

Welcome to
Christ Lutheran Church



Outdoor Worship Service

Matthew 26:17-30

August 16, 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 encouraged, but not required.
- 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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: We begin in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

All: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Pastor: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

All: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

Pastor: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

***OPENING SONG** “Your Grace is Enough”

Great is your faithfulness, O God
You wrestle with the sinner’s restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart.

Chorus:

So remember your people,
Remember your children,
Remember your promise O God.
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.

Great is your love and justice, God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of your salvation,
And all Your people sing along.

Chorus repeated

Your grace is enough,
Heaven reaches out to us.
Your grace is enough for me.

God, I sing:
Your grace is enough;
I'm covered in your love.
Your grace is enough for me,
For me.

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THE WORD

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Chad

CATECHISM CONNECTION

The Sacrament of the Altar

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 26:17-30

¹⁷ On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Where do you want us to make preparations for you to eat the Passover?"¹⁸ He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.'" ¹⁹ So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and prepared the Passover.²⁰ When evening came, Jesus was reclining at the table with the Twelve. ²¹ And while they were eating, he said, "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."²² They were very sad and began to say to him one after the other, "Surely you don't mean me, Lord?"²³ Jesus replied, "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. ²⁴ The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born."²⁵ Then Judas, the one who would betray him, said,

“Surely you don’t mean me, Rabbi?” Jesus answered, “You have said so.”²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”²⁷ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the^{al} covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”³⁰ When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

SERMON

Pastor Chad Langdon

*SONG OF THE DAY

“Remembrance”

Oh, how could it be
that my God would welcome me
Into this mystery,
Say, “Take this bread, take this wine?
Now the simple made divine
For any to receive.

Chorus:

By Your mercy we come to Your table.
By Your grace You are making us faithful.
Lord we remember you,
And remembrance leads us to worship.
And as we worship you,
Our worship leads to communion.
We respond to Your invitation.
We remember You.

See His body, His blood;
know that He has overcome
Every trial we will face.
And none too lost to be saved,
None too broken or ashamed.
All are welcome in this place.

Chorus

Dying, You destroyed our death.
Rising, You restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Chorus

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***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Five Finger Prayers

Thumb – We pray for those closest to us (family, friends, etc.).

Pointer – We pray for those who point us in the right direction
(teachers, doctors, mentors, etc.).

Tallest – We pray for those in authority over us (government
officials, police, etc.).

Ring – We pray for those who are weak, in trouble, or in need of
healing.

Pinkie – We pray for ourselves.

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: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 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. The elements of Holy Communion will be brought to you.

- *Receiving the bread: When the pastor comes to your area, extend your arms and cup your hands. The bread will be dropped into your hands. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*
- *Receiving the wine: An assistant will bring the (red) wine & (white) grape juice on a tray. Please touch only the cup that you are taking. After drinking, keep the cup and dispose of it after the service.*

If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, 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**

“New Doxology”

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

Let earth and heavenly saints proclaim
The pow'r and might of His great Name
Let us exalt on bended knee
Praise God the Holy Trinity

Chorus:

Praise God praise God
Praise God Who saved my soul
Praise God praise God
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow

Praise to the King His throne transcends
His crown and Kingdom never end
Now and throughout eternity
I'll praise the One Who died for me

Chorus twice

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

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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!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Anyone who works in education and students (with your backpacks, if you brought them) please stay after worship for this special blessing.

Pastor: Let us pray: As another school year begins

All: we pray that You would bless these backpacks

Parents: and our children who carry them.

Pastor: We lift up to You all those who will be starting back to school soon—students, teachers, administrators, staff, bus drivers, and school board members.

Parents: We pray that You would especially protect our children as they go to and from school.

All: We pray that You would provide for all the expenses that come with school.

Parents: As our lives get busier, we pray that we would be able to still find time to spend together as a family.

Pastor: Gracious God, we give thanks for the opportunity for education in the classroom.

All: And we also give thanks to You for education in the church and for a chance to get know You a little better.

Pastor: Lord, we pray that the students among us would study hard, would be kind to their classmates, and ask for help when they need it.

All: Pour out your Spirit on all the schools represented here today, that they would be places of new discovery, and grant that those who learn would find you to be the source of all truth.

Parents: And lastly, Lord, give us the wisdom, the grace, and the patience to be good parents.

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit, + may you be blessed and strengthened in memory, reason, skill, grace, and love, so that you may be a blessing to others.

All: Amen.

Pastor: May Jesus, who calls us each by name to follow him, give you the courage and confidence to be his disciples wherever you may be, at school, at work, and at home. May the gifts God has given you be a source of blessing for you and for others.

All: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. PAUL'S BREAKFAST

Our next date to serve St. Paul's Breakfast is Saturday, August 22. Because people are still hungry during this time, we will still be serving this meal to our community. There will be no preparation on Friday night and everything will take place on that Saturday morning at St. Paul's. We will need about 8 people who are willing to meeting down at St. Paul's at 7:00am on Saturday, August 22 to prep and serve the meal. We'll be doing biscuits & gravy, along with some other sides. Please contact Donn Bischoff if you are willing and able to help. The one thing that we do need donations for is water bottles. If you would like to donate a package of water bottles, please just leave those near the front door of church and we will make sure they get included in the meals. Thank you!

The risk level for this is: **HIGH**

CONFIRMATION MEETING THIS WEEK!

There will be a Confirmation Zoom meeting this Tuesday, August 18th at 7:30pm. Parents of 6th-8th graders should receive a Zoom invitation in your email on Monday morning. (If you don't, please contact Pastor Chad.) This meeting is for parents & students as we talk about and lay out what Confirmation will look like this coming year. We are trying to make some major changes to how we do things, so this will be a chance to learn about that and offer some input.

The risk level for this is: **NONE**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

There will also be another chance to get your backpack blessed this evening. Pastor Chad will be at the Outdoor Sanctuary (behind the church) from 5:00-7:00pm for anyone who would like to have their backpack personally blessed. Just stop by any time during that window for conversation, prayer, blessing, and even a little treat!

The risk level for this is: **LOW**