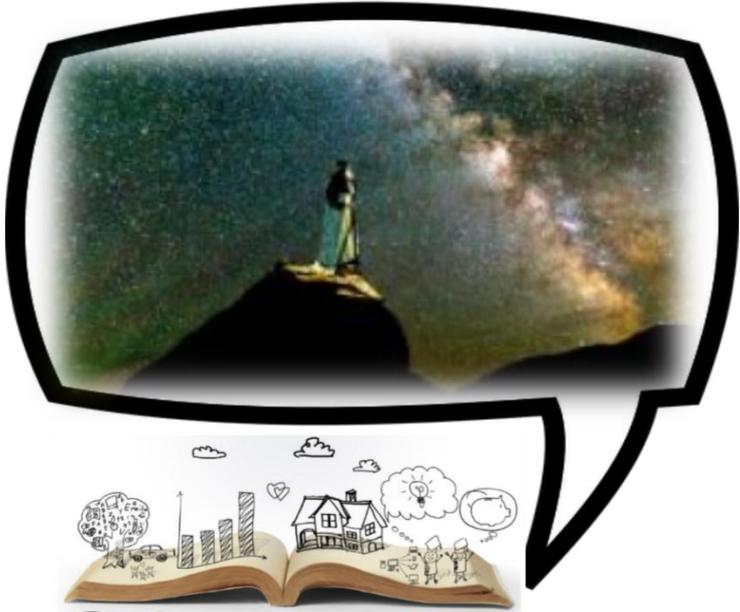


**Welcome to
Christ Lutheran Church**



**Stories *that*
SHAPE US**

**God's Promise to Abram
Genesis 15:1-6**

*Outdoor Worship Service
September 20, 2020
9:00 am*

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

To keep everyone safe, especially the most vulnerable among us, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Practice strict social distancing. Do not get closer than 6 feet to anyone outside your family. If you plan to sing aloud, try to keep 10-15 feet apart from everyone.
- Once you find your spot, stay where you are and do not move around. This is important for children too.
- The playground is closed.
- Per county & state mandate, masks are now required for public gatherings. They are available if you need one.
- Communion will be brought to you. Further instructions will be given at that time. If you do not want to receive Communion, that is ok.
- The building is closed except for the bathrooms.
- Respect others' space, boundaries, and feelings out of love.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship, we are glad you are here! Please take a moment to pray for our brothers & sisters in Christ who cannot be with us today.

GATHERING

We gather together as God's people.

INVOCATION

Pastor: We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Let us take a moment to confess our sins before God and one another so that we can worship God with a clean heart and a clear conscience.

Pause for silence, reflection and confession.

Pastor: God of all ages, author of our stories,

All: You have chosen us as your own, yet we so often live as if it were not so. We succumb to things which are not good for us. We believe we know better than you. We refuse to put our trust in your promises. We sin. Sweep away our foolishness and help us learn how to trust you again.

Pastor: Dear people of God, hear these joyful words – God has forgiven us! Our misdeeds and folly are forgotten; grace and mercy abound.

Let us give thanks that we have a compassionate creator!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

OPENING SONG “Our God”

Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Chorus:

Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God our God

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Chorus

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
(Then) what could stand against

Chorus Twice

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Almighty God,

All: You long for us to trust that you hold our lives safely in your hands. Reveal the surprises you have for us in your good time, and show us that your mercy never fails us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE WORD

We hear God's Word for our lives & offer response.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Chad

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 15:1-6

15 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

SERMON

Pastor Chad Langdon

SONG OF THE DAY

“Lord, I Need You”

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus:

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus Twice

My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: ...Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayers.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

All: And also with you.

THE MEAL

We receive the Lord's Supper as nourishment for our lives.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, Almighty God, through our savior, Jesus Christ.

All: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

(Luke 22:14-23)

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.** *(Luke 11:1-4)*

DISTRIBUTION

Instructions: Remain where you are & please keep your mask on. The elements of Holy Communion will be brought to you. For safety reasons, we are currently using pre-packaged elements for Communion.

- *When the pastor comes to your area, extend your arms and cup your hands. The elements will be dropped into your hands.*
- *The package has 2 openings to peel back. Peeling the bottom cover releases the bread, and the top seal opens the wine. If you would prefer a grape juice or gluten-free option, please just let the pastor know either before worship or as you receive it.*
- *After eating and drinking, keep the cup and dispose of it after the service.*

If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament or brought your own bread & wine, simply cross your arms when the pastor comes near.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Let us pray. Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, great author and perfecter of our faith, for this gift of Communion and that we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses.

**All: Keep our eyes fixed on you as the one who writes our stories,
and help us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
so that we do not grow weary or lose heart. In your name, we
pray. Amen.** *(Hebrews 12:1-3)*

SENDING

Blessed & nourished by God, we are sent into the world to share God's love with others.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

(Numbers 6:22-27)

SENDING SONG

“How Great is Our God”

The splendor of the King
Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice
All the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
And trembles at His voice

Chorus:

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

And age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the End
Beginning and the End
The Godhead three in one
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

Chorus

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

Chorus

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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

OFFERING

If you would like to give an offering today, there are 4 ways to do that:

1. Drop your money into the Offering Bucket as you leave.
2. Text GIVE to 833-613-0706 and follow the prompts.
3. Visit our website www.christ-lutheran.org and click the tab: Give Online.
4. Download the app called “Tithe.ly” and follow the instructions.



Thank you for your continued generosity during these times!

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Throughout the month of September, our worship schedule is:

9:00am OUTDOOR WORSHIP

10:30am VIRTUAL WORSHIP on Facebook Live

If there is questionable or bad weather, a decision will be made about the Outdoor Worship service by 8:00am that Sunday. Any cancellation will be advertised via email & on Facebook. If the Outdoor Worship is cancelled, it will automatically become an Online Service at that same time (9:00am).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HUMAN NEEDS UPDATE

* Right now we are collecting **peanut butter**! If you have some peanut butter to contribute, you can just leave it in the drop box or entry way up at church.

* During September we are focusing our efforts on **CROP Walk**. We are again sponsors for this event but do not yet have a team. Interested people can register on-line. This year the walk will be a virtual event. This is the link to information on the walk and how to register: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/wichitaks/>

* Thank you for the support of the **Partner's for Wichita "Filling the Gap" program**. This was a quite stressful year to plan because of COVID, but Christ Lutheran came through with lots of donations and volunteer time. Thank you!

* We will continue to accept clothing donations to support the thrift store for **Mision San Juan de Dios**. If you have clothing donations, feel free to drop them off at church. There are some tubs in the entry way where we are collecting these items.

UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Grades 6 - 8

9/30 Wed Confirmation Zoom Check-In

Parents will receive a Zoom invitation early in the week and this class is mostly for the Confirmation students (although if parents have questions, they can participate as well). Pastor Chad will be checking in with them & helping them work through their Seeds of Faith at-home faith experiences.

Please note: For most of this fall, our Youth Activities will take place on the First Wednesday & Third Tuesday of the month. Please watch the bulletin for more details & announcements about upcoming activities.

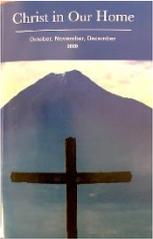
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY THIS WEEK

This week we continue with our Wednesday Bible studies. These are now happening on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7:00pm and we will do them via Zoom. Even if you've never tried Zoom before, you are encouraged to check it out and participate. An email invitation with a direct link will go out to the entire congregation later this week. If you don't receive that information, here is the Zoom meeting information:

Meeting ID: **869 1604 7406** Passcode: **187173**

Each Wednesday we will be studying the upcoming texts for worship as we go through the biblical story in chronological order. This week we will be looking at:

Genesis 27 & 50 Story of Joseph
Exodus 12 & 13 Story of Passover



CHRIST IN OUR HOME

The next edition of "Christ In Our Home" has arrived and is now available. This short daily devotional is published quarterly and the newest edition is for October, November & December. It is available near the Offering Bucket or at the dropbox near the front door.

ST. PAUL'S BREAKFAST

Our next date to serve St. Paul's Breakfast is Saturday, September 26. Because people are still hungry during this time, we will still be serving this meal to our community. There will be no preparation on Friday night and everything will take place on that Saturday morning at St. Paul's. We will need about 8 people who are willing to meeting down at **St. Paul's Lutheran (925 N Waco) at 7:00am on Saturday, September 26** to prep and serve the meal. We'll be doing biscuits & gravy, along with some other sides. Please contact Donn Bischoff if you are willing and able to help. Thank you! The risk level for this activity is **HIGH**.

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God's Story @ Home

For the week of September 20, 2020

PRAYING GOD'S STORY

Daily Prayer: Light of the world, beam bright into our hearts. Create in us a new way to shine so that your love may be clearly seen. Teach us to care, share, and dwell with one another, resembling the nightly sky above, examples of your heavenly work. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer: God who made the stars above and fills our hearts with daily love, bless our bodies with this food, and for your bounty, we give our thanks. Amen.

READING GOD'S STORY

*As you read each day, ask yourself: **What are God and the people doing in this story?***

9/20 Sun	Genesis 15:1-6	God's Promise to Abram
9/21 Mon	Genesis 17:1-8	God Changes Abram's name
9/22 Tues	Genesis 18:1-15	A Son Promised to Abraham & Sarah
9/23 Wed	Genesis 21:1-7	The Birth of Isaac
9/24 Thurs	Genesis 22:1-14	The Command to Sacrifice Isaac
9/25 Fri	Genesis 27:1-17, 30-38	Isaac Blesses Jacob
9/26 Sat	Genesis 35:9-15	God's Promise Passed to Jacob
9/27 Sun	Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21	Joseph and His Brothers

CONTEMPLATING OR DISCUSSING GOD'S STORY

- ? **Highs and Lows:** Where did you shine bright today? Where did you not shine so bright?
- ? **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Even though Abram and Sarai had no children, God promised them many descendants. God cared about Abram, Sarai and their family. In what ways, do you feel God's love and care in your daily life?
- ? **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Pushed into a pit and sold into slavery, Joseph, Jacob's favored son, finds himself between a rock and a hard place. But no matter where he went, God was with him. Name a time today when you felt bad. Did you feel God was with you? How?

LIVING GOD'S STORY

Cut out a star from a piece of paper. Think of a good friend or family member and write a quick note sharing why they are a "shining star" in your life. Mail or hand deliver the note during the week.