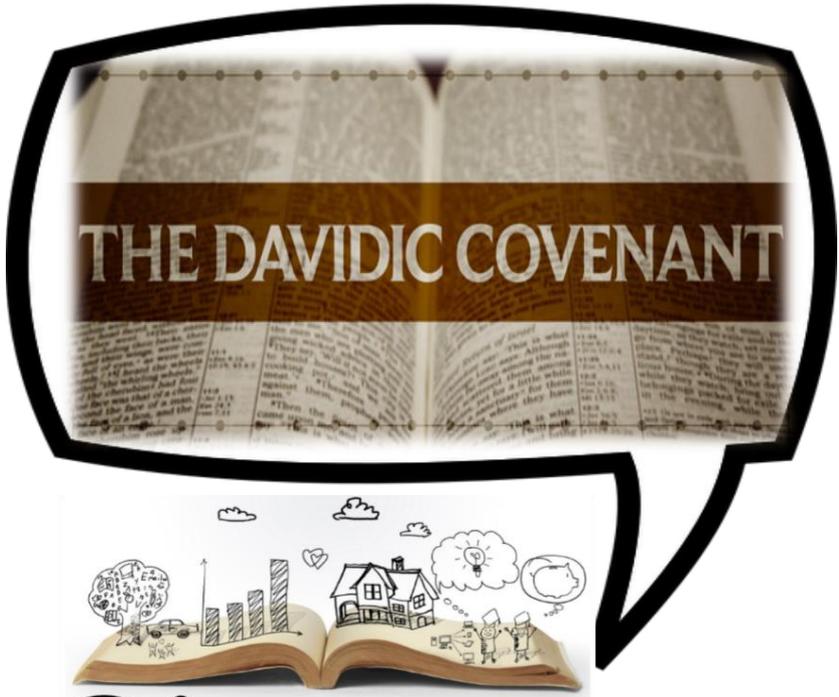


**Welcome to  
Christ Lutheran Church**



**Stories that  
SHAPE US**

**God's Promise to David  
2 Samuel 7:1-17**

*Indoor Worship Service  
October 25, 2020 Reformation Sunday  
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 siblings 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 now 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.

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

**All: You have never failed in your promises to us, but we often fail to be your faithful people. We waste our time and resources on things which do not give life. We doubt our abilities and hide our light away from the world. We flee from your call when it doesn't appeal to us. We've sinned and we are sorry. Forgive us and call us back to your sustaining love.**

*Pause for silence, reflection and confession.*

Pastor: God hears us when we repent. God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Hear and trust these words that I speak by the authority of Jesus Christ: you are forgiven because of God's great mercy and compassion.

**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. Eternal God, your true dwelling place is with your people. Make of us a holy temple where you may be praised and your will carried out for the sake of all. In Jesus' name, we pray,

**All: Amen.**

## **THE WORD**

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

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Chad

**SCRIPTURE READING**

2 Samuel 7:1-17

**7** Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup>the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” <sup>3</sup>Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.”

<sup>4</sup>But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: <sup>5</sup>Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? <sup>6</sup>I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. <sup>7</sup>Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” <sup>8</sup>Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; <sup>9</sup>and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup>And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup>from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. <sup>12</sup>When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup>He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. <sup>14</sup>I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings. <sup>15</sup>But I will not take my steadfast love from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. <sup>16</sup>Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever. <sup>17</sup>In accordance with all these words and with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

**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](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



## **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](http://www.camptomahshinga.com) Winner will be drawn on November 1st.

## **ESTIMATE-OF-GIVING CARDS**

Today is the day you were asked to return your Estimate-of-Giving cards. Please place them in the Offering Plate near the front door. These are important because they help our Council finish the budgeting process for 2021. If you left your card at home, there are some available at the entrance table. Thank-You!

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE THRU NOV 1.

Risk Level:

<b>8:30</b>	<b>INDOOR</b>	<b>Communion, No Singing</b>	<b>HIGH</b>
<b>9:30</b>	<b>VIRTUAL</b>	<b>Facebook Live</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>10:30</b>	<b>INDOOR</b>	<b>Communion, No Singing</b>	<b>HIGH</b>
<b>11:30</b>	<b>OUTDOOR</b>	<b>Communion &amp; Singing</b>	<b>MODERATE</b>

## 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.

## ALL SAINTS DAY

Next Sunday is All Saints Day. During worship will be remembering & commemorating those who have died recently, especially those saints in our congregation who have died within the past year.

## WEDNESDAY ZOOM BIBLE STUDY

This Wednesday, October 28, we continue our Zoom Bible Study at 7:00pm. An email will go out to the entire congregation with the official invitation & a link. If you would like to join us but aren't a member of CLC, simply email Pastor Chad and he'll get you an invite. This Wednesday we will be taking a look at 1 Kings 17 and the book of Jonah. We'd love to have you join us for this conversation!

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**



October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and in recognition of this the CLC's Human Needs Committee has selected StepStone (<https://www.stepstoneks.org/stepstone> or on Facebook) to receive items from our monthly collection. Please join StepStone in knowing more about Intimate Partner Domestic Violence. 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men will experience this

in their lifetime. Help is available. StepStone offers counseling, advocacy, safety planning and more. For more information about their free and confidential services, please call (316) 265-1611 or visit their web page. If you are in immediate danger call 911.

These are items we are collecting & that will be of support to the survivors being cared for at StepStone: *Toilet paper, dish soap/dishwasher soap, laundry detergent, household cleaning products, 13 gallon kitchen trash bags, paper towels, \$10 gift/gas cards, body lotion, girl/boy toys, shampoo/conditioners*

## **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.

## **CHRIS WARD NEEDS HELP!**

Chris Ward is moving this Wednesday, starting at 10:00am. She would love any help that anyone could offer. If you could help, please contact her at 316-461-4031 and plan to meet at her apartment: 530 N Emporia #1303 in Valley Center. Thank you!



## 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](mailto: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 25, 2020*

## PRAYING GOD'S STORY

Mealtime Prayer: God of plenty, you share your abundance. God of goodness, you share your comfort. God of sweetness, you share your love. God of mercy, you share your grace. Amen.

## READING GOD'S STORY

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

Sunday 2 Samuel 7:1-17 God's Promise to David

Monday 2 Samuel 12:1-13 Nathan Condemns David's Sin

Tuesday 1 Kings 1:32-40 Solomon Becomes King

Wednesday 1 Kings 3:3-14 Solomon Prays for Wisdom

Thursday 1 Kings 6:1; 8:14-21 Solomon Builds the Temple

Friday 1 Kings 12:1-15 The Northern Tribes Secede

Saturday 1 Kings 12:16-24 Two Kingdoms

Sunday 1 Kings 17:1-16 [17-24] The Widow of Zarephath

## CONTEMPLATING OR DISCUSSING GOD'S STORY

? **Highs and Lows:** Name one thing that happened today that was easy. Name one thing that happened that was hard.

? **Thinking About This Week's Story:** David wanted to build a nice house for God to show his love and thanks. What is something you have done today to show someone else love or thanks? How has someone shown you love or thanks?

? **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** God brought Elijah to Zarephath to help a widow and her son. Who have you helped today? Who has helped you?

## LIVING GOD'S STORY

Find a simple bread recipe online (like banana bread) or buy a boxed bread. As a family, bake the bread, and share it with someone who is homebound.