# Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool

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# 11th Sunday after Pentecost

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## All Are Welcome – All the Time!

You do not need to be a member of this church or Lutheran to participate in any part of worship. If you wish to take communion, we ask that you desire a relationship with Jesus. His body and blood were given and shed for you.

Christ Lutheran Church & PreSchool is a community committed to the work of equity and inclusion, bringing justice and support for all of God's beloveds. We welcome those who are seeking God's love and grace for the first time or as a life-long believer. We welcome because Jesus shows us how to welcome,
regardless of race, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, economic resources, relationship status, health challenges or anything else that too often divides us. It is in our welcome which we commit ourselves to being an anti-racist space, a space where we seek daily to deepen our work of inclusion in the life of our church. Our unity is in Christ. All are welcome here.

## CHIMES

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAYER CONCERNS, THANKSGIVINGS

After chimes, Kathy Davis will take requests to add to the Prayers of Intercession,
and provide Pastor with the updated sheet.

## INVOCATION

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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

*– Silence for reflection –*

*Most merciful God,*

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**
**We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,**
**by what we have done and what we have left undone.**
**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**
**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ have mercy on us.**
**Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may**
**delight in your will and walk in your ways,**
**to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together in Christ. By grace we have been saved.
In the name of + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit
that Christ may live in our hearts. **Amen.**

## SONG: Kyrie Eleison, Setting 8 (“Lord, have mercy”)

*Printed on bulletin insert or in hymnal*
*LINK: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIfuw0iMILA&t=1s*

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison every day.**
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!
**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison every day.**

That we may live out, your impassioned response,
to the hungry and the poor.
That we may live out, truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord.
Let us pray to the Lord!
**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison every day.**

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!
**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison every day.**

For your Spirit to guide, that you center our lives, in the water and the Word.
That you nourish our souls, with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord.
Let us pray to the Lord!
**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way. Kyrie eleison every day.**

## 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!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair; deliver your sons and daughters from fear; and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## READING – 1 Kings 19:9-18

At that place (Elijah) came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

*The Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 85:8-13

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.**

Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
**that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
**righteousness and peace will kiss each other.**

Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
**and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

The Lord will give what is good,
**and our land will yield its increase.**

Righteousness will go before him
**and will make a path for his steps.**

## READING – Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, *'Who will ascend into heaven?'* " (that is, to bring Christ down) "or *'Who will descend into the abyss?'* " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

*"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"*

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

*The Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

**–** *Please stand as you are able –*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (SUNG) – ELW 172

**Halle, halle, halle – lujah. Halle, halle, halle – lujah.**
**Halle, halle, halle – lujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah!**

# THE GOSPEL – Matthew 14:22-33

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Immediately (Jesus) made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

*The Gospel of our Lord.* **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## SERMON: Rev. Joleen Gleasman

## SONG: I Want Jesus to Walk with Me, #325

*Printed on bulletin insert or in hymnal*

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
When my heart is almost breaking,
Lord, I want Jesus, to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

## 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 INTERCESSION *(on separate sheet)*

*Merciful God…* ***receive our prayer***

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

*The peace of the Lord be with you always.* **And also with you.**
***–*** *Please share a greeting or sign of peace –*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks & praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(Presider's book on altar)*

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION AT THE FRONT

**All are welcome to receive the Real Presence of Christ in the bread and wine of Holy Communion.** You do not need to be a member of this church or Lutheran to receive the sacrament. We ask that you desire a relationship with Jesus Christ. Those who are interested will be invited by an usher to come up the center aisle to the front to select a single-serving Communion kit from the tray, or to receive a blessing. Then return to your seat via the side aisle to open the kit and partake in Communion. An usher will offer a basket to collect the container. *For those worshipping at home, please consider joining in Holy Communion by taking a bit of bread or cracker and a sip of wine or juice.* **All are welcome.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## SONG: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less, #597

***Verses 1, 2, 4;*** *Printed on bulletin insert or in hymnal*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
No merit of my own I claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found.
Clothed in His righteousness alone, redeemed to stand before the throne!
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Thank you for your presence!*

*Please enjoy refreshments and conversation.*

*And please take a moment to greet and introduce yourself to our worship partners of South Lake Chinese Christian Church.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **We Welcome South Lake Chinese Christian Church** – We continue to worship at 9:30 a.m. while South Lake offers education time; South Lake will worship after us. Please hold this partnership in your prayers that we may all worship, praise and serve as God intends.
- **PS Open House/Blessing of Backpacks – Sunday, August 23** we will pray over our PreSchool staff and bless backpacks, book bags and the children and adults who carry them. Followed by PS Open House/Meet Your Teacher from 11a to 1p.
- **Sign up for Fall Preschool** with programs starting at age 2.5. Learn more at PreSchool.ChristlutheranVH.org or email info@PreschoolChristLutheranVH.org
- **Meals in a Bag** – 2 gal ziplocks with all the nonperishable ingredients needed to make a hearty meal – bags and ingredient list/recipe cards available in the Narthex or on our website. We will provide these as needed and encourage everyone to have a couple to hand out.
- **Stock the Pantries! – Non-Perishables Needed.** Bring your donations of nonperishable food, paper goods, hygiene supplies, etc. and we will deliver to local pantries, which need all they help they can get. Also collecting fresh milk, eggs, meat, produce for specific families.Thanks!
- **Sue's Pantry Special Request** – Rice, pasta, Mac & cheese, tuna, canned chicken, zip lock bags with after-school snacks.
- **Here to help.** Do you or someone you know need food or support, especially with the loss of benefits? Reach out to the church at ChristLutheranVH@aol.com or 847-367-5787**.**
- **Alert Whistles & Rights Cards** – On the bulletin table. To use or share as needed.
- **Donating to Victims of Flood, Earthquake, Fire, Drought, War** – ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response is one of the oldest, most effective and most respected organizations for getting money where it can be put to good use. Donate at ELCA.org. There is also a link on our website under "WORK."
- **Scouting! – Keep our Scouts in Prayer** – Summer is a busy time for Scouting adventures. Please keep the youth and adults in your prayers. Christ Lutheran is the Charter Organization for Pack 273 & Troop 273. Programs for girls and boys ages Kindergarten through high school, building skills, making connections and having fun. Younger kids: committee.chair@Pack273VH.org. For older kids, email committeechair@troop273vh.net. Thanks to Holly & Bill Jones and their volunteers for their efforts in leading the groups. Thanks for supporting our Pack/Troop 273!
- **Sue's Pantry** – Sue has moved her pantry to a space in Arlington Heights. We will continue to collect anything needed to keep a home and family clean.
- **Love INC** – Housewares, nonperishables and volunteers. Know a family in need of a bundle of clothes or housewares? Give the details to Natalie! (https://loveinclakecounty.org/)
- **COOL Ministries** – We support the COOL pantry in Waukegan with non-perishables. Collection bins in hallway or give online. (CoolMinistries.org)
- **Prayer concerns?** Consider reaching out so that our network of Prayer Warriors can pray. You may remain anonymous. Email ChristLutheranVH@aol.com with your request. Would you join with us in prayer? Send an email to be included on the prayer mailing list. The task is simple-but-powerful – when time permits, open the email and read/pray with us.
- **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.** Thank you for being part of this community of faith. If you would like to support our service, we welcome donations, which can be provided by credit card or Paypal through the link at the bottom of our webpage, ChristLutheranVH.org. Thank you!