**Sixth Sunday After Pentecost**

**June 30, 2024**

**9:30am**



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***Psalms of Praise***

***Written by Christ Lutheran Members and Friends***

***I sing praise to you oh God of the universe—***

***for all that you have created—***

***that gives us joy, hope and sustenance.***

***--Shannon Howard***

**Welcome to worship! We’re glad you’re here!**

To assist in your worship:

**bold** print means we respond together

**\*** meansrise in body or spirit,

+ you may make the sign of the cross should you so desire.

**It is our joy to worship with your whole family this morning!**

We encourage everyone of all ages and abilities to worship together.

We offer a “pray-ground” located in the back left of the Sanctuary for those with littles to have some room for movement and activity. The Narthex (gathering space at the entry) also has some resources for families, including activity bags filled with crayons, paper and storybooks. These supplies can be used in the Narthex or brought into the Sanctuary. For those that find themselves in the Narthex, there is a speaker with which you can still hear the service. Lastly, a changing table is located in the restroom off the Narthex. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.

**TODAY’S worship THEME**

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus’ cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus’ time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark’s gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector’s house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our “uncleanness” and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

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**PRELUDE** Roger Halvorson

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

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

**\*GATHERING SONG**  *Only By Grace*

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**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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.**

**\*KYRIE** *ELW pg.184*

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Verse 1

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;

for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

(Refrain)

Verse 3

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;

for life and for love, for our work and our play,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

(Refrain)

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. *A brief silence****.* Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *We Bow Down*  Chancel Choir

**WORD**

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

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**CHILDREN’S CHAT**

**PSALM** Psalm 30 Pew Bible Old Testament Pg.557

1I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.  
 **2O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.** 3O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.  
 **4Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.**  
 5For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.  
 Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.  
**6As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."** 7By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.  
**8To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made supplication:** 9"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you?  
 Will it tell of your faithfulness?  
 **10Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!"** 11You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth  
 and clothed me with joy,  
 **12so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

**SCRIPTURE READING** 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Pew Bible New Testament Pg.192

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

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Description automatically generated**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Seek Ye First W&P #122*

**\*GOSPEL** Mark 5:21-43 Pew Bible New Testament Pg.34

The Gospel comes from Mark, the 5th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** Pastor Nikki Fielder

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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 THE CHURCH**

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**\*SHARING OF PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY***Lift Your Light*  Chancel Choir

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Refiner’s Fire*

Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver.

Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

Chorus:

Refiner’s fire: My heart’s one desire is to be holy, set apart for You, Lord.

I choose to be holy, set apart for You, my Master: Ready to do Your will.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray together**, 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.**

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus.*

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord,**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…

…and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** *Holy, Holy, Holy ELW pg.173*

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**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

…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. **Amen.**

**\*LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

We believe that this is Jesus' table. All are welcome and invited to commune.  We serve communion by “intinction”; receive the bread and dip it in the chalice of red wine. Currently we are offering individual communion cups as an alternative to intinction if you so desire. Both wine and grape juice (white) are offered in the tray. Gluten free wafers are available; let your server know. Should you choose not to commune, you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest to let us know to give you that blessing.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

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Description automatically generatedlamb of god** *Lamb of God ELW pg.174*

**COMMUNION SONG** *Jesus Messiah*

Verse 1

He became sin, who knew no sin;

That we might become His righteousness;

He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.

Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Chorus

Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names;

Blessed Redeemer; Emmanuel.

The Rescue for sinners,

The Ransom from heaven;

Jesus, Messiah, Lord of all.

Verse 2

His body the bread, His blood the wine

Broken and poured out, all for love.

The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.

Love so amazing, love so amazing.

(Chorus)

Bridge

All our hope is in You,

All our hope is in You;

All the glory to You, God,

The Light of the world.

(Chorus)

**\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray**, Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

**SENDING**

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

**\*BLESSING**

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

**\*SENDING HYMN** *How Great is our God*

Verse 1

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty

Let all the Earth rejoice, all the Earth rejoice.

He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

Refrain

How great is our God, sing with me

How great is our God, and all will see

How great, how great is our God.

Verse 2

Age to age he stands, and time is in His hands

Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.

The Godhead Three in One, Father Spirit Son

The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

(Refrain)

Bridge

Name above all names Worthy of our praise

My heart will sing How great is our God.

You're the name above all names You are worthy of our praise

And my heart will sing How great is our God.

(Refrain)

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Roger Halvorson

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**Mission Statement**

Living by Christ’s example, we welcome, serve, and love all through God’s grace.

**Vision Statement**

Embracing the truth that God’s love and grace is for all, Christ Lutheran Church is a vibrant and active community spreading the good news through acceptance, action, and benevolence.

**A heart shaped logo with a cross

Description automatically generatedOur Position**

Christ is ALIVE!

**Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Welcome Statement**

Christ Lutheran Church is a congregation who joyfully welcomes everyone who enters our doors. We recognize that each of us is a unique creation made in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has bestowed on us. We proclaim ourselves to be an open and affirming congregation to all of God's children, welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status. We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space. We believe that through our openness we all grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.

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