

# THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 4, 2019



Where's our heart?

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## 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.

**Ask an Usher for...**

- Special needs seating
- Large print bulletins
- Assisted listening devices
- Activity bags for young children by the entrance to the sanctuary
- Nursery location for children ages infant to 3 years of age
- Directions to restrooms
- Anything else you want to know

**Reaching out to Change Lives**

We realize that our ministry to the community, nation, and world are of vital importance. We change lives through ministries such as:

- Back on My Feet
- Christmas Angel Tree
- Lutheran World Relief
- Meals on Wheels
- Mosaic
- Mt. Olive Food Pantry
- Texas Ramps Project
- Texas Winds Musical Outreach
- Upbring

Learn more about Christ Lutheran Church’s mission and vision at [www.clcDallas.org](http://www.clcDallas.org), visit our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/christlutherandallas](https://www.facebook.com/christlutherandallas)), or follow us on Twitter (@clcdallas).

**Today at Worship - 10:00 AM**

<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Lanny Westphal
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Hando Nahkur
<b>Cantor</b>	Suzanne Dunkelberg
<b>Acolyte</b>	Loran Johansen
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Tom Earnshaw
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Peter Kowalczyk
<b>Altar Guilds</b>	Madge Earnshaw & Mary Ellen Durham   Shannon Cockrell
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Gayle Thompson
<b>Ushers</b>	David Marshall and Cheryl & Peter Kowalczyk

**Today’s altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Mary Ellen Durham in memory of Ralph & Vivian Killinger.

## GATHERING

### Welcome and Announcements

**Temple Talk:** Lasca Weiss

### 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: 650 - "In Christ There Is No East or West"**

### 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: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

### First Reading: 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.*

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, 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. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

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—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. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, 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. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? 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: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM TONE 7



### Psalm 49:1-12

Hear this, | all you peoples;  
give ear, all you who dwell | in the world,  
**you of high de- | gree and low,**  
**rich and | poor together.**

My mouth shall | speak of wisdom,  
and my heart shall meditate on | understanding.

**I will incline my ear | to a proverb**  
**and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp.**

Why should I be afraid in | evil days,  
when the wickedness of those at my | heels surrounds me,

**the wickedness of those who put their trust in | their own prowess,  
and boast of | their great riches?**

One can never re- | deem another,  
or give to God the ransom for an- | other's life;  
**for the ransom of a life | is so great  
that there would never be e- | nough to pay it,**  
in order to live forev- | er and ever  
and never | see the grave.

**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu- | pid they perish  
and leave their wealth to those who come | after them.**

Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to | generation,  
though they had named lands af- | ter themselves.

**Even though honored, they cannot | live forever;  
they are like the | beasts that perish.**

### **Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11**

*Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes in order to put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.*

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

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. 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: 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 12:13-21**

*In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.*

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

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

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" 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." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' 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. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 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?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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:** Where's Our heart?

Pastor Lanny Westphal

**Sermon Hymn:** 734 - "God, Whose Farm Is All Creation"

*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.**



## **Calling A Pastor**

P: At the congregational meeting today, we will consider extending a Letter of Call which contains these words:

**C: We call you to exercise among us the ministry of Word and Sacrament which God has established and which the Holy Spirit empowers: to preach and teach the Word of God in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions; to administer Holy Baptism and Holy Communion; to lead us in worship; to proclaim the forgiveness of sins; to provide pastoral care; to speak for justice in behalf of the poor and oppressed; to encourage persons to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel; to impart knowledge of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and its wider ministry; to endeavor to increase support given by our congregation to the work of our whole church; to equip us for witness and service; and guide us in proclaiming God's love through word and deed.**

**In accepting this call, you hereby promise to fulfill this pastoral ministry in accord with the standards and policies for ordained ministers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Therefore, be diligent in the study of Holy Scripture, in use of the means of grace, in prayer, in faithful service, and in holy living.**

**With this call, we pledge our prayers, love, esteem, and personal support for the sake of the ministry entrusted to you by God and for our ministry together in Christ's name.**

P: Now we will pray for wisdom for this decision, along with our many prayers of intercession.

## **Prayers of Intercession**

A: Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation.

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: All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **MEAL**

## **Offerings Received**

*Please be seated*

*Many of our members give electronically. To learn more about this option, please see [clcdallas.org](http://clcdallas.org) or ask an usher. Please take a moment to sign the white 'getting to know you pad' in your pew.*

**Special Music:** "You and I" - M. Buble, I. Molina

Isaac Molina (words changed by Isaac Molina to become a prayer)

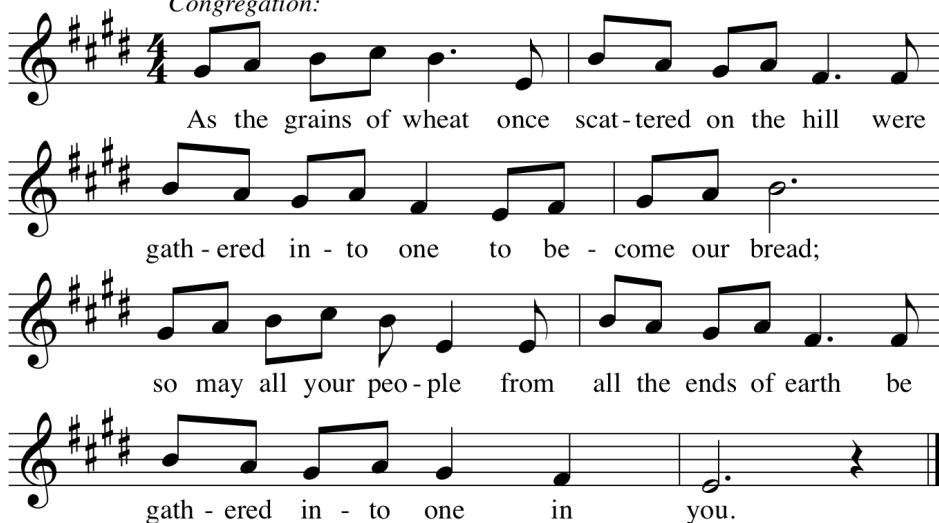
## **Presentation of the Gifts**

*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:



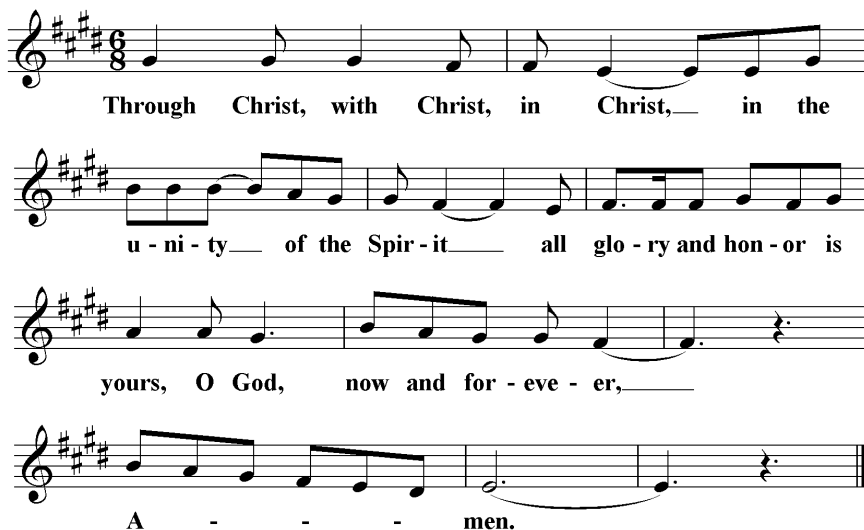
**All:** A - men, Come Lord Je-sus; A - men, Come Lord Je-sus

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: 483 - "Here Is Bread"

#### 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: 678 - "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

#### 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!