



Holy Trinity Sunday

Christ Lutheran Church

John 3:1-17

May 30, 2021

9:00am Worship Service

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.
- In order to facilitate communication, Pastor 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.

GATHERING

We gather together as God's people

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

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

All: Amen.

WORDS OF CONFESSION

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

Silence for reflection.

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 FORGIVENESS

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we 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: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

“Kyrie Eleison”

GREETING

Pastor: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to set us free.

All: And also with you.

(Galatians 1:3-4)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. God of heaven and earth,

All: before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1-17

3 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ² He came to Jesus^[a] by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³ Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."^[b] ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶ What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.^[c] ⁷ Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You^[d] must be born from above.'^[e] ⁸ The wind^[f] blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you^[g] do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.^[h] ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.^[i] ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.¹⁷ "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Larry Cross

SONG OF THE DAY

“Kindness”

APOSTLES’ CREED

Pastor: Living together in trust and hope, united in our faith, let us confess the truth of the gospel using the words of the Apostles’ Creed. *(Galatians 2:5)*

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary,**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and
was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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 Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. With all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: 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.

We remember that 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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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. *(Luke 11:1-4)*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: From all corners of the earth, Jesus invites everyone who hungers to this meal.

So share in this meal, you who have much faith, and
you who would like to have more.

Share in this meal, you who have received often, and
you who have not been for a long time.

Share in this meal, you who have tried to follow Jesus, and
You who feel you have failed.

Share in this meal, for Jesus, the risen Christ, invites us to meet God here, and all of you are welcome.

All: Thanks be to God.

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. The grape juice cups have a purple cross on them.*
- *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.*

COMMUNION SONG

BLESSING

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation.

All: Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

Amen.

(Micah 6:8)

SENDING

Blessed & nourished by God, we are sent into the world to share God's love with others.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May God, the Source of glory,
God, the Word of life,
and God, the Spirit of truth
bless you all, now and forever.

All: Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Mighty To Save”

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Bear one another's burdens. *(Galatians 6:2)*

All: Let us not grow weary in doing what is right. *(Galatians 6:9)*

Pastor: Whenever you have an opportunity, work for the good of all.

(Galatians 6:10)

All: Let us live by the Spirit and be guided by the Spirit.

(Galatians 5:25)

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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 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

STARTING NEXT WEEK

IMPORTANT WORSHIP CHANGES FOR JUNE

Per CDC guidelines, beginning June 1 we are removing the mask mandate & social distancing requirements for anyone who is vaccinated. We will still have masks available and you may choose to still wear them if you'd like.

We will be keeping the big glass doors to the sanctuary open throughout the summer so that anyone who wants to social distance & spread out will be able to. We will also continue to livestream the 9:00am service for anyone who wants to worship virtually.

Other important changes include:

- **NEW TIMES:** Our worship times change to our summer schedule. The new schedule will be:
 - 9:00am Early & Virtual Service (at the same time)
 - 10:30am Late Service
- **COMMUNION:** We will be doing Communion in a standing rotation. We will still be using pre-packaged elements. You will come forward to receive your communion at the altar. Pastor Chad will give you the package of bread and wine. You'll return with it to your seats. At your seat, you will open it, eat and drink. Then you'll place your empty container in a bin located in each pew.
- **VOLUNTEERS:** We will be scheduling worship volunteers to help with the various parts of the service. Please watch the bulletin for when you might be on the schedule. If you are not able to fulfill your assigned job for a Sunday, please do your best to find a replacement. If you cannot find a replacement, please let Pastor Chad know ASAP.

As always, we want to love others as best that we can. Please respect others' space, boundaries and feelings out of love. If you are not feeling well or have been recently exposed to COVID, please stay home and attend the Virtual Service. Please remember that there will likely be people worshipping with us who have not yet received the vaccine (especially young children).

Coming this summer

**A SERMON SERIES
ON GALATIANS**
FAITH
in Christ means
FREEDOM
is an opportunity & responsibility to
LOVE
& serve our neighbors.
GALATIANS 5:13



CHURCH COOKBOOK? Hey church! The latest issue of Living Lutheran discussed church cookbooks and the history associated with them. I found it pretty interesting and homemade recipes are near and dear to my heart. I'm always collecting my favorite recipes. My most recent addition is Deb Bischoff's Dutch Apple Bread. Getting to my point... I asked Pastor Chad when the last time our church made a cookbook and it's been almost 20 years! I thought it could be fun to make another one. If you have a handful of favorite recipes, then I'd love to collect them. I thought this could be a fun project for our church to put together in a time where it's hard to physically be together. (Thanks COVID.) I look forward to seeing all your special recipes and seeing you all in person again soon. If you've got recipes, you can email them to me at: helmickkelsey@gmail.com. Thanks! ~ Kelsey Helmick



NURSERY IS BACK OPEN!

Thank you to Brian Pressnall who installed a new TV in the nursery. For parents of small children, our nursery really operates like a cry room. It is full of toys, has a diaper changing station, and a family bathroom. We do not have a nursery attendant, so a parent does need to stay with their child while using it. The TV now shows the worship service so you can still participate while your child does what they need to do also. We appreciate if you will clean up after your child by putting the toys back on the shelves.

Our children are always welcome and encouraged to be in worship with everyone else! So if a child just needs a different toy to play with while in church, they can go in there and take the toy with them back into the pew and return it after the worship service. Thank you!

COMMUNITY COOKOUTS IN JUNE! It's been a long time since our congregation has been able to gather for food, fellowship and fun. **Every Wednesday in the month of June, we will be hosting a community cookout for anyone who wants to come.**



Here's how they will work:

Church will provide drinks, hot dogs & buns, and plates & silverware. You provide a side (chips, fruit salad, etc.) or a dessert to share (if you can...if not, that's ok too).

You may also want to bring a lawn chair.

They will be outside behind the building at our Outdoor Sanctuary and we'll be using our brand new picnic tables!

They will be very informal affairs. Come when you can. Leave when you want. We'll start gathering around 5:30. If you show up a bit before that, you can help set up.

The last folks to stay can help clean up.

We'll have balls, Frisbees, and other stuff laying around for folks to play with, but there won't be any big organized activities or anything.

If the weather is bad, we will need to cancel and you can watch our Facebook page for that notification.

The purpose is simple: acquaint ourselves with our church community, hang out, and have a good time. Oh sure, Pastor Chad may have a song for us to sing or a 2-3 minute devotional or some little mixer, but mostly, we just want to get together, enjoy God's creation, and enjoy each other. Hope to see you there for the first one on Wednesday, June 2!

PS — If you'd like to be on a setup or cleanup crew, please let Pastor Chad know.

It would be much appreciated!

Quilting group is going to begin meeting again Tuesday, June 1st at 9:00am. This group of quilters is open to anyone who wants to join them. Sewing or quilting skill is not necessarily required. The morning is filled with conversation, laughter, encouragement, and by doing the important work of creating quilts for Lutheran World Relief.

