

Welcome to Worship!

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8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 3, 2025 ~  
9:45 a.m.

## THE SERVICE

**BOLD** lettering indicates a spoken response

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

## GATHERING

### 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**

Let there be praise

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Let there be praise, let there be joy in our hearts.

Am Am<sup>7</sup> Dm Dm/F EbM Eb Csust C



Sing to the Lord, give God the glory, glory.

F C/E F Dm Dm/F Gm Gm<sup>2</sup> Gm C



Let there be praise, let there be joy in our hearts.

Am Am<sup>7</sup> Dm Dm/F GmF/A Bb F/C C7 F



For-ev - er-more let his love fill the air, and let there be praise.

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: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

**C: Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**

P: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

**C: For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

Opening Song – Open Your Ears, O Faithful People CCLI 1763436



1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.  
2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear:  
3 Is - ra - el comes to greet the Sav - ior, Ju - dah is glad to see his day.



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you,  
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.  
from east and west the peo-ples trav - el. God will show the way.



God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



God has spo - ken words of wis-dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

## Prayer of the Day

P: Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Give us this bread, that he may live in us and we in him, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

## WORD OF GOD

### Scripture Readings



First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

*The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.*

A: The First Lesson is from the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> chapters of Ecclesiastes.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and

skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11

*Life in Christ puts aside earthly sinful ways. Christians are called to let go of anger and selfishness and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.*

A: The Second Lesson is from the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter of Colossians.

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

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

Sermon

~ Pastor John

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song – More Precious Than Silver

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Lord, You are more precious than silver.  
Lord, You are more costly than gold.  
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds and  
Nothing I desire compares with 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.**

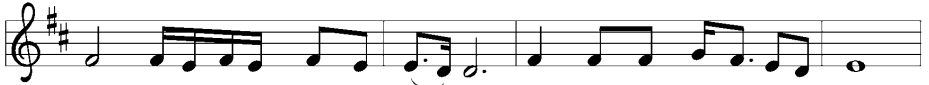
**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

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

*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**



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

# Sharing of God's Peace

We follow Jesus' direction in Matthew chapter 5 and make peace with each other before coming to the altar: Jesus said, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.**

## Offering

Contemporary Worship Team

### Offertory – Create in me

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve



you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that



I might be re - newed. So fill me and



heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -



ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve 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**

## HOLY COMMUNION

### Communion Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: We are so grateful God that you welcome us to this table.

**C: We have done nothing to earn your gifts,**

P: we cannot claim to deserve your favor,

**C: but in your mercy, you welcome us freely.**

**We lift our hearts in thanksgiving.**

### Words of Institution

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For this we give you thanks. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith in this holy supper.

**C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

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.

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**

Invitation to Communion

P: This is the true bread which came down from heaven and gave life to the world. Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

One bread, one body

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*Refrain*

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of  
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y  
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

## The Meal

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

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*The communicant may say: "Amen."*

## MUSIC AS WE SHARE COMMUNION

### Eat This Bread

*Refrain*

"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Eat This Bread". It consists of two systems of music. The first system is labeled "Refrain" and contains the lyrics: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry." The second system contains the lyrics: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst." Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Bread of Life, Make Me Whole

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♩. = 55

G C D C G C D

Bread of Life, make me whole.

5 G C D C G C D

Lamb of God, heal my soul.

9 G C D C G C D

Liv - ing Word a-live in me,

13 G C D C G C D

Shed Your blood to set me free.

17 Am7 C D Am7 C D

We praise— Your— name.

We praise— Your— name.

21 Am7 C D

We praise— Your— name.

23 Am7 C D D D.C.

We praise— Your— name.

Ending

26 G C D C G C D

Bread of Life, make me— whole.

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### Post Communion Blessing

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

**C: Amen**



# SENDING

## Blessing

P: May you be strengthened with the power of God, + the love of Jesus, and the help of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

## Closing Song – Bring forth the kingdom

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You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the kingdom of God!  
Share the flavor of life, O people: lift 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. Be light for the world.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

## OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

### Today

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Contemporary Worship

11:00-Traditional Worship

Monday-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tuesday-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/6:30-Vocal

### FUTURE MINISTRIES

Sun-Aug 10-9:45-Summer Sunday School

Mon-Aug 11-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

6:00-Property

Tues-Aug 12-2:00-Bible Study

**5:30-Council**

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal

Thurs-Aug 14-7:00-DuBois Community Band Concert  
**@ City Park**

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**New Church Office Hours beginning August 4:**

**Mondays – Closed**

**Tuesday & Thursday – 9 to 4**

**Wednesday & Friday – 9 to 2**

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Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 12:32-40

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**Attendance last week: Sunday Worship: 8:30-40; 9:45-64; 11:00-35**

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The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and in memory of Betty Vivian on her birthday by Lisa Blasky.

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**Today at the 8:30 worship service** we dedicate the fourth Gospel Panel, “Jesus Calls the Disciples,” made by our own Mark Vivian and presented in memory of Jim & Joann Segerberg by the Segerberg Family.

**We welcome into the family of Christ Lutheran** through the sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 11:00 worship service **Hazel May Delp**, daughter of Wayne Delp & Keira Gindlesperger. We pray God will bless Hazel on this special day.

**Final Summer Sunday School** for preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> graders **next Sunday, August 10** at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Blessing of Backpacks Sunday, August 17** at all services for preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students!

**Coming Soon . . . join your church family** for an afternoon of fellowship, fun and great food on **Sunday, August 17** 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!

**Mark your calendars now . . .** Dedication of our new organ will take place on **Sunday, September 14** at **3 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to this glorious and festive afternoon of music. Reception to follow. Plan to attend!

**Our New Organ** is scheduled to arrive the week of August 11. There will be special music at our traditional services next **Sunday, August 10** to send off our old faithful organ.

**New Organ Donations.** . . If you would like to contribute toward the new organ, pledge cards and donation envelopes are available by the organ pipe display in the narthex. They may be placed in the offering plate or left in the church office. Thank you!

**Pentecost Season Devotions “Reading through Genesis, Part One: Genesis 1-11, God and the Whole World!”** are available in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website.

**Mission of the Month: NALC Disaster Response.** The recent flooding in Texas caused massive devastation and loss of life. NALC Disaster Response provides resources for responding rapidly when domestic natural disasters occur. To make a monetary donation to this effort, please use the pew envelopes, and write “Disaster Response” in the “other” line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church.

**Food Pantry Items** for August are CEREAL and/or CANNED MILK.