

Welcome to
Christ Lutheran Church



Stories *that*
SHAPE US

The Story of the Golden Calf

Exodus 32:1-14

Indoor Worship Service

October 11, 2020

8:30am & 10:30am

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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

- All in-person services require masks & social distancing. If you are not feeling well or have been recently exposed to COVID, please stay home & attend the Virtual Service.
- Respect others' space, boundaries, and feelings out of love.
- We will fill the sanctuary front to back, using every other pew. At the end of worship, we will release people back to front.
- Once you find your spot, stay where you are and do not move around. This is important for children too.
- Other than the sanctuary, bathrooms & narthex, the rest of the building is closed.
- Pastor will stay behind the altar & pulpit other than to distribute Communion. In order to facilitate communication, he will not wear a mask when leading the liturgy or preaching, but will wear a mask to distribute Communion.
- 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.
- Worshipping together in-person, and especially indoors, carries the risk of transmitting COVID. Please only attend worship today if you feel comfortable taking that level of risk.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful God, You do not punish us as our deeds deserve, but rather show compassion to your wayward people. May we in turn show grace to others, that love may abound, and all may know your mercy, through Jesus our Savior.

All: Amen.

THE WORD

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Chad

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 32:1-14

32 When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him,

“Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” ²Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” ³So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” ⁵When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.” ⁶They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

⁷The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; ⁸they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” ⁹The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. ¹⁰Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” ¹¹But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” ¹⁴And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

SERMON

Pastor Chad Langdon

PSALM RESPONSE

Pastor: O LORD, listen to our cry;

All: Give us understanding according to your Word.

Pastor: Listen to our prayers;

All: Rescue us as you promised.

Pastor: O LORD, we have longed for your salvation,

All: and your instruction is our delight. (*Psalm 119:169-170, 174*)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: ...Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

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)*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God. All of you here today are welcome to receive God's grace. Taste and see that the Lord is good. *(Psalm 34:8)*

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.*
- *You may briefly remove your mask to eat & drink. Please put your mask back on immediately after finished.*
- *After eating and drinking, an assistant will collect the empty cup.*

If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, simply cross your arms when the pastor comes near.

BLESSING

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

All: Amen.

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)

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 Plate near the door as you arrive or 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Grades 6 - 12



10/20 Tues 6:30-8:00pm Outdoor Youth Group

Carving Pumpkins

The risk level for Outdoor Youth Group is **MODERATE**.

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.



NEWS FROM CHURCH CAMP

Win a \$200 Camp Tomah Shinga Gift Card:

Through the month of October, Camp Tomah Shinga will be hosting an online raffle. Every \$10 ticket purchased through our website will put an entry into a drawing for a \$200 gift card to use at camp. This card can be used for summer camp, a retreat, or swag from the camp store. For each raffle ticket purchase you will be given a tie dye mask that was created individually by our summer ministry team. Enter the raffle at www.camptomahshinga.com Winner will be drawn on November 1st.

ADMINISTRATIVE & FINANCIAL NEWS

- **Annual Reports** - If you would like to contribute to our Annual Report, please submit your report electronically to Pastor Chad by October 15th.
- **Estimate-of-Giving Cards** - These are being mailed out to all CLC members this month. You are asked to return them by Sunday, October 25th, so that Council can finish the budgeting process. Thank-You!

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

This fall Pastor Chad is leading a Zoom Bible study on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month. These Bible studies will start at 7:00pm. A few days before each one, the invitation will go out to the entire congregation along with what verses we will be studying. The passages will be previewing & preparing for what we will covering in worship. Anyone is welcome to join us. For October, our schedule will be:

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| 10/14 7:00pm | 1 Samuel 1:9-1, 19-20; 2:1-10 & 2 Samuel 7:1-17 |
| 10/28 7:00pm | 1 Kings 17:1-16 and the book of Jonah |

ENDOWMENT FUND GRANTS

Each year Christ Lutheran's Endowment has a little over \$600 to distribute in the form of grants. These grants are often used for new ministry ideas or to support existing ministries in new ways. If you would like to apply for one of these grants, there are applications available at the Opportunity Table at church or by request. They are due back by the end of October.

NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE STARTS TODAY!

| | Risk Level: |
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| 8:30 INDOOR Communion, No Singing | HIGH |
| 9:30 VIRTUAL Facebook Live | NONE |
| 10:30 INDOOR Communion, No Singing | HIGH |
| 11:30 OUTDOOR Communion & Singing | MODERATE |

SOME NOTES, PROCEDURES & PRECAUTIONS

- Outdoor & Virtual Services will remain largely the same. 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.
- Indoor Worship will be limited by seating capacity (max. 45/service).
- All services will follow a similar liturgy, streamlined to limit our exposure & time together in-person. It will feel familiar as a Lutheran liturgy, but different than we are used to.
- The building will be cleaned between Indoor services.
- There will be no coffee/education hour or goodies.
- Worshipping together in-person, and especially indoors, carries the risk of transmitting COVID. Please only attend the service where you feel comfortable taking that level of risk.



DETAILS:

- Saturday, October 31st on **HALLOWEEN!**
- Trunk-or-Treating is from 5:30-6:30pm-ish. Come & go as you want.
- Set Up for trunks begins at 5:00pm.
- Masks are required for all participants. Many other safety precautions will be publicized & followed.
- Event will be outside in the field behind church.
- Awards for **BEST TRUNK & BEST COSTUME!**

WANT TO BE A TRUNK?

- Email Pastor Chad at pastor@christ-lutheran.org to reserve a spot.
Thank you! **We need you!**
- Be creative & decorate your trunk (see Pinterest).
- Use only pre-packaged candy or goodies—no homemade goods.
Crafts or small toys are good too! Have 50-100 pieces to give away.
- Maybe think of a creative way to give away treats by staying at least 6 ft away. Clear signage & little tables can help.
- Wear a mask & dress up yourself!

The risk level for this activity is **MODERATE** to **HIGH**.



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God's Story @ Home

For the week of October 11, 2020

PRAYING GOD'S STORY

Mealtime Prayer: God of goodness, You led your people to the Promised Land—a land full of milk, honey, and figs. Today, you have led your people to this table—a table full of food and drink. We ask that you be with us as we eat and be with those who are hungry. Amen.

READING GOD'S STORY

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

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| Sunday | Exodus 32:1-14 | The Golden Calf |
| Monday | Exodus 32:15-20; 34:1-10 | Moses Makes New Tablets |
| Tuesday | Deuteronomy 1:19-33 | Israel's Refusal to Enter the Land |
| Wednesday | Deuteronomy 1:34-40; 2:1-8 | Israel's Years in the Desert |
| Thursday | Deuteronomy 6:1-9 | The Great Commandment |
| Friday | Joshua 1:1-9 | God's Call to Joshua |
| Saturday | Joshua 23:1-15 | Joshua's Wisdom to the People |
| Sunday | 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10 | Hannah Promises Samuel to God |

CONTEMPLATING OR DISCUSSING GOD'S STORY

- ? **Highs and Lows:** What or who distracted you at work, school or home today? How were you a distraction when someone else was trying to work, study, or play?
- ? **Thinking About This Week's Story:** God became angry when the Israelites started worshipping a golden calf. They were not worshipping God! God wants God's people to put God first, before anything else. What was something that distracted you from putting God first in your life today?
- ? **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Hannah wanted a child, and bore a son, named Samuel. Because of this, she sings a song of praise to God. What is one thing that made you want to dance and sing before God today?

LIVING GOD'S STORY

Like the Israelites, it is easy to get distracted with other things. Pick a night this week to turn off all electronics and do something together as a family (talk, cook, or play together). Let your service be to one another.