

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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10th Sunday after Pentecost ~ July 28, 2024 ~ 8:30

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I

therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

HYMN: *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

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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.

HYMN OF PRAISE:

Give to our God immortal praise!
Mercy and truth are all his ways.
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.

He sent his Son with pow'r to save
From guilt and darkness and the grave.
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown;
The King of kings with glory crown.
His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more!

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: O God, your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

FIRST LESSON: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Today's reading is part of a larger section of 2 Kings that describes the miracles of Elisha, the successor to Elijah. Here the prophet gives food to a hungry crowd. Though there is not enough food to go around, Elisha trusts God, who provides enough and even more to satisfy the need.

A: The First Lesson is from the 4th chapter of 2 Kings.

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:10-19

A: Let us read verses of Psalm 145 responsively.

¹⁰All your works praise you,

O Lord, and your faithful servants bless you.

¹¹**They make known the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power;**

¹²That the peoples may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.**

¹⁴The Lord is faithful in all his words and merciful in all his deeds.

¹⁵**The Lord upholds all those who fall;
he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

¹⁶The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

¹⁷**You open wide your hand
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.**

¹⁸The Lord is righteous in all his ways and loving in all his works.

¹⁹**The Lord is near to those who call upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully.**

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 3:14-21

In this beautiful prayer, St. Paul prays for the church in Ephesus and for the church through the ages. He prays believing in God's power to accomplish more than we can ask or imagine.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 3rd chapter of Ephesians.

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

A: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/THE RESPONSE:



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 6:1-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” ¹⁰Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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SERMON:

Pastor Amy

HYMN: *The Love of God*

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell,
It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win:
His erring child He reconciled and pardoned from his sin. *Refrain*

Refrain: O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall for evermore endure—
the saints and angels' song.

When years of time shall pass away
and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men, who here refuse to pray,
on rocks and hills and mountains call,
God's love so sure shall still endure, all measureless and strong:
Redeeming grace to Adam's race—the saints' and angels' song.
Refrain

Could we with ink the ocean fill and
were the skies of parchment made,
Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill and ev'ry man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry,
Nor could the scroll contain
the whole tho' stretched from sky to sky. *Refrain*

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.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P: . . . Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

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

OFFERTORY: *Create in Me*

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING 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

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death
and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the
way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

RESPONSE:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P: 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.

COMMUNION:

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."

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

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

PRAYER:

P: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite
the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BLESSING:

♩ P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you
now and forever.

Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Amen

HYMN: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing his children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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

11:00-Traditional Worship

6:00-8:00-Baptism Event

Monday-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tuesday-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Mon-Aug 5-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tues-Aug 6-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal

Fri-Aug 9-7:15-9:15-Church Pool Party @ DuBois City Pool

Next Sunday's Gospel: John 6:24-35

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Attendance last week: Sunday Worship: 8:30-51; 9:45-62; 11:00-35

The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and in honor of children Jim, Dennis & Pam by Mary Ann Haag.

Attention College Students: College Scholarship Applications are due in the church office **TODAY**. Forms are in the narthex.

Church Family Pool Party at the DuBois City Pool **FRIDAY August 9** from 7:15-9:15 p.m. Friends are welcome! If you don't want to swim that's OK! Bring a chair and enjoy the fellowship. Sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board.

Join your church family for an afternoon of fellowship, fun and great food on **Sunday August 18** for the annual **Church Picnic!** Dinner is at 5:00. Please sign up as you are able—sign up sheets with all the details are on the bulletin board. Planning is underway for an awesome afternoon. We need lots of hands to help with shopping, setup, games, and in the kitchen. Please contact Nikki Dombroski at dombroski43@verizon.net or via text (814) 715-4474. Thank you!

The August Worship Assistant List is available in the narthex.

Pentecost Season Devotions: "Call Stories from the Bible: Encouragement to Answer God's Call" are available in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website.

Mission of the Month: North American Lutheran Seminary-Bonhoeffer House. The seminary for our new denomination has a student body of about 50 candidates. In order to grow that number, a house near the seminary has been purchased to create efficiency apartments, a chapel and a study area. Funds are needed to furnish this house. More details are in the July *Chatter*. If you would like to make a financial gift in support this effort, please use the pew envelopes, and write "*Seminary*" in the "other" line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you.

Food Pantry Items for July are CHILI BEANS and/or BEETS; items for August are CANNED SAUERKRAUT and/or CHICKEN BROTH.