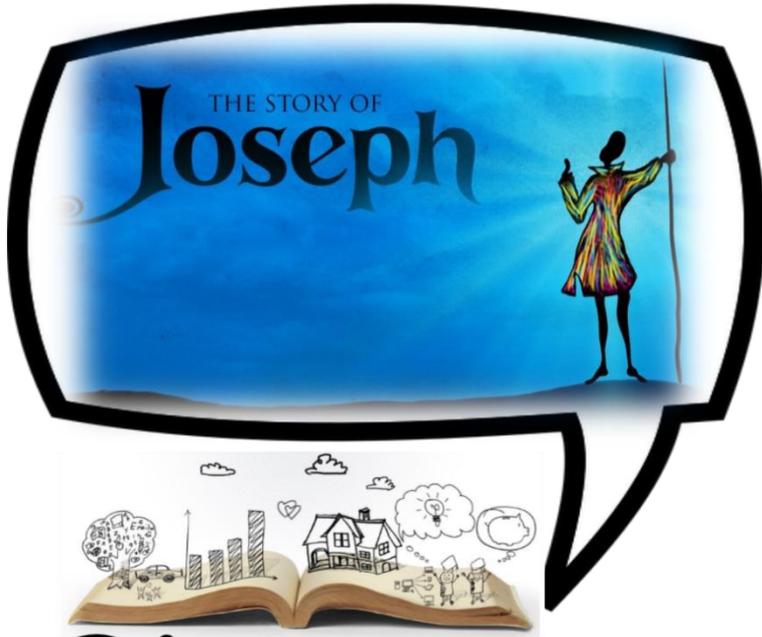


**Welcome to  
Christ Lutheran Church**



**Stories that  
SHAPE US**

**God Works Through Joseph  
Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21**

*Outdoor Worship Service*

*September 27, 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**                    “Kyrie Eleison”

Lord have mercy Christ have mercy  
Hear our cry and heal our land  
Let kindness lead us to repentance  
Bring us back again

*Chorus:*

For Your name is great and Your heart is grace  
Kyrie Eleison  
Over all You reign You alone can save  
Kyrie Eleison  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy on us now

*Repeat Chorus*

Who is this God who pardons all our sin  
So ready to forgive  
You delight to show Your mercy  
Who is this God who pardons all our sin  
So ready to forgive  
You delight to show Your mercy

*Chorus Twice*

Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy on us now

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. God of dreams and hope, You spoke to Joseph in his dreams, and those dreams led him to great danger. Yet you used the challenges in his life to save the lives of others. In you, no good thing is accidental.

**All: You work in us and through us, even when we are not aware of your presence. Help us to know that you are with us, and that only you are capable of turning all evil to good. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

## **THE WORD**

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

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Chad

**SCRIPTURE READING** Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21

<sup>3</sup>Now [Jacob] loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. <sup>4</sup>But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

<sup>5</sup>Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. <sup>7</sup>There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf." <sup>8</sup>His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

<sup>17</sup>Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. <sup>18</sup>They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. <sup>19</sup>They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. <sup>20</sup>Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see

what will become of his dreams.” <sup>21</sup>But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” <sup>22</sup>Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father.

<sup>26</sup>Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? <sup>27</sup>Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. <sup>28</sup>When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt. <sup>29</sup>When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. <sup>30</sup>He returned to his brothers, and said, “The boy is gone; and I, where can I turn?” <sup>31</sup>Then they took Joseph’s robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. <sup>32</sup>They had the long robe with sleeves taken to their father, and they said, “This we have found; see now whether it is your son’s robe or not.” <sup>33</sup>He recognized it, and said, “It is my son’s robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn to pieces.” <sup>34</sup>Then Jacob tore his garments, and put sackcloth on his loins, and mourned for his son many days.

*[Many years passed, and Jacob died an old man.]*

<sup>50:15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

**SONG OF THE DAY**    “Blessed Be Your Name”

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful,  
Where Your streams of abundance flow,  
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name  
When I’m found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness,  
Blessed be Your name.

*Chorus:*

Every blessing You pour out I’ll  
Turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in  
Still I will say,  
“Blessed be the name of the Lord.  
Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord.  
Blessed be Your glorious name.”

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun’s shining down on me,  
When the world’s all as it should be,  
Blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering,  
Though there’s pain in the offering,  
Blessed be Your name.

*Chorus*

You give and take away.  
You give and take away.

My heart will choose to say,  
“Lord, blessed be Your name.”  
You give and take away.  
You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say,  
“Lord, blessed be Your name.”

“Blessed be the name of the Lord.  
Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord.  
Blessed be Your glorious name.”

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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**

“Everlasting God”

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord

Our God You reign forever  
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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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](http://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!

# 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/>

\* 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.

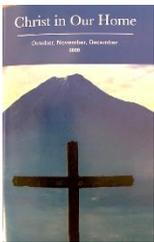
### **UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES:**

*Grades 6 - 8*

#### **9/30 Wed Confirmation Zoom Check-In**

Parents will receive a Zoom invitation early this 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.*



### **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.

### **THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who supported us upon the death of my mother by sending cards and notes. There were tons! And they were very much appreciated. ~ Mary Martin

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# God's Story @ Home

*For the week of September 27, 2020*

## PRAYING GOD'S STORY

Daily Prayer: God, you are the solid rock that we can build our faith on. We seek your shining light in the cracks and crevices of our lives, knowing that you are with us in the pits of life. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer: For the hands folded in prayer, we thank you, God. For the food that we are about to eat, we thank you, God. For the family who has gathered together today, we thank you, God. Amen.

## READING GOD'S STORY

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

Sun.	Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21	Joseph and His Brothers
Mon.	Exodus 1:8-22	The Israelites are Oppressed
Tues.	Exodus 2:1-10	The Birth and Youth of Moses
Wed.	Exodus 3:1-12	Moses and the Burning Bush
Thur.	Exodus 4:1-17	Moses' Miraculous Power
Fri.	Exodus 7:14-17; 8:5-6, 16-17, 20-21; 9:1-3, 7	Plagues on Egypt
Sat.	Exodus 9:8-9, 22-23; 10:1-2, 22-24, 11:9-10	More Plagues
Sun.	Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8	The Promises of Passover

## CONTEMPLATING OR DISCUSSING GOD'S STORY

? **Highs and Lows:** Name one thing that was hard for you to do today.  
Name one thing that was good for you to do today.

? **Thinking About This Week's Story:** Joseph found himself in many hard situations. But there is one good thing that happened in the story of Joseph: God was with him no matter what. What was a difficult situation that happened today? How did it end? Did you feel God's presence with you?

? **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** The Israelites are crying out to God. They have gone from foreign neighbors in Egypt to Pharaoh's slaves. What was something today that made you sad, scared, or angry?

## LIVING GOD'S STORY

This week strive to say one compliment to someone new each day.