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Christ Lutheran Mission Statement
As members of Christ Lutheran we - Gather in Worship,
Grow in God's Word, Serve in Jesus' name.
Seventh Sunday in Easter
Service of the Word
May 21st, 2023

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.

Service of the Word begins on page 210 in the red hymnal.

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** "Rise, O Sun of Righteousness"

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Welcome and Mission

Welcome to Christ Lutheran, where our mission is:

To gather in worship, grow in God's word, and serve in Jesus' name.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. **Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.**

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation. **Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring

peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.
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.**

Kyrie

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Canticle of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!** Let us pray:

O God of glory, **your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

❖ Bell Choir

“One Bread, One Body”

Directed by Becky Peterson

WORD

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

First Reading: Acts 1:6-14

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ ⁷He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Psalm: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

- ¹Let God rise up, let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.
- ²**As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before the fire, let the wicked perish before God.**
- ³But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy.
- ⁴**Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds — his name is the Lord — be exultant before him.**
- ⁵Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.
- ⁶**God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land.**
- ⁷O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, Selah
- ⁸**the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**
- ⁹Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished;
- ¹⁰**your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.**
- ³²Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord, Selah
- ³³**O rider in the heavens, the ancient heavens; listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**
- ³⁴Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies.
- ³⁵**Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

⁶Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Here ends the readings. Thanks be to God.

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

Gospel: John 17:1-11

¹After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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

❖ **Sermon**

Pastor Erik Karlson

* **Hymn of the Day** "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

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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

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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

* Hymn "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, **maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, 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.

Benediction

The God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation. **Amen.**

Sending Song "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

ELW # 855

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Jeff Iverson



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

Organist: Jeff Iverson

Cantor: Jon Braband

Lector: Trevor Kirchoff

Altar Guild: Judy Ide, Becky Olmstead

Kitchen Guild: Frances Huwe

Head Usher: Dave Meyer

Ushers: Bob Tibbits, Wally Rannow

Audio/Visual: Mckenzie Ebert

Greeters: Bob Kaytor, Gloria Kaytor

Refreshments: Brad & Bonnie Hahn

Please lift these people up in prayers this week: Loren Mueller, Dennis Hendrickson (father of Connie Duenow), Nancy Mellesmoen, Bob Iverson, Jeanne Klitzke (grand-mother of Jesse Hardel and mother of Donna Hardel), Sandra Brenhaug, Lisa Busche (daughter of Mike and Jann Savre), Allen Nelson (brother of Charlotte Dittmer), Kelly Higgins, Joy Macheel (daughter of Jon and Jodi Braband), Lloyd Duenow (father of Brad Duenow), Bill Heuer, Marilyn Ueland, Kristen Heldt, Richard Dolezal, Lois Tritz, Brent Lindemann (stepfather of Audrey Howell), LaDonna Oberlin, Mary Entinger, Dori Swedberg (mother of Katherine Grant), Lisa Style, Brian Mikolichek, Carol Carver, Gary Brown (friend of Joanne Chrast), Julie Becker, Pamela Perrin (sister of Nancy Mellesmoen), Jerry and Mary Jo Schimelpfenig; Shawn Davis (son of Denny and Chris), Jan Petrick.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Sunday, May 21st, Service of the Word @ 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Monday, May 22nd, Televised Worship Service on Channel 10.

Tuesday, May 23rd, Women's Bible Study @ 10 a.m. in the Conference Room; NA Women's Group @ 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, May 24th, Televised Worship Service @ 2:00 p.m. on Channel 10; 7th/8th Grade Confirmation Ditch Clean-Up Day @ 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 25th, Men's Bible Study @ 9 a.m. in the Conference Room; WELCA Leadership Team Meeting @ 9:00 a.m. in the Narthex; Women's Coffee Hour @ 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room; Minnesota Valley Partnership Conference @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Friday, May 26th, Office Closed

Saturday, May 27th, Narcotics Anonymous @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, May 28th, Day of Pentecost Worship Service with Holy Communion @ 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Installation of Pastor Erik Karlson

Rev. Erik Karlson's installation as our new Pastor will be held during worship on Sunday, June 18th. If you are interested in learning a bit more about him, his bio can be found via the Staff page of our website!



Informational Hub Bulletin Board

The first bulletin board in the office hallway has been updated to house several items that you may be interested in! There you can find our worship assistants schedule, recent Council meeting minutes, CLC's monthly calendar, and a sign-up sheet to receive our weekly newsletter via mail. We will continue to update the board with helpful information for your convenience.

Bible Study Sessions Resume This Week

Our weekly Bible Study session will resume at the typical times this week! Join us as we take a closer look at the upcoming week's scripture lessons. Women's Bible Study is on Tuesdays at 10 AM, while Men's Bible Study is on Thursdays at 9 AM. This week's lessons: Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-35, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13, and John 20:19-23.



First Congregational Church Spring Fling

Join First Congregational Church on Sunday, May 21st anytime between 12 PM and 4 PM for our outdoor community music festival. There will be live music by The Eclectics and The Double Down Daredevils, food and drinks from Lazy Loon Brewing Co., Bounce House and Yard Games. Free Will offering benefiting 2B Continued Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Awareness.

2B Continued A La Carte Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Trainings

Classes are FREE and held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Glencoe, MN on June 13th and 14th. The deadline for registration is **June 9th, or until sold out.** Go to the following URL to find out information about topics, what classes are being offered, and to register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2b-continued-training-day-registration-608701341097>

Weekly Email Newsletter

Stay up to date with what is happening at Christ Lutheran by signing up for Christ Lutheran's weekly email newsletter. When you go to Christ Lutheran's website at www.christluth.com, you will see a pop-up which allows you to sign up for the newsletter. It arrives each Wednesday morning and is filled with information for the upcoming week. If your team or group has news to share in the newsletter, contact Mckenzie Ebert, Information and Media Technology Coordinator, at it@christluth.com. If you wish to have the newsletter mailed to you, there is a sign-up sheet on the Information Hub bulletin board in the office hallway.



Part-Time Employment Opportunities at CLC!

Are you interested in music, or looking for a way to get more involved at Christ Lutheran?

Then consider applying for one of our two part-

time positions open here at CLC! We have openings for a Choir Director and for a Bell Choir Director. If you are interested in applying, or would like more information about the positions, contact Pastor Erik at pastor@christluth.com.



Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop

Reducing the social costs of poverty, strengthening the workforce, and building a more prosperous and sustainable community are goals on which most communities agree! Process's Bridges Out of Poverty community support program provides a family of concepts, workshops, and products to help employers, community organizations, social service agencies, and individuals address and reduce poverty in a comprehensive way. Bridges brings people from all sectors and economic classes together to improve job retention rates, build resources, improve outcomes, and support those who are moving out of poverty. The workshop will be held on **Tuesday, June 13th**, from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Glencoe City Center.

Individuals should register prior to May 15th to be guaranteed a Bridges Out of Poverty book. Note that if you register after the May 15th date, you may not receive a book, but you can still attend the workshop.

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/cu/J0YvDAC/bridgesoutofpoverty>

Donations Needed for Green Lake Ministry Van

The mission team is asking for the congregation to help in assisting Green Lake Bible camp with the purchase of a new van. The old van was destroyed in a storm. They will be accepting donations for the remainder of April and the first half of May. Please make checks out to CLC with the Green Lake van in the memo line.

Glencoe Unity Fest

You are invited to join your friends and neighbors at a free cross cultural community event on Sunday May 21st from 2-5 pm. Sample food from different cultures, enjoy fun activities and games, and meet new people. The event is held at the GSL High School Commons (enter through the field house doors).

Optional: Bring a donation for the Mcleod Emergency Food Shelf or Mcleod Alliance

The Habitat Hustle

The Habitat Hustle 5k Run/Walk and Kids K will be one Saturday, June 17th! Register to run, walk, or volunteer as we raise funds for Crow River Habitat for Humanity. 5k begins at 8:00am. Kids K begins at 9:30am. The 5k is open to all ages and abilities. The Kid's K is for ages 4-11. Please register at crhfh.org by June 1st!

Green Lake Lutheran Ministry's Counselor Fund

Help is needed to fund Green Lake Lutheran Ministry's counselor salaries. Each summer GLLM hires 65 young adults for the summer. At the end of summer, the total cost of counselor salaries is over \$ 260,000. Our goal is to raise just a quarter of that amount, \$60,000. Your gift can help us retain the best counselors! Go to gllm.org/give-today to donate!

Summer Clean-Up!

Please help do some extra cleaning projects at church on Wednesday, June 7th from 4pm-9pm. There are several areas of the church that could use an extra

cleaning! It may be vacuuming and wiping down pews, washing windows, cleaning vent covers, wiping walls, etc. If you have some time, please join us! Cleaning supplies will be provided, but bring your bucket, rags, vacuum etc. If you or a group of people would like to tackle a specific room or area, please sign up and mark what you plan to tackle. (The storage room could use some organization and cleaning out). Please sign up and mark what you plan to tackle!

A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. If you have questions, please connect with Mary Stoltenburg at 320-510-1483.