

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 14, 2019



Christ Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

A Community of Faith, Reaching Out to Change Lives

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Welcome to our community of faith!

Welcome and thank you for worshipping with us today. **CLC is a community of faith reaching out to change lives.** Everyone is invited to participate in the worship and service life offered here. CLC is a warm, caring community that we can all call home.

Please let us know if you would like to receive information about the church or become a member. Fill out the white information sheet found near the center aisle of each pew or the registry by the narthex kiosk.

Welcoming Our Youngest

- ***Relax!*** God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!
- ***Consider sitting toward the front*** where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's happening. They get tired of seeing the back of other's heads.
- ***Quietly explain*** the parts of the service and the actions of the participants.
- ***Sing the hymns***, pray and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.
- ***Feel free*** to leave the service with your child, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."
- ***Remember*** that the way we welcome children into church directly affects the way they respond to the church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.
- **To our congregation:** The presence of children is a gift; they are a reminder that our church is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

Christ Lutheran Preschool

Our preschool has been a growing ministry in the church for more than 50 years. Children between the ages of two months and five years are provided a safe, nurturing environment with age-appropriate learning experiences to encourage physical, social-emotional, aesthetic, cognitive and spiritual development. For more information about our preschool, please visit the homepage www.clPreSchool.org or contact the office at (214) 363-2242.

Today at Worship - 10:00 AM

Preacher	Pastor Lanny Westphal
Organist/Pianist	Hando Nahkur
Cantor	Fred Hosey
Acolyte	Daniel Smith
Assisting Minister	David Marshall
Communion Assistant	Peter Kowalczyk
Altar Guilds	Laura & Steve Haynie Linda Palafox
Altar Flowers	Carolyn and Juris Laivins
Ushers	John McConnell and Michelle Scheuter

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Don & Pat Rowland in honor of their granddaughter's birthday.

GATHERING

Prelude: “Softly and Tenderly” - W.L. Thompson
Fred Hosey

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of the Peace

Please stand

P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The congregation is invited to share the Peace of Christ with one another.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: God of mercy,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us + all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn: 886 - “Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (Vs. 1-4)

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.

Kyrie

Refrain

Assistant:

Congregation:



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,



Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)



Help, save and de - fend us, O



God. A - men.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,



all of cre - a - tion sings for joy



to the God of life and love and



free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -



er - more!

Verse 1



1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once

slain, whose blood has freed and u -

nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of

to Refrain

Verse 2

Congregation

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and

might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ

to Refrain

for ev - er.

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to

make us peo - ple of God; to make

to Refrain

all things new.

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God's commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people's own hearts.

The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM TONE 7



Psalm 25:1-10

To | you, O LORD,
I lift | up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

**Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths.**

Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

**Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,
for they are from | everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.
You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.
You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.
All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage from Paul.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Hymn

Please stand

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

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

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. Jesus tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

P: The Gospel according to St. Luke the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Message:

Please be seated
The children are invited to bring their offering forward at this time.
After the message, they may return to the pew or go to the nursery.

Sermon: In the Thick of Life

Pastor Lanny Westphal

Sermon Hymn: 719 - “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

Please stand

Apostles’ Creed

**C: 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.**

During the season of Easter and Pentecost, for eleven weeks we will affirm our identity and mission in the words of value statements of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

P: We are a church that is energized by lively engagement in our faith and life.

C: “Our faith is a living, busy, active, mighty thing,” said Martin Luther. We continually strive for a deeper understanding of what the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ means for the world. Doing so puts us right where God wants us to be: in the thick of life.

Prayers of Intercession

A: Joining our voices with God’s people around the world, let us offer our prayers for those in need.

After each petition:

A: let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

When instructed, the congregation is invited to offer up their prayer petitions.

P: Merciful God, you hear the prayers of your people even before they are spoken. We commend these and all our prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

MEAL

Offerings Received

Please be seated

Many of our members give electronically. To learn more about this option, please see clcdallas.org or ask an usher. Please take a moment to sign the white ‘getting to know you pad’ in your pew.

Special Music: “In My Life” - J. Lennon, P. McCartney
Fred Hosey (words changed by Fred Hosey to become a prayer)

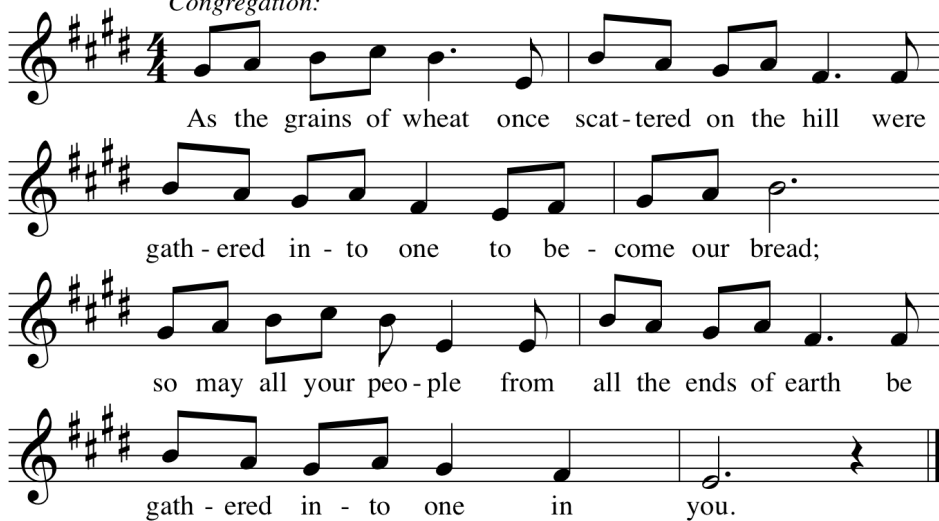
Presentation of the Gifts

Please stand

Offertory

Refrain

Congregation:



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread;
so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be
gath-ered in - to one in you.

Verses



1. As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst
2. Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
to Refrain
may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre-a-tion shares this feast with you.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine. Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Remembering Christ's command to love one another, his life and death, his resurrection and his ascension, we pray for his coming again, even as we cry:



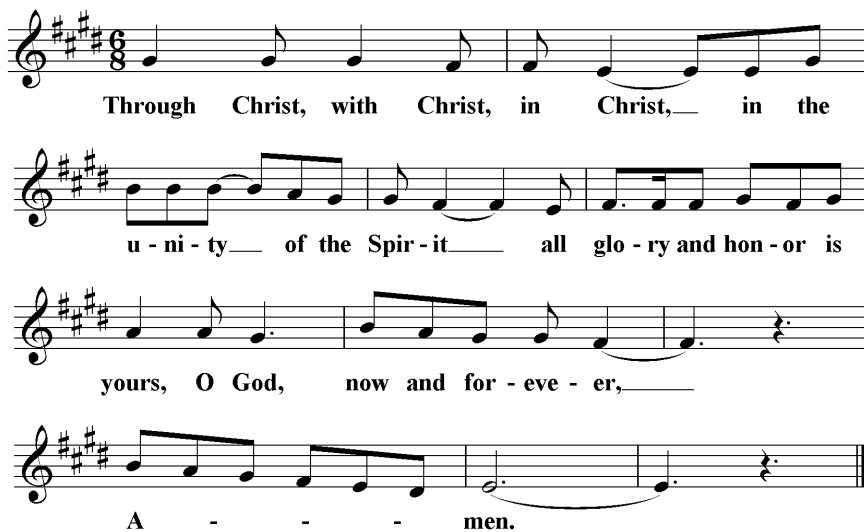
All: A - men, Come Lord Je-sus; A - men, Come Lord Je-sus

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation.



All: A - men, Come Ho-ly Spir-it. A - men, Come Ho-ly Spir-it.

P: This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and friend.



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."

Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Invitation to Communion

Communion

Please be seated

*Holy Communion is the Lord's Supper. **All who believe** in Christ's presence to forgive our sins through this sacrament are invited. Those who choose not to commune may come forward to receive a blessing. If you wish to receive a blessing, please cross your hands across your chest.*

The ushers will guide you to come up the center aisle to the altar rail. You may kneel or stand at the rail as you desire. You will be offered a wafer to dip into either red wine or clear grape juice. Afterwards an appropriate response would be to say "Amen". Then you are welcome to stay at the rail for prayer and meditation as long as you desire before returning to your seat by the side aisle.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Hymn: “It Is Well With My Soul” - H. Spafford, P. Bliss
 Fred Hosey

485 - “I Am the Bread of Life”

Post Communion Blessing

Please stand

Prayer after Communion

A: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

Blessing

P: Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity, + one God, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn: 838 - “Beautiful Savior” (Vs.1, 3 and 4)

Dismissal

A: We are a community of faith, reaching out to change lives.

C: Let us go out in peace and share the Good News!