

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church



Outdoor Worship Service

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 19, 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.
- Masks are strongly encouraged. They are available if you would like 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 our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it. *(Psalm 118:24)*

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

All: And his steadfast love endures forever. *(Psalm 136:1)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

***OPENING SONG** “Crown Him (Majesty)”

*Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of Him who died for me
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity*

*Chorus:
Majesty Lord of all
Let ev'ry throne before Him fall
The King of kings
O come adore
Our God who reigns forevermore (forevermore)*

*Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die*

*All hail Redeemer hail
For He has died for me
His praise and glory shall not fail*

Throughout eternity
(REPEAT)

Chorus Twice

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THE WORD

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Larry

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with

fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

SERMON

Pastor Larry Cross

*SONG OF THE DAY “As It Is In Heaven”

*Our Father Who art in Heaven
Hallowed be Thy name
Come and let Your glory come
And let Your glory fall
Our Father Who art in Heaven
The rocks cry out Your fame
Come and let Your glory come
And let Your glory fall*

*Pre-Chorus:
I will sing sing a new song
I will sing sing a new song
I will sing sing a new song
To the Lord*

*Chorus:
Let Your Kingdom come
Let Your will be done
On earth as it is in Heaven
Ev'ry heart proclaim
The mercy of Your name
On earth as it is in Heaven*

*God give us new ev'ry morning
Mercy as daily bread*

*In the name of Jesus
In the name of Jesus we pray
And lead us not to temptation
But deliver us with Your hand
In the name of Jesus
In the name of Jesus we pray
Father we pray*

Chorus

*For the Kingdom is Yours
And the power is Yours
And the glory forever amen
And the Kingdom is Yours
And the power is Yours
And the glory forever amen
As it is in Heaven*

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***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Response after each prayer

Pastor: ...Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

THE MEAL

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

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

All: And also with you.

***WORDS OF CONFESSION**

Pastor: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your

people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, received your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us now confess our sins to God in the presence of one another.

Silence for reflection & confession

Pastor: Most merciful God,

All: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

***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. *(Mark 14:22-25)*

***LORD'S PRAYER**

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

**Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
Now and forever. Amen.** (Matthew 6:9-14)

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 package of a bread wafer & grape juice will be dropped into your hands.*
- *The package has 2 openings to peel back. Peeling the top plastic cover releases the wafer, and the second seal opens the grape juice.*
- *After eating and drinking, keep the cup and dispose of it after the service.*
- *Gluten-free wafers are available upon request, although they are not pre-packaged.*

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

***WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives you of all your sins. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

All: Thanks be to God!

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** “Beautiful Things”

All this pain

I wonder if I'll ever find my way

I wonder if my life could really change

At all

All this earth

Could all that is lost ever be found

Could a garden come up from this ground

At all

Chorus:

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of the dust

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of us

All around

Hope is springing up from this old ground

Out of chaos life is being found

In You

Chorus Twice

You make me new You are making me new

You make me new You are making me new

Chorus Twice

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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!

SANDWICH SATURDAY

- Our next date to provide sack lunches is Saturday, July 25. We will need help on Friday, July 24 at about 5:00pm to make the PB&J sandwiches and put together the rest of the lunches. We will practice social distancing and do everything as safely as possible.
- We will also need help delivering the lunches on Saturday morning, July 25. We will simply drop them off at St. John’s Episcopal, but we do need one or two people willing to help transport the food. We will not be distributing them directly to the people because their staff will do that.

HUMAN NEEDS UPDATE

Filling the Gap

This month Christ Lutheran Church is collecting food for the Partner's for Wichita "Filling the Gap" program. With our church building being restricted we will be taking food collections only on Sunday mornings during our 9 AM worship time. These snack items can be placed in the main entry way to the church or in the big tub at the Outdoor Service. We are unable to accept donations at any other time. This is a listing of items requested by Partner's for Wichita:

- individually wrapped healthy items that don't need refrigeration including individual fruit, pudding, or applesauce cups
- beef sticks, beef jerky, Slim Jim's
- snack bars, granola bars, Chewys,
- cheese & crackers or cheese dippers
- fruit roll ups, dried fruit, raisins packets
- individual goldfish packets or pretzels.

To learn more about the "Filling the Gap" program you may check out this link to Partner's for Wichita - <https://www.partnersforwichita.org/filling-the-gap>. We are also designating \$100 from Noisy Offering to purchase fruit at sites staffed with Christ Lutheran volunteers.

Mision San Juan de Dios

Mison San de Juan has taken over the used clothing & thrift store near their church. They will be accepting clothing for the store, shoes and kitchen items such as cups, plates for distribution. If you wish to donate items for them here at the church you may do so only on Sunday mornings at the 9 AM service in the entry way to the church. In addition, we will donate \$200 from the Noisy Offering fund for purchase of bus passes assist the congregation. To view information about Mison San de Juan watch this YouTube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QDcOroFfG9c&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0m9BPDHMR9sTTGNNNA8EkNpmOX-0H-DLh2r6Mw3Ne8-lamxpdzZ4UTJ9IA>

Teacher Assistance

If you are teaching school this fall please be aware that Human Needs Committee will be splitting \$500 among all the teachers to assist in setting up their classrooms. Typically teachers utilize their personal funds in addition to

those provided by the school. This year the schools will have less resources available to the teachers so we would like to supplement them.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY CHANGES COMING!

Beginning this Wednesday, our Bible study will take a different form temporarily. We will be shifting from Facebook Live to a Zoom format for 6 weeks (July 22 – August 26). This change will allow us to have actual conversation about what we will be studying. It will also look a little bit less like a Bible study and more like a book study. We will spend these 6 weeks studying & discussing the book called “Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.” by Rev. Lenny Duncan (an ELCA pastor). To fully participate, you’ll want to have access to your own copy, either on an e-reader or hard copy. There will be 15 hard copies available at church on a first come first serve basis.



On Monday, Pastor Chad will send out a Zoom invite to the entire congregation, so be watching for that. On July 22 at 7:00pm, we’ll be talking about the first 2 chapters in the book, and we’ll be discussing about 2 chapters per week.

If you’ve never used Zoom before and want to participate, let Pastor Chad know and we’ll try to get you set up for it. If you have a smartphone, tablet, or computer, it should be able to work just fine for you.