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Christ Lutheran Church
Christ Lutheran Mission Statement
As members of Christ Lutheran we - Gather in Worship,
Grow in God's Word, Serve in Jesus' name.
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
July 25, 2021

*Please stand as you are able. ❖Please be seated.

Prelude: Peg Hatlestad

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

***Gathering Song** "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" **ELW # 533**

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God, In Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day: Gracious God, **you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

❖**Special Music**

"Amazing Grace"
"(My Chains Are Gone)"

Jon Braband, Vocal Solo
Accompanied by Vicky Harris

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

Psalm 145:10-18

¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,**

¹²to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.**

¹⁴The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.**

¹⁸The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Here ends the readings. Thanks be to God.

* **Gospel Acclamation**

"Alleluia, Lord to whom..."

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John. ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel: John 6:1-21

¹After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' ¹⁰Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

*The Gospel of the Lord, we say: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

❖ Sermon

Pastor Elizabeth

*** Hymn of the Day**

"Son of God, Eternal Savior"

ELW # 655

Apostles Creed: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

For the church universal, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel.
Lord in your mercy; **Hear Our Prayer**

For the well-being of creation.
Lord in your mercy; **Hear Our Prayer**

Remembering all elected leaders especially Joe our President, Tim our Governor, and Tom, Norman, Ryan, Mandy, Tracy, and Bruce, our Mayors, for the government of Cuba, for peace and justice in all nations and especially the communities of Biscay, Brownston, Glencoe, New Auburn, Plato, and Silver Lake.
Lord in your mercy; **Hear Our Prayer**

For all whose names are on our prayer list: Kristen, Kris and her Family, Matt, Troy, Bill, Kevin, Richard, Lois, Dianne, Denise, Brent, LaDonna, Dennis, Cassandra, Talyn, Collin, Gary, Sandy, Stanley, Mary, Brad, LuAnn, Marlys, Sandra, Dori, Lisa, Brian, Erik, Carol, Brayden, Beau, Marie, Gary, and Eydie; for the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely. For all who suffer in body mind and spirit.
Lord in your mercy; **Hear Our Prayer**

For those celebrating a wedding anniversary, especially Bob and Sharon, and Nate and Erin.
Lord in your mercy; **Hear Our Prayer**

For those celebrating a birthday, especially Steve, Lucia, Maxwell, Jim, Charlotte, LeeAnn, Collins, Isla, Gracelynn, Jo'Cleta, Jill, Macey, Jeanne, Austin, Erica, and Parker.
Lord in your mercy; **Hear Our Prayer**

For all those who serve our armed forces, especially those who serve on active duty including Andrew, Bryce, Ryan, Cassandra, Darren, and Ryan.
Lord in your mercy; **Hear Our Prayer**

For your mission for Christ Lutheran Church, for the person who will be called to be the next Pastor but doesn't know it yet, for the Church Council and the Vision Team. For the many ministries planted here, especially Abundant Table.
Lord in your mercy; **Hear Our Prayer**

For those who have died, may they rest in peace and rise in glory.
Lord in your mercy; **Hear Our Prayer**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Share the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

STEWARDSHIP GOD'S GIFTS

We offer to God what is God's own

Offering

[Please remember to send your much appreciated and needed weekly tithes and offerings.]

Offering Prayer: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

Lord's Prayer: 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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

❖Prayer/Blessing for Eli Kuehn

You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.

Be strong and of good courage
Neither fear nor be dismayed.
For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Announcements

***Benediction**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

"I Love to Tell the Story"

ELW # 661

Dismissal: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Peg Hatlestad



Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We are glad that you are here to worship with us today! Please sign the pew booklets in the pews. If you are a visitor, please introduce yourself and sign our guest book in the narthex along with the pew booklet.

A special thank you to all who helped assist with our worship service today:

Organist: Peg Hatlestad

Lector: Jim Peterson

Cantor: Nancy Mellesmoen

Audio/Video Tech: Scott Kuehn

Head Usher: Brad Hahn

Refreshments: Hank and Judy Larsen

Ushers: Wally Rannow and Larry Gutknecht

Please lift these people up in prayers this week: Kristen Heldt, Kris Davis and Family (niece and two daughters of Cheryl McDougall), Matt Guetzkow (cousin of Darlene Hennessey), Troy Jenneke (nephew of Barb Jenneke and cousin of Teresa Rannow), Bill Gould, Kevin Menning, Richard Dolezal, Lois Tritz, Dianne VonBerge, Denise Landin, Brent Lindemann (stepfather of Audrey Howell), LaDonna Oberlin, Dennis Pilger (cousin of Donna Senske), Cassandra DeCasas (daughter of Bill and Deb Heuer), Talyn Mellesmoen, daughter of Hannah Mellesmoen and granddaughter of Dave and Nancy Mellesmoen), Collin Gustafson, grandson of Marv and Gloria Gustafson), Gary Metag, Sandy Koeppen, (sister of Barb Jenneke), Stanley Butcher (brother of Deb Heuer), Mary Entinger, Brad Duenow, LuAnn Harms, Marlys Rehmann, Sandra Brenhaug, Dori Swedberg (mother of Katherine Grant), Lisa Style, Brian Mikolichek, Erik Murray (nephew and Godchild of Gloria Gustafson), Carol Carver, Brayden Gildea (a GSL 9th grader, son of Jim and Kari Gildea, and nephew of Shaun and Charity Gildea), Beau Brelje (GSL 4th grader), Marie Kliche (mother of Nancy Kliche, Gary Brown (friend of Joanne Chrast), and Eydie Knoll (sister of Millie Dreier).

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Sunday, July 25th, Worship Service @ 9:00 a.m.

Monday, July 26th, Televised worship @ 3:00 p.m. on channel 10; Abundant Table meeting in the Conference Room @ 4:00 p.m.; Visions Team meeting @ 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.

Tuesday, July 27th, Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 in the Narthex – bring your Bible.

Wednesday, July 28th, Televised Worship Service @ 2:00 p.m. on Channel 10.

Thursday, July 29th

Friday, July 30th,

Saturday, 31st,

Sunday, Aug. 1st, Worship Service with Holy Communion @ 9:00 a.m. – Camryn Alexis Schons Baptism.

Abundant Table Organizational Meeting

Christ Lutheran will be starting Abundant Table the first Wednesday of September. We are excited to be able to invite the community for a meal and fellowship again after the Covid shutdown. It takes many people to make the meal happen; we are in need of Coordinating Team members. Please pray and consider being part of this great mission.



We are having an **organizational meeting on Monday, July 26th at 4:00 pm in the Church Conference Room.** If you would like to learn more or join the team, please plan on attending. You can call me at 612-418-5688 for more information. Thanks, Barb Jenneke

Thank You



A heartfelt thank you from Gary and Mary Metag for the meals, the kindness, and the prayers as we follow this difficult path.

Habitat for Humanity Noisy Pail Offering



Thank you to Christ Lutheran Church members for their generosity with the Noisy Pail Offering for Habitat for Humanity in June. A total of \$7,521.30 was collected, which will be matched by MidCountry Bank, and used to build Becky Peterson's new Habitat home.

Women's Bible Study on Tuesday Mornings

Join me, The Rev. H. Elizabeth Becker, for **Women's Bible Study Tuesdays, beginning July 27th at 10:00 a.m. in the Narthex.** We will be using a Lectionary-based study. All are invited. Remember to bring your Bibles! (This is the Women's Bible Study group that was meeting on Friday mornings.)



Noisy Pail Offering for School Supplies on Sunday, Aug. 1st

Missions will be holding a Noisy Pail offering for school supplies **on Sunday, Aug. 1st.** They will be collecting through the month of August. Paper money and checks are welcome, too! **If you write out a check, please make sure to note on the memo line that it is for school supplies.**

Personal Care Kits for Lutheran Relief

Include the following in each personal care kit:

- ONE light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- TWO or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ONE sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ONE metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging
- ONE adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging*



For more information contact Vicar Susan Christianson at 320-292-1032 or Jodi Braband at 320-864-4001.

* *Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope, no plastic bags or wrap.*

Open House for Bishop Jon Anderson



You are invited to a gathering to celebrate Bishop Jon Anderson's 18 years of service to the Southwestern Minnesota Synod – **an Open House on Saturday, Aug. 14th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Redwood Area Community Center** (901 E. Cook St., Redwood Falls). All are welcome. Bishop Jon will conclude his third, six-year term as Bishop on August 31, 2021.

Diapers for Common Cup

July and August will be collection months at Christ Lutheran for diapers, all sizes, larger sizes most needed. Diapers are given out for free at both Common Cup sites, Hutchinson and Glencoe, **the last Tuesday of each**



month from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Your donations make a difference in the lives of many families in need.