>49</sup> So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out, separate the evil people from the righteous, <sup>50</sup> and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup> “Have you understood all these things?”<sup>15</sup>

They answered him, “Yes.”

<sup>52</sup> “Therefore,” he said to them, “every teacher of the law<sup>16</sup> who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom treasures new and old.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

418 My God Will Never Leave Me



1 My God will nev - er leave me, And I will  
 2 When hu - man thought and ac - tion Shall un - a -  
 3 God shall be my re - li - ance In sor - row's  
 4 Oh, praise him for he nev - er For - gets our  
 5 And when the world will per - ish With all its



not leave him; A light my God will give me In  
 vail - ing prove, God grants me his pro - tec - tion And  
 dark - est night; Its dread I bid de - fi - ance When  
 dai - ly need; Oh, blest the hour when - ev - er To  
 pride and pow'r, All that the world may cher - ish Will



path - ways dark and grim. He reach - es out his hand,  
 shows his pow'r and love. He helps in ev - 'ry need,  
 he is at my right. I un - to him com - mend  
 him our thoughts can speed, For all the time we spend  
 van - ish in that hour. But though in death they make



His might - y pow - er shar - ing, My bur - dens  
 From sin and shame re - deems me, From chains and  
 My bod - y, soul, and spir - it— They are his  
 With - out him is but wast - ed, Till we his  
 The deep - est grave our cov - er, When there our



ev - er bear - ing Wher - ev - er I may stand.  
 bonds re - claims me; From death I, too, am freed.  
 own by mer - it— All's well, then, at the end.  
 joy have tast - ed, The joy that has no end.  
 sleep is o - ver, Our God will us a - wake.

Text: Ludwig Helmbold, 1532–98, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1, 4-5, alt.; *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, st. 2-3, alt.

Tune: VON GOTT WILL ICH NICHT LASSEN (76 76 67 76) *Recueil de plusieurs chansons*, Lyons, 1557, alt.



My Name Is Nobody

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.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.

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  
1 Pet. 3:19  
1 Cor. 15:4b  
Ac. 2:33-34  
  
Heb. 1:13  
Mt. 25:31  
2 Tim. 4:1

*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.*

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

*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

199 In Trembling Hands, Lord God, We Hold

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1 In trem - bling hands, Lord God, we hold Our  
 2 "In trem - bling hands"— for how could we Re -  
 3 "In trem - bling hands"— with joy - ous awe, Like  
 4 "In trem - bling hands"— and yet we cling With  
 5 "In trem - bling hands"— the trea - sure won We



her - it - age, your gift of grace, Your  
 tain your gift by our own pow'r? The  
 Lu - ther, we be - hold your Son: For  
 grip of steel, which you must give, To  
 on - ly hold through Scrip - ture, Lord. Then



gos - pel, bring - ing wealth un - told: All  
 pearl of price - less worth would be Soon  
 us he kept your ho - ly law, In  
 Christ, our all, our ev - 'ry - thing, To  
 keep us all, till life is done, As



bles - ings here, in heav'n a place.  
 lost— at - tend us ev - 'ry hour!  
 dy - ing full sal - va - tion won.  
 Christ, the life in whom we live.  
 peo - ple trem - bling at your Word.

6 "In trembling hands"—if it be so,  
 How can our hearts remain unstirred  
 While millions still in tatters go  
 Nor yet of wealth in Christ have heard?

7 In trembling hands, Lord God, we hold  
 Our heritage; now give us hands  
 That gladly share your heav'nly gold  
 With needy souls in many lands!

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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

## 290 One Things Needful



1 One thing's need - ful; Lord, this trea - sure Teach me high - ly  
 2 How were Mar - y's thoughts de - vot - ed Her e - ter - nal  
 3 Wis - dom's high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, can be



to re - gard. All else, though it first give plea - sure,  
 joy to find As in - tent each word she not - ed,  
 found in you. Let me find in you my plea - sure;



Is a yoke that press - es hard. Be - neath it the  
 At her Sav - ior's feet re - clined. How kin - dled her  
 Make my will and ac - tions true, Hu - mil - i - ty



heart is still fret - ting and striv - ing, No true, last - ing  
 heart, how de - vout was its feel - ing, While hear - ing the  
 there and sim - plic - i - ty reign - ing, In paths of true



hap - pi - ness ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is  
 les - sons that Christ was re - veal - ing; All earth - ly con -  
 wis - dom my steps ev - er train - ing. If I learn from



need - ful; all oth - ers are vain— I count  
 cerns she for - got for her Lord And found  
 Je - sus this knowl - edge di - vine, The bless -



all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain.  
 her con - tent - ment in hear - ing his Word.  
 ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.

Text: Johann H. Schröder, 1667–99, abr., adapt.; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–97, alt.  
 Tune: EINS IST NOT (87 87 12 12 11 11) Friedrich L. C. Leyritz, 1808–59.

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