

**Welcome to  
Christ Lutheran Church**



**Outdoor Worship Service**

*1 Corinthians 11:17-34*

*August 23, 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.
- Per county & state mandate, masks are now required for public gatherings. They are available if you need 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.*

## **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**                      “To the Table”

Hear the voice of love that's calling  
There's a chair that waits for you  
And a friend who understands  
Everything you're going through

But you keep standing at a distance  
In the shadows of your shame  
But there's a light of hope that's shining  
Won't you come and take your place

And bring it all to the table  
It's nothing He ain't seen before  
For all your sin all your sorrow  
And your sadness  
There's a Savior and He calls  
Bring it all to the table

He can see the weight you carry  
The fears that hold your heart  
But through the cross you've been forgiven  
You're accepted as you are

So bring it all to the table  
It's nothing He ain't seen before  
For all your trials all your worries  
And your burdens  
There's a Savior and He calls  
Bring it all to the table

Come on in take your place  
There's no one who's turned away  
All you sinners all you saints  
Come right in and find your grace

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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

1 Corinthians 11:17-34

<sup>7</sup> Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. <sup>18</sup> For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you; and to some extent I believe it. <sup>19</sup> Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine. <sup>20</sup> When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper. <sup>21</sup> For when the time comes to eat, each of you goes ahead with your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. <sup>22</sup> What! Do you not have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you.

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

<sup>27</sup> Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For all who eat and drink without discerning the body, eat and drink judgment against themselves. <sup>30</sup> For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. <sup>31</sup> But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged. <sup>32</sup> But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

<sup>33</sup> So then, my brothers and sisters, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. <sup>34</sup> If you are hungry, eat at home, so that when you come together, it will not be for your condemnation. About the other things I will give instructions when I come.

**\*SONG OF THE DAY**

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Let us break bread together on our knees  
Let us break bread together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees  
With my face to the rising sun  
O Lord have mercy on me

Let us drink wine together on our knees  
Let us drink wine together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees  
With my face to the rising sun  
O Lord have mercy on me

Let us praise God together on our knees  
Let us praise God together on our knees  
When I fall on my knees  
With my face to the rising sun  
O Lord have mercy on me

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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 decide 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 & 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**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,  
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart  
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art

Light of my soul, after victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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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](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!

## **A NOTE OF THANKS**

*Thank you, thank you, thank you, Congregation, for your generous Amazon gift for my classroom and kiddos. My heart is overflowing, as it will bless my students and me in a year that will no doubt be challenging. Again, many thanks!*

*~Sheila Schul*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## “DEAR CHURCH” BOOK STUDY

This Wednesday at 7:00pm is our final week studying the book, “Dear Church” by Lenny Duncan. We will be discussing the final chapter and then talking about the next most faithful steps we can take in response to what we’ve read.

Even if you’ve missed most (or all) of the study, you are invited to join us in this Zoom conversation. If you’d like a copy of the book, there are a few still available in the dropbox near the front door of the church building.

## REACH OUT & RECONNECT

It has been a long time since we were able to worship inside the sanctuary and sit in our normal places in the pews. Think back to that time...

Who did you usually sit next to, in front of, or behind?

Who did you enjoy sharing a cup of coffee with?

Who do you miss from church?



This week, take some time and reach out to those people, even if it is just one or two folks. Check on them. See how they are doing. Ask them how life has changed or is changing, what they are nervous or hopeful about. Ask them what you can be praying about for them specifically.

Everyone is a little tired of this pandemic. Everyone is feeling a little overwhelmed and disconnected. It can help to pick up the phone and simply call someone you haven’t talked to in months...even just to say hi. Let’s remind each other that we are church together.