

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
JUNE 10, 2018 – 9:00 AM**

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
WOODCLIFF LAKE, NJ**

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

TODAY WE ARE REMINDED of the blood of the lamb and the waters of baptism which bind us together. [Sundays and Seasons]

BREAKING THE SOUND BARRIER! We invite you to try one of our listening devices, allowing you to sit anywhere in the sanctuary. They are available from an usher.

PINK PRAYER CARDS: You may write names for prayer on a pink card found in the pew rack. Please place your card on the altar rail for inclusion in the prayers of the day. If you wish a name to be added to our printed prayer list (for four weeks) please write "Prayer List" on the card. Please be sure this prayer request is approved by the person for whom we are praying.

HOLY COMMUNION: All who are baptized are invited to the table where Christ is bodily present in the bread and wine. At the directions of our ushers, all who are able kneel at the rail to receive this gift. The individual cups contain wine and grape juice (grape juice is in the center of the tray). A common cup with wine is also available. Children who commune should hold out their hands to the server.

NURSERY FACILITIES: There is a self-serve Nursery and Infant Room for young children accompanied by their parents. The Infant Room contains a bathroom with a changing table. These rooms are located along the hallway from the side door of the sanctuary.

NEED AN OFFERING ENVELOPE? We have some in the pews for you. Please include your contact information or envelope number so we can thank you for your gift.

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Open on Sundays: 9:00 and 10:30 am

[For today's worship all *portions in italics* will be spoken by our worship leaders. Congregational responses are in **bold-faced type**.]

[Please stand as you are able.]

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be God, who forgives all our sin, and whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another. Holy God,

we confess that we have not paid attention. We have failed to notice You at work in the world. We have not seen You at work in our neighbors, in those who are different from us, or noticed how you are transforming us. Forgive us our selfish ways. Bring us back to You.

Know that the Spirit is always doing something new. We who are sinners who fail to notice the way God is changing us and the world, are still loved. Do the hard work of forgiveness. Do the hard work of repentance. And know that Christ is with you. It is by Christ's authority that I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

[The congregation may sit.]

CHILDREN'S SERMON

[Please stand as you are able.]

GATHERING SONG – “Awesome God”

Words and Music by
Rich Mullins

♩=74 Bm⁷ C#m⁷ F#m

1. When He rolls up His sleeves — He ain't just “put-tin’ on the ritz”— Our
 (2. When the) sky — was star - less in the void — of the night— Our

4 Bm⁷ C#m⁷ F#m C#m⁷/F# F#m⁷

God is an awe - some God! There is thun - der in His foot-steps — and
 God is an awe - some God! He spoke in - to the dark-ness and cre -

7 Bm⁷ C#m⁷ F#m

light-ning in His fists— Our God is an awe - some God! The
 -a - ted the light— Our God is an awe - some God!

10 Bm⁷ C#m⁷

Lord — was - n't jok-ing when He kicked 'em out of E-den, it was-n't for no rea-son that He
 Judg-ment and wrath — He poured — out on Sod - om, mer-cy and grace — He — gave —

13 D Bm⁷

shed — His — blood; His re - turn is ver - y close and so you'd bet-ter be be-liev-in' that our
 — us at the cross. I hope that we have — not — too quick-ly for-got - ten that our

16 C#m⁷ F#m D A

God is an awe - some God! Our God is an awe - some God, He —
 God is an awe - some God!

[Song continues on the following page.]

20 E F#m D A

reigns from heav-en a - bove; With wis - dom, pow'r and love— our

24 Bm7 C#+7 C#7 1, 3. F#m 2. F#m

God is an awe - some God. Our God!

27 Bm7 C#m7 D.S.

2. When the

30 4. F#m Bm7 C#m7

God! Our God is an awe - some

32 F#m Bm C#m7 F#m

God! Our God is an awe - some God!

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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

Let us pray. Let us pray. All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

[The congregation may sit.]

THE FIRST READING – Genesis 3:8-15

⁸[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?”¹⁰He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.”¹¹He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.”¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.”¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.
¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

[Please stand as you are able.]

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to St. Mark 3:20-35

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus went home;]²⁰ and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat.²¹ When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.”²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.”²³ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan?²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come.²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter;²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—³⁰ for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him.³² A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.”³³ And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?”³⁴ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

[The congregation may sit.]

CONGREGATION ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

[Pink prayer cards with your joys or concerns may be placed on the altar rail.]

SERMON – “Behind the Yellow Line”

Pastor Marc

THE OFFERING IS TAKEN

YOUTH CHOIR MUSICAL OFFERING – “We Are”

[Please refrain from taking flash pictures during worship. If video is also used, we ask that it be done from a stationery location at rear of the sanctuary.]

THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

[Candidate for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the pastor at the font. The congregation may be seated.]

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

[Sponsors present the candidate:]

I present Ava Lynn Ariatabar for baptism.

[The pastor addresses parents who bring for baptism their child who is not able to answer for herself:]

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

I do.

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

*to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that your child may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.*

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

I do.

[The pastor addresses sponsors:]

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this child in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

I do.

[The pastor addresses the assembly:]

People of God, do you promise to support Ava Lynn Ariatabar and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

[The assembly stands.]

[The pastor addresses the parents and the sponsors. The assembly may join in the responses.]

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

[The pastor addresses the parents, the sponsors and the congregation.]

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

[The assembly may be seated.]

[Water is poured on the candidate's head three times by the pastor as he says:]

Ava Lynn Ariatabar,, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

[Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the pastor prays:]

Sustain Ava Lynn with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

[The pastor marks the sign of the cross with oil on the forehead of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the pastor says:]

Ava Lynn Ariatabar, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

[A lighted candle is given to a sponsor.]

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

[The pastor and the baptismal group face the assembly.]

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

[Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places.]

PRAYERS OF THE DAY

Loving God, you teach us to keep nothing from you. We bring to you all our prayers, large and small, those heavy on our hearts and those known only to you.

Lord God, you call your church to be one and teach us that a house divided against itself cannot stand. We pray for Elizabeth and Tracie, our bishops, and all our siblings in faith who we are in formal partnership with: Presbyterian Church (USA), Reformed Church in America, United Church of Christ, The Episcopal Church, The Moravian Church, United Methodist Church. Overcome our separations in the body of Christ and make us one diverse family, the brothers and sisters of Jesus.

*Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

*Lord God, with you there is forgiveness and hope, and you love your whole creation. We pray for all who are impacted by natural disasters, including those suffering from the volcano eruption in Hawaii and Guatemala. Help us order our lives so that human activity in your creation gives voice to hope. Empower us to bring healing in your world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

*Lord God, you still walk among us and we still hide ourselves from you out of fear. We withdraw from strangers and those unlike ourselves, the very people you call us to love. We pray for Donald, the President; all candidates who now preparing for their general elections; and all who will attend the summit in Singapore between the United States and North Korea. Replace our fear with trust, remove enmity between nations, and grant us peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

Lord God, your compassion continually reaches into the lives of your people. Visit with lovingkindness those experiencing afflictions of any kind, especially . . .

**Beverly Albert, Dolores Albert, Beth Birnbaum, John Bliefernich, Bill Caver,
Tony Conboy, Kathy Cipoletti, Kim Herrera, Mae Hulburt, Sherry Kindlin,
Soon-Hui Koo, Henry Krumrei, Rev. Julie Haspell,
Rev. Peggy Hayes, Millie and Roger Hildebrand, Shiloh and Katherine Johnson,
Henry Krumrei, Florence Leonard, Joyanna Peros,
Lorraine and Jack Sadlon, Nancy Sweet, and Trudy Ungar**

*Lord God, more than those who watch for the morning, our souls wait and watch for you. In the coming months of summer, help us to be refreshed and at play, watching and waiting for you at every turn. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.***

By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

THE 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.

Come, not because you are perfect but because, through Christ Jesus, you are invited.

[The congregation may sit.]

HOLY COMMUNION

[All are invited to the Table where Christ is bodily present in the bread and drink.

At the direction of our ushers, everyone who is able kneels at the rail.

Bread will be distributed first (gluten free wafers are available),
followed by wine and grape juice in individual cups.

A chalice with wine is also available.

Children and all who have not received First Communion will receive a blessing.

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.]

[Please stand.]

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

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BLESSING

Dear Jesus,

you give us so much: your love, your hope, and your mercy. As we journey with you in our walkathon, help us remember that you will never leave our side.

Amen.

BLESSING

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope.

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

[Please remain standing.]

SENDING SONG – “*King of Heaven*”

[Words and Music by Paul Baloche and Jason Ingram,
David Carr, Brenton Brown and Matt Maher]

$\text{♩} = 110$

F C



1. Je - sus, let Your king-dom come here; Let Your will be done.

5 Dm⁷ B^b2 F



here in us; Je - sus,

10 C Dm⁷



there is no one great - er; You a-lone are Sav - ior;

14 B^b2 F F



Show the world Your love. King of heav-en, come down;

18 C^{SUS}



King of heav - en, come now; Let Your glo - ry reign,

21 Dm⁷ B^b2 F



shin-ing like the day, King of heav-en, come. King of heav-en, rise

[Song continues on the following page.]

25 C^{sus}
up; Who can stand a-against us; You are strong to save,

29 Dm^7 $B\flat^2$ F 2nd time to Coda Φ Fine
in Your might-y name, King of heav-en, come.

33 F C^{sus}
2. We are chil-dren of Your mer-cy, res-cued for Your glo-

37 Dm^7 $B\flat^2$ F
- ry; We cry Je-sus, set our hearts to-wards.

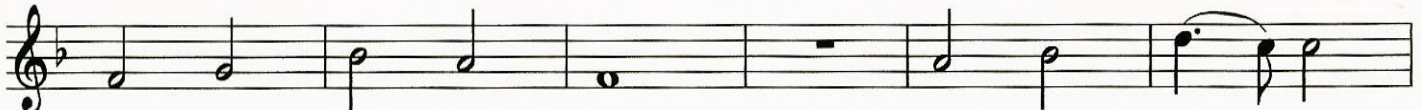
41 C^{sus} Dm^7
You, that ev-'ry eye would see You

44 $B\flat^2$ F D.S. al Coda
lift-ed high. King of heav-en, come

Φ Coda
47 F F C^{sus}
King of heav-en, come;

[Song continues on the following page.]

61 Dm⁷ B \flat ² F King Of Heaven - 3




King of heav - en, come; King of heav - en,

67 C^{sus} Dm⁷



come; Oh, _____ King of

70 B \flat ² D.S. al Fine



heav - en, _____ come. King of heav - en, ___ come

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

"I heard. . .I was afraid. . .I was naked. . .I hid. . ."

One way to dwell in scripture is to look at what is said and focus on the verbs. Today's passage from Genesis is a dialogue between God, Adam, Eve, and the Serpent. It begins with God walking in the garden near the start of a new day (in the Jewish calendar, new days begin at sundown). The evening breeze is blowing and sound of God's rustling alerts Adam and Eve to God's presence. Adam and Eve now ate from the "Tree of Good and Evil," panic and hide from God. The fruit gave the first two people access to all knowledge: to what is good, evil, and everything in between. This kind of knowledge is more than just having a thought about something. This knowledge is deep, mythical, cosmic, and expansive. It's a knowing rooted in a sense of reality that we cannot fully comprehend. This knowledge gave Adam and Eve access to God's experiences but, unlike God, human beings have no way of making full sense of it. And when Adam and Eve are confronted by God, all they can do is hide.

"I heard. . .I was afraid. . .I was naked. . .I hid. . ." Adam's use of verbs shows how his perspective has changed. This new experience has reoriented Adam. He has now placed himself at the center of his universe. Instead of seeing himself as part of what God created, Adam can only focus on himself. He blames God for creating Eve and blames Eve for giving him the fruit of the tree. He takes no responsibility for his actions and, in fact, seems even incapable of doing that. Adam becomes so focused on himself that he cannot admit who he is or what has happened. And when confronted by the One who knows Adam better than Adam knows himself, the only thing Adam can do is hide and hope God doesn't see him.

But God does see him and that changes everything. God, amazingly, doesn't give up on Adam and Eve. Instead, God keeps coming to them, working within their reality to bring them back into God's. We know that Adam and Eve will still be themselves. We know all of us struggle to imagine a universe where we aren't the center of it. We can't change our reality on our own so God, in Jesus Christ, comes to change it for us. It's through Jesus and his relationship with us when our use of verbs change. When we say we're afraid, Jesus says, "Don't be." When we say we're stripped bare and exposed, Jesus gives us a community to care for us. And when we hide from God, Jesus comes to us in our baptism, in our faith, and at the table to say we are his and will be, forever.