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Gathering in Worship, Growing in
God's Word, Serving in Jesus' name

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Fourteenth Sunday in Pentecost
Service of the Word
August 25th, 2024

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.

* *Please stand as you are able.*

† *Please be seated.*

Prelude: Chris Starr

GATHERING

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

* **Gathering Song**

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

ELW # 805

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. We truly repent. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. **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:

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

✠ **First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18**

²⁴Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ¹⁴ 'Now therefore revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.' ¹⁶ Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore, we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Psalm: Psalm 34:15-22

- ¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their cry.
¹⁶ **The face of the Lord is against evildoers, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.**
¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears, and rescues them from all their troubles.
¹⁸ **The Lord is near to the broken-hearted and saves the crushed in spirit.**
¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord rescues them from them all.
²⁰ **He keeps all their bones; not one of them will be broken.**
²¹ Evil brings death to the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
²² **The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As

shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

* **Gospel Acclamation** “Alleluia, Lord to Whom...” **ELW pg. 216**
Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. John – this is the 6th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 6:56-69

⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.’ ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, ‘This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?’ ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, ‘Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe.’ For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, ‘For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.’ ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, ‘Do you also wish to go away?’ ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, ‘Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.’

This is the Gospel of our Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

✠ **Sermon**

Rev. Erik Karlson

Hymn of the Day

“Blessed Assurance”

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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

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

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

STEWARDED 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: ourselves, 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.

✠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

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

ELW # 537

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Chris Starr



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

Organist: Chris Starr

Cantor: Becky Peterson

Lector: Mike Sundblad

Refreshments: Rhonda Schumacher

Altar Guild: Susan Wedin, Fran Huwe

Head Usher: Connie Duenow

Ushers: Dennis Wendlandt

Audio/Visual: -

Greeters: Steve and Becky Olmstead

Kitchen Guild: Susan Wedin

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Please lift these people up in prayers this week: Loren and LaMane Mueller, Bob Iverson, Joy Macheel (daughter of Jon and Jodi Braband), Lloyd Duenow (father of Brad Duenow), Marilyn Ueland, Mary Entinger, Carol Carver, Wayne and Carolyn Hegna (brother of Kathy Marsh), LuAnn Harms, Bruce Miller, Laura Mackenthun (Daughter of Dennis and Linda Roisum), Karen Wendlandt, Bev Phifer, Karen Sylwester, Mark Becker (Brother of Jonathan Becker), Cathy Haaskenson, Brent Lindemann, Mark St. Germain (Son-in-law of Gerald and Vicky Harris), Christina McLeod, Richard Kristofferson (Brother of Gloria Gustafson), Teresa Rannow, Kathy Remus, Mark Johnson, Brad Hahn.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Sunday, August 25, Worship Service @ 9 AM in the Sanctuary.

Monday, August 26, Televised Worship Service @ 3 PM on Channel 10.

Tuesday, August 27, Women's Bible Study @ 10 AM in the Fireside Room

Wednesday, August 28, Televised Worship Service @ 2 PM on Channel 10; Choir Practice @ 6 PM in the Chapel.

Thursday, August 29, Men's Bible Study @ 9 AM in the Conference Room;
Women's Coffee @ 10 AM in the Narthex.

Friday, August 30, Office Closed

Saturday, August 31

Sunday, September 1, Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion @ 9 AM in the Sanctuary.

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

Find out what's going on at Christ Lutheran

Choir

Choir rehearsals will start on Wednesday, August 21, at 6:00 PM!! Rehearsals are in the sanctuary for about an hour. If you like to sing, please join us! We would love to have you sing with us!

Missions Update

The Noisy Pail for Common Cup in May took in \$701.22; The Noisy Pail for Habitat took in \$275; The Noisy Pail for School supplies took in \$578.88. The May Wheelbarrow donation for food prep kits totaled 38#. The June Wheelbarrow donation for cooking oil totaled 13# and the July Wheelbarrow donation for ketchup was 32#. Thank you to all who donated and your support of these vital missions.

The Mission team.

Volunteers to Donate and Service Refreshments

CLC is looking for volunteers who are willing to donate and serve refreshments on Sundays after worship. Please let the church office know if this is something you are willing and able to help with. We greatly appreciate it!

Laundry Love

Laundry Love for July was attended by 21 appreciative individuals/families. A total of \$540 was spent. The volunteers this month were Becky Olmstead, Connie Heitz, and Linda Simonson. We thank them for the giving of their time. If you are interested in volunteering next month let Megan in the office know. Thank you, Christ Lutheran members, for your ongoing financial support for this outreach.

Sunday Acolytes

Students don't forget to keep signing up for Sunday Acolyte slots! Our Acolytes are a crucial part of our worship services and help keep everything flowing smoothly. Find the signup form on our Worship Assistants webpage (christluth.com/worship/worship-assistants) or our Confirmation webpage (christluth.com/confirmation).

Bulletin, Newsletter, and Worship Service Deadlines

In an effort to ensure that worship services plans can be finalized, and that the bulletins and newsletters can be edited and reviewed, in a timely manner, we are posting official deadlines for submission. We thank everyone for helping us make these productions as wonderful as we can!

Newsletter Deadline: Tuesdays @ 10 AM

Bulletin Announcement Deadline: Wednesdays @ 12 PM

Worship Service Additions or Alterations: 7 days prior to the affected service.