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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.
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
October 10th, 2021

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.

Masks, hand sanitizer and distance seating are available. Please take every measure to feel safe.

✳️ *Please stand as you are able.*

❖ *Please be seated.*

Prelude: Jeff Iverson

GATHERING

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

✳️ **Gathering Song**

"Lord of Light"

ELW # 688

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **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.**

❖ **Bell Choir Anthem**

"You Are My All in All"

Randy Wilson, Director
Holly Corrick, Flute

Prayer of the Day: Almighty and ever-living God, **increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

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

❖First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Psalm: Psalm 90:12-17

¹²So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

¹³**Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!**

¹⁴Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.**

¹⁶Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

¹⁷**Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands— O prosper the work of our hands!**

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

*Here ends the readings. **Thanks be to God.***

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

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, ‘Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ ¹⁸Jesus said to him, ‘Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: “You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother.”’ ²⁰He said to him, ‘Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.’ ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’ ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, ‘How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!’ ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, ‘Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.’ ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, ‘Then who can be saved?’ ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.’

²⁸Peter began to say to him, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.’ ²⁹Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

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

❖ **Sermon**

David Pedersen

* **Hymn of the Day**

“Gather Us In”

ELW #532

* **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 all displaced people, 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 Rosie, Kaeden, Nita and all whose names are on our prayer list. 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 Jon and Jodi, Brian and Tiffany, Taylor and Jason, Kurt and Denise, and John and Joan.
Lord in your mercy; **Hear Our Prayer**

For those celebrating a birthday, especially Carol, Erik, Terry, Ethan, Winifred, Jacob, McCoy, Gloria, Ryan, Marissa, Alex, Roger, Amanda, Sonja, Donald, and Logan.
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 B., Cassandra, Darren, and Ryan S.
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 for the Vryheid Circuit of South Africa. Lord in your mercy; **Hear Our Prayer**

For an end to the virus and for bringing healing to the afflicted.
Lord in your mercy; **Hear Our Prayer**

For all those affected by natural disasters.
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.**

Sharing of the Peace:

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

STEWARDING 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 plates will be passed to church members in each pew.]

[Children are invited to come forward to place their offering in "Christ's Well".]

- * **Offering Prayer:** God of abundance, **you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Words of Institution

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.

❖ **Distribution of Communion** "Lamb Of God" **ELW # 146**

[As we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, all who believe they receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the form of bread and wine, forgiveness of sin and renewal therein are welcome at this table. It is the meal of all the Baptized. Please follow the direction of the Ushers.]

Communion Hymns: **ELW #'s 479, 477**

- * **Prayer after Communion:** Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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.

Temple Talk

Vicky Harris

Announcements

Benediction

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

ELW # 705

Dismissal: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Jeff Iverson



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

Organist: Jeff Iverson

Lector: Mary Lou Platt

Cantor: Becky Peterson

Guest Speaker: David Pedersen

Greeter: Rosie Nelson

Head Usher: Nathan Stoltenburg

Acolyte: Tenley Roberts

Ushers: Joan Johnson and Dave Meyer

Communion Assistants: Vicar Susan, Marcia Miller, Shari O'Donnell, and Carla Kuehn

Special Music: Bell Choir directed by Randy Wilson with Holly Corrick, Flute

Refreshments: Mission Team

Audio/Video Tech: Scott Kuehn

Please lift these people up in prayers this week. Is God moving your heart to send a card to a loved one in your own family? Rosie Nelson, Kaeden Amberg (grandson of Errolan and Donna Senske), Sharon Gutknecht, (Jeanine Wedin, Nita Enderson, Marilyn Ueland, Lori Hatlestad, Kristen Heldt, Kris Davis and Family (niece and two daughters of Cheryl McDougall), Matt Guetzkow (cousin of Darlene Hennessey), Bill Gould, Richard Dolezal, Lois Tritz, 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), Gary Metag, Charlotte Dittmer, Sandy Koeppen, (sister of Barb Jenneke), Stanley Butcher (brother of Deb Heuer), Mary Entinger, Brad Duenow, LuAnn Harms, Dennis Dittmer, 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, Oct. 10th, Worship Service with Holy Communion @ 9:00 a.m. – Mission Sunday with Guest Speaker David Pedersen – Mission Team will serve refreshments; Sunday School @ 10:10 a.m.; Fall Theological.

Monday, Oct. 11th, Televised Worship Service @ 3:00 p.m. on Channel 10; Fall Theological.

Tuesday, Oct. 12th, Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.; Fall Theological.

Wednesday, Oct. 13th Men's Bible Study @ 8:00 a.m.; Televised Worship Service @ 2:00 p.m. on Channel 10; Bells @ 5:15 p.m.; Confirmation @ 5:30 p.m.; Choir @ 6:00 p.m.; Council meets @ 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 14th, Rachel Circle @ 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Friday, Oct. 15th,

Saturday, Oct. 16th,

Sunday, Oct. 17th, Worship Service @ 9:00 a.m. – Rev. Donna Olsen here for Pastor Elizabeth; Sunday School @ 10:10 a.m.

It's Mission Sunday Today!



David Pedersen, one of the founding fathers of the South African Partnership with the Vryheid Circuit (started in 2008), will be our guest speaker this morning. Coffee and cake will be provided after the service, and you will have a chance to ask David questions concerning this mission.

Morning Bible Studies

Lessons for this week: Isaiah 53:4-12, Psalm 91:9-16, Hebrews 5:1-10; and Mark 10:35-45.



Coffee time for CLC Women



Women of Christ Lutheran monthly coffees have been a success! Women attending have asked that we continue meeting into the fall. Join us on **Thursday, Oct. 28 at 10:00 a.m.** We will chat, share, listen, and enjoy each other's company. Hope to see you in October. 😊

Annual Community Thanksgiving Meal on Friday, Nov. 25th

The 2021 Annual Community Thanksgiving meal will be on Friday, Nov. 25th at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Glencoe and is takeout only, as your health and safety are our priority. Watch for more details on the required sign-up.

Monetary donation slips to purchase the food for the dinner will be available in early October. There will be no charge for the dinner, but there will be an opportunity for a free will offering at the time of pickup, which benefits the local food shelf. God bless you all!



“Keeping Hope Alive During Troubling Times” on Thursday, Oct. 28th



TED BOWMAN

The United Way of McLeod County is pleased to be offering the second of three community conversations featuring Ted Bowman, grief and loss educator, on **Thursday, Oct. 28th, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Hutchinson Event Center, 1005 Highway 15 South, Hutchinson, and virtually on Zoom.** This event is free, and helpful resources will be available to be picked up.

Register to attend in person or virtually via Zoom with Ted Bowman “Keeping Hope Alive During Troubling Times.” This free presentation is sponsored by the United Way of McLeod County and the Hutchinson Health Foundation. CEU's have been applied for, and participants will receive a folder of helpful resources including books by Ted Bowman.