**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

**July 14, 2024**

**9:30am**



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***Psalms of Praise***

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

***How wondrous is your coming, O Lord***

***A rushing, powerful experience of you lifting my soul,***

***bring tears to my eyes***

***How wondrous are you, O Lord***

***How glorious are your acts***

***You invade my heart and fill me with your joy that is***

***complete and lasting***

***How wondrous is your coming, O God***

***You fill my soul with peace***

***~~Anonymous***

**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**

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod’s fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God’s saving love.

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**PRELUDE** Roger Halvorson

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

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

**\*GATHERING SONG**  *Shout to the Lord*

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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****.* O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD**

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

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**CHILDREN’S CHAT**

**PSALM** Psalm 85:8-13Pew Bible Old Testament Pg.601

Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people,  
 to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.  
**9Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.**  
 10Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.  
 **11Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.** 12The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.  
**13Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.**

**SECOND READING** Ephesians 1:3-14 Pew Bible New Testament Pg.204

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 6: 14-29 Pew Bible New Testament Pg.41

The Gospel comes from Mark, the 6th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

**SERMON** Pastor Nikki Fielder

**SERMON HYMN**  *Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing ELW #807*

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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***I'm Up!* Marvin Moon

*Michael W. Smith.*

**\*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.

**HEALING PRAYER**

*This morning we offer healing prayer. If you would like our healing minister to pray with and for you, please go to the right transept after taking communion.*

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

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**COMMUNION SONG** *There is a Redeemer*

Verse 1

There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son

Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One

Chorus

Thank You O my Father

For giving us Your Son

And sending Your Spirit

Till the work on earth is done

Verse 2

Jesus my Redeemer name above all names

Precious Lamb of God Messiah

O for sinners slain

Chorus

Verse 3

When I stand in glory I will see His face

There I'll serve my King forever

In that holy place

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** *Just a Closer Walk with Thee ELW #697*

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**\*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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