

**Welcome to**  
**Christ Lutheran Church**



**Stories** *that*  
**SHAPE US**

**God's Care for the Widow**

**1 Kings 17:1-16**

*All Saints Day*

*November 1, 2020*

*8:30am & 10:30am*

## **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

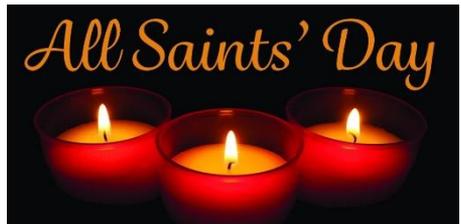
To keep everyone safe, especially the most vulnerable among us, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- 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 siblings in Christ who cannot be with us today.*

**Today is All Saints Day. If you have a loved one who has died recently and you would like them named & remembered during our prayers today, please text their name to Pastor Chad at 636-699-8747. We will be reading these names just after the sermon, so you'll need to text their name(s) before that.**



# 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. Steadfast God, you do not wish for us to struggle through this life on our own. May we accept the people and the signs you send our way to help us on the path you have set out for us, and may we trust in the mercy of your Holy Spirit. 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**

1 Kings 17:1-16

**17** Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word." <sup>2</sup>The word of the Lord came to him, saying, <sup>3</sup>"Go from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. <sup>4</sup>You shall drink from the wadi, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." <sup>5</sup>So he went and did according to the word of the Lord; he went and lived by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup>The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the wadi. <sup>7</sup>But after a while the wadi dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, <sup>9</sup>"Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." <sup>10</sup>So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." <sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." <sup>12</sup>But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." <sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." <sup>15</sup>She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for

many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

## **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)*

## **REMEMBERING THE SAINTS**

Pastor: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you. We now remember before you some of the saints whose stories are told in the Bible. We give you thanks for Adam & Eve, Abraham & Sarah, Joseph, Moses, Aaron & Miriam, Hannah, Samuel, David, Elijah & the widow, Jonah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Joel, for Elizabeth, Mary & Joseph, Anna & Simeon, Mary Magdalene, Peter, Paul, Luke, Silas, Barnabas, Phoebe, Lydia, Timothy, and Titus.

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest, let us give thanks to the Lord.

**All: Alleluia.**

Pastor: We now remember before you some of the saints of the church throughout history. We give you thanks for Francis of Assisi, Augustine of Hippo, Julian of Norwich, Birgitta of Sweden, Teresa of Avila, Johann Sebastian Bach, Martin Luther, Soren Kierkegaard, John Wesley, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Martin Luther King, Jr., Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, and Bishop Susan Candea.

Pastor: For public servants, the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For all servants of the church, for this assembly, and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: We now remember before you some of the saints in our congregation who have blessed us and now rest with you in eternity. We especially remember and give thanks for Judy Schroeder and Christopher Freed, who died this past year. We thank you for their lives and how they reflected your light and life in the world. We

pray for their families, that you would give them comfort, peace, and hope. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We now remember before you and give thanks for other loved ones who have died, who we celebrate and give thanks for, especially...

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: For this assembly, for all who have shared their lives and faith among us, for all who have done good works in this congregation, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who teach and those who learn, for those who serve and share the gospel, for those who are still to come, that faithfulness and service may abound, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For deliverance in time of affliction, especially during this pandemic, and for peace during our elections and as we contemplate their results, let us pray to the Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Finally, we remember and celebrate the saints among us who are celebrating birthdays this month. We give thanks and pray for Leo Brown, Justin & Landon Clouse, Blake Albright, Andrew Clouse, Brett Albright, Sydney Freed, Melissa Mihalcin, Kim Brown, Kenny Shaw, Sheila Schul, Dionne Becker, Juanita Freed, John Muther, Mary Garrelts, Rhonda Moravec, Deborah Bischoff, Jean Beal, Sandra Zabel, Wanda Unruh, Walter Dietz, and Audrey Burdine.

May you bless them to be a blessing to others. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole lives to Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **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

## ALL SAINTS DAY

There are two candles burning on the altar today. They are shining in memory of Judy Schroeder and Chris Freed, members of our congregation who have died within the past year. The light gives us hope and reminds us of the light of Christ that both Judy & Chris reflected throughout their time on this earth. We thank God for their companionship and their faithful witness.

## ESTIMATE-OF-GIVING CARDS

We are still collecting your estimate-of-giving cards. You can drop them in the offering plate, mail them, or simply return them to church at your convenience. Each one that is returned helps us in our budgeting process. Thank you!

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE NOV 8-29.

	Risk Level:
<b>9:00 INDOOR Communion, No Singing</b>	<b>HIGH</b>
<b>10:00 VIRTUAL Facebook Live</b>	NONE
<b>11:00 INDOOR Communion, No Singing</b>	<b>HIGH</b>

## SOME NOTES, PROCEDURES & PRECAUTIONS

- 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.

## **ZOOM YOUTH GROUP**

This Wednesday, November 4, we will have a Zoom Youth Group at 7:00. We will be sending out a Zoom invitation via email later this week. This is for anyone grades 6-12.

## **HUMAN NEEDS MINISTRY OF THE MONTH**

This month we are supporting the food pantry at Dear Neighbor Ministries. Dear Neighbor Ministries is located in the Hilltop



neighborhood of Wichita and helps serve vulnerable populations in that area. They provide emergency and outreach assistance, a community food pantry, income tax assistance,

representative payee services, a community garden, and a peace garden. They are a ministry created and sponsored by the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, and we've had several Christ Lutheran members volunteer for them throughout the years. If you would like more information, their website is: [www.dearneighbor.org](http://www.dearneighbor.org).

For their food pantry, we are collecting: Ramen noodles, canned pork & beans, canned fruit, canned chicken or tuna, canned vegetables, canned soup, peanut butter and jelly, spaghetti sauce, shelf stable milk, toilet paper, shampoo, razors, toothpaste, tooth brushes, bath soap, laundry soap, dish soap and cleaning supplies. You can place these supplies in the bin near our front door.

## **ANNUAL MEETING – November 22**

Christ Lutheran's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 22 at 4:00pm. Due to the pandemic, we are taking the extraordinary step of hosting our annual meeting online via Zoom. Hard copies of the 2020 Annual Report will soon be available at the church welcome table. Each CLC member will soon be receiving:

- *Via email:* a link to the Zoom meeting and CLC's 2020 Annual Report in electronic format. This will have reports from staff & council members, the agenda for the annual meeting, and our proposed budget for 2021. Please contact the office if you need help accessing Zoom.
- *Via mail:* A paper ballot for the selection of new council members and other positions. If you would like to vote for these positions secretly, simply mark your ballot and return it to the church by November 22. While voting for these positions is rarely contested (this year there is only 1 nominee per open position), returning the paper ballot does ensure that you can vote secretly or add a write-in candidate. A vote for each position will be taken during the Zoom meeting, but these "Zoom votes" will be impossible to be kept secret. The paper ballots that are returned will be counted alongside the votes that happen on Zoom.

## **UPDATE FROM FAMILY PROMISE**

If you are a Family Promise volunteer, it is important that you participate in a training session every year. This year, they are offering the volunteer training online, and it takes about an hour or so. The next two training opportunities are:

**Tuesday, November 17 @ 11am**

**Thursday, December 17 @ 6:30pm**

To register for one of these sessions, please email Adam at [adam@familypromisewichita.org](mailto:adam@familypromisewichita.org) and also let Elaine Miller know that you are participating.

Family Promise has had a lot of people apply to use their services recently, so we can anticipate that Christ Lutheran will need a full complement of volunteers for next year. We're always looking for new folks who want to help by cooking meals, driving families to & from the day center, being an evening volunteer, or sleeping at church as an overnight volunteer. Please contact Elaine if you're interested in helping:

[millerelaine72@gmail.com](mailto:millerelaine72@gmail.com).





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# God's Story @ Home

*For the week of November 1, 2020*

## PRAYING GOD'S STORY

Mealtime Prayer: Provider God, With a little oil and flour, you made a meal. With little oil and flour, you gave life. With a little oil and flour, you fed your people. Be with us as we eat food that you so graciously provided. Amen.

## READING GOD'S STORY

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

Sunday	1 King 17:1-16 [17-24]	The Widow of Zarephath
Monday	1 Kings 19:11-18	Elijah Meets God
Tuesday	2 Kings 2:1-12	Elijah Ascends to Heaven
Wed.	2 Kings 4:1-7	Elisha and the Widow's Oil
Thursday	2 Chronicles 34:1-7	The Torah Is Discovered
Friday	2 Chronicles 34:29-33	The Covenant Renewed
Saturday	2 Chronicles 36:15-21	The Fall of Jerusalem
Sunday	Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10 [4:1-11]	Jonah and the Big Fish

## CONTEMPLATING OR DISCUSSING GOD'S STORY

- ? **Highs and Lows:** What is one thing that someone provided for you today that made you happy? What is one thing that was forgotten about today?
- ? **Thinking About This Week's Story:** God provided food and shelter to Elijah. God provided oil and flour for the widow and her son. God provided life to the widow's son when he died. How has God provided for you today in small ways or big?
- ? **Getting Ready for Next Week's Story:** Jonah tries to run away from God because God told him to do something he did not like. What are a few things that people have asked you to do today? Did you do them?

## LIVING GOD'S STORY

Share your provisions with others: it can be food for the food shelf, spare change for someone who is homeless, or your time and talent needed somewhere.