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BOLD lettering indicates a spoken response, **BOLD ITALIC** lettering indicates a sung response.

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: God of love and forgiveness,

C: We confess to you and to one another that we fall far short of your expectations. We have not responded well to your gracious act of dying on the cross for our forgiveness. We have neglected you, and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are a sinful people. Please free us from the guilt and power of our sinfulness. Please help us see more clearly your love for us, and respond appropriately. Amen

P: Purely by God's grace, through Jesus on the cross, all your sins are forgiven. Now may you be strengthened daily to believe in Jesus and to live the joy and freedom his forgiveness brings.

C: Amen

This is the day

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;

We will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: God is our light and our salvation,

C: our refuge and our stronghold.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: we praise your name, O God.

P: For with you is the fountain of life,

C: and in your light we see light.

Opening Hymn – Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; Was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Scripture Readings

Without God, where would you be now?

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Without God.

A: We will read verses of Psalm 96 responsively.

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name;
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised;
he is more to be feared than all gods.**
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples;
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name;
bring offerings and come into his courts.**
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: “The LORD is King!
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.”**
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

**12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes,
when he comes to judge the earth.**

13 He will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with his truth.

A: Here ends the reading.

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

A: A reading from the 1st chapter of Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th chapter.

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon ~ Pastor Amy

Silence for reflection

Hymn – We remember you

In broken bread and the cup that we share, we remember you.
In broken bread and the cup that we share, we remember you.
We remember you, Jesus. We remember your love for us.
We remember the blood you shed. We remember you.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*I love, you Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice,
Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.*

The Pastor will offer prayers for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and special concerns.

P: +Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

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Offertory – As the grains of wheat

As the grains of wheat once scattered on the hill were gathered into one,
were gathered into one to become our bread;
so may all your people from the ends of the earth be gathered into one in you.

Offertory Prayer

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Communion Prayer

P: Come, all you beloved of the Lord, come and eat the food that He gives freely. Be filled again with the goodness of God.

C: Lord God, giver of all good things, we hear Your invitation, we see Your gifts of life and grace.

P: Come to the table of the Lord.

C: We come with our wounds and faults ready to eat and to drink. Our hearts are glad.

P: Yes, dear Lord our God, our hearts are truly glad.

We are filled with thankfulness, because in Your great love You did not abandon us to sin and death, but in Jesus, You came to us, to rescue us, to restore us, and to give us new life.

We remember the way that Jesus showed us this love:

In the night in which He was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:

Take and eat; this is my body given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying:

this cup is the new covenant in my blood

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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

The Meal

Please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:

P: The body of Christ, given for you; and the blood of Christ, shed for you. *The communicant may say: "Amen."*

Post Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen

Post Communion Canticle – You’re Worthy of my Praise

*I will worship with all of my heart. I will praise You with all of my strength.
I will seek You all of my days. I will follow all of Your ways.
I will give You all my worship I will give You all my praise.
You alone I long to worship, You alone are worthy of my praise.*

Prayer

P: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Blessing

P: God sends us into the world, to accept the cost and to discover the joy of discipleship. Therefore go – carrying with you the peace of Christ, +the love of God, and the encouragement of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Closing Hymn – Bring forth the kingdom

You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the kingdom of God! *Refrain*

Refrain: Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the kingdom of justice, bring forth the city of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the kingdom of God! *Refrain*

You are a seed of the word, O people: bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the kingdom of God! *Refrain*

We are a blest and a pilgrim people: bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the kingdom of God! *Refrain*

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Today

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Contemporary Worship

9:45-**Sunday School!**

11:00-Traditional Worship

1:30-Young Adult Event

Monday-9:30-Quilters/Sewers

Tuesday-2:00-Bible Study

5:30-Council

Friday-11:00-Noon-Communion Distribution

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Sun-Oct 25-Reformation Sunday

2:00-4:00-Fall Family Fun Event

Mon-Oct 26-9:30-Quilters/Sewers

Tues-Oct 27-2:00-Bible Study

Thurs-Oct 29-4:30-6:30-Sandy Township Community

Trunk or Treat @ Sandy Township Recreational Park

Fri-Oct 30-11:00-Noon-Communion Distribution

Next Sunday's Gospel: John 8:31-36

Attendance last week: Sun Worship: 8:30-27; 9:45-59; 11:00-24; SCS-8

The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and on the occasion of their 69th Wedding Anniversary by Hazel & Leon Kriner.

Young Adult Event TODAY at 1:30 p.m. Park and meet in the city lot by Luigi's to talk and walk together through downtown DuBois and city park ending with a stop at Aegis Coffee Roasters (2 E. Long Ave.) Please sign up by talking to or mailing Pastor Amy (pastormiller12@gmail.com) by **NOON**.

Sunday School from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. Children age 3 through 5th graders and their teachers gather and will remain indoors. *It is one room school house style, and our topic is "We Are The Church."* Masks are required for children and teachers. We will do activities that allow for social distance and safe practices.

Faith 5 devos for the early fall Pentecost season, Great Words of the Bible, part 2 (grace & disciple) are available in the October *Chatter*, the narthex or on our church website! Check out Pastor Amy's daily post on the Christ Church Facebook page or join the daily email. Daily devotions help us stay connected to each other and to our Lord Jesus.

Announcing the Summer 2021 Mission Trip to Charleston, West Virginia. Our group will travel to the Youth Works Mission site in Charleston, WV the week of June 6 through 11. Families were sent official sign-up information last week! Please mark your calendars and plan to take part! Email Pastor Amy with any questions or input! Please sign up by October 25!

Fall Family Fun Event next Sunday October 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. This event is for everyone. It will be a time of service, costumes, and fun with snacks and activities. Sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board or by emailing Nikki Dombroski at dombroski43@verizon.net.

Sandy Township Trunk or Treat, Thursday October 29 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. This event is for organizations to be "trunkers" and distribute treat bags to trick-or-treaters. Christ Church will be a "trunker." Volunteers are needed to hand out treats from our trunk. If you can help out for an hour or two, see Nikki Dombroski or call the church office, 371-2470. Candy donations are also needed! If able, there is a basket in the kitchen we need to fill. Thank you!

Food Pantry Items for October are canned whole kernel corn and/or cream style corn.

October's Luther Corner:

Leading up to our celebration of The 503rd Anniversary of the Reformation

LUTHER'S LEGACY: God's Word as Final Authority and Marriage and the Family

Of all his work and influence, lifting the Bible up as our final authority in faith and life is perhaps Luther's greatest legacy. He translated and placed God's word into the hands of the common people, challenging all Christians to read it and think for themselves. You've got God's Word. You've got a good mind. Use it. That's your legacy! Following from this, Luther lifted parenting to the highest of callings, brought faith teaching directly into the home with his Small Catechism, and called parents bishops of their own households. He taught that parents - not the church - were accountable to God for children's spiritual welfare.