



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship with Holy Communion

July 22, 2018 – 9:30 AM

Christ Lutheran Church

Woodcliff Lake, NJ

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE FOR SUMMER WORSHIP: The Psalmist sings the praises of the Lord who guards and guides us. [Sundays and Seasons]

BREAKING THE SOUND BARRIER! We invite you to try one of our listening devices, which allows you to sit anywhere in the sanctuary. They are available by speaking to an usher, Tom Kearns or David Crouse.

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.

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PRELUDE

CONGREGATION ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS [Please stand as you are able.]

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.

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

[We share the peace via handshake or the peace sign.]

[Please remain standing]

GATHERING SONG – “Jesus Loves Me” [ELW 595, all verses]

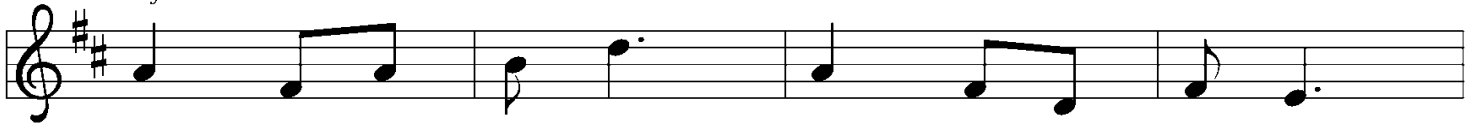


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

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Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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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.

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON [The congregation may sit.]

THE FIRST READING is from Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING is from Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

[Please stand for the Gospel.]

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to St. Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰*The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught.* ³¹*He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.* ³²*And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves.* ³³*Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them.* ³⁴*As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.*

⁵³*When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat.* ⁵⁴*When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him,* ⁵⁵*and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was.* ⁵⁶*And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

[The congregation may sit.]

SERMON – “Remember That You Were”

HYMN OF THE DAY – “Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)” [Please stand as you are able.]

[Song words below. Song music continues on the following 3 pages.]

*You call me out upon the waters, the great unknown where feet may fail.
And there I find You in the myst'ry, in oceans deep, my faith will stand.*

*And I will call upon Your name and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace for I am Yours and You are mine.*

*Your grace abounds in deepest waters, Your sovereign hand will be my guide. Where
feet may fail and fear surrounds me, You've never failed and You won't start now.*

*And I will call upon Your name and keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace for I am Yours and You are mine.*

*Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders, let me walk upon the waters
wherever You could call me. Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
and my faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior.*

*Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders, let me walk upon the waters
wherever You could call me. Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander and my
faith will be made stronger in the presence of my Savior.*

*I will call upon Your name, keep my eyes above the waves.
My soul will rest in Your embrace. I am Yours and You are mine.*

♩ = 60

VERSE

C#m

B/D#

E



1. You call me out up-on the wa-ters, the great un-
 2. Your grace a-bounds in deep-est wa-ters, Your sov-'reign.

3

B

A

C#m

B/D#



- known where feet may _ fail. And there I find You in the
 _ hand will be my _ guide. Where feet may fail and fear sur-

6

E

B

A



mys-'try, in o-ceans _ deep, my faith _ will _ stand,
 -rounds me, You've nev-er _ failed and You won't _ start _ now.

CHORUS 1

9

A

E

B

A

E



And I will call up-on _ Your _ name and keep my eyes a-bove _ the.

12

B

A

E


B



_ waves. When o-ceans _ rise, my soul will rest in Your _ em-brace _ for I am.

1. **INSTRUMENTAL 1**

15 A B C \sharp m B/D \sharp E E/G \sharp B B/D \sharp



Yours and You are — mine.

2. **INTERLUDE 1**

19 A⁶ A⁶/B A B C \sharp m B/D \sharp E E/G \sharp



Yours and You are — mine.


BRIDGE 1a

33 C \sharp m A



Spir-it lead — me where — my trust — is with - out bor - ders, let me walk .

35 E B C \sharp m



— up-on — the wa - ters wher - ev - er You — would call me. Take me deep - er than — my feet ,

38 A E



— could ev - er wan - der and my faith — will be — made strong - er — in the pres-

57

1.
F#m2.
F#m

INTERLUDE 2

C#m

B

E



- ence of _ my Sav-iour.

- ence of _ my Sav - iour. _____

CHORUS 2

A

E

B

A

E

B



I will call up-on _ Your _ name,

keep my eyes

a - bove _ the _ waves.

71

A

E

B

A

B



My soul will rest in Your _ em - brace.

I am Yours

and You are _

ENDING

74

C#m

B/D#

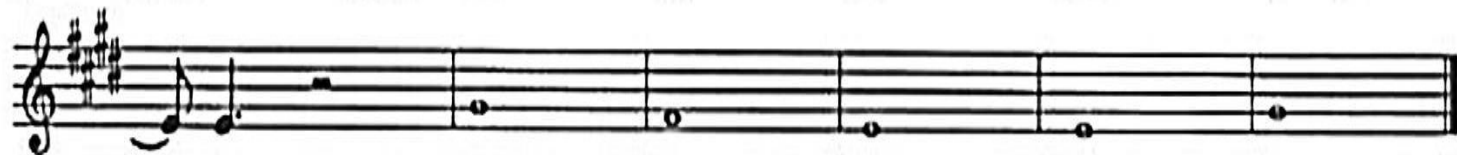
E

B

A⁶

C#m

E



_ mine.

[Please remain standing.]

THE 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.

[The congregation may sit.]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God's merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. [A brief silence.]

God, you are our cornerstone, giving your people a strong foundation of faith. We pray for our bishops, Elizabeth and Tracie, and all volunteers here at CLC. Help us to seek meaningful change in the world, and lead us to places of rest where you renew us for mission. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God, you are our shepherd, leading us to green pastures and still waters for our use and pleasure. We pray for victims of natural and human-made disasters, including flooding in Japan and wildfires in the Western United States. Renew the face of the earth. Guard the land and seas, the mountains and valleys, cultivated farmland and untamed wilderness. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God, you are our righteousness, proclaiming peace to those who are far off and to those who are near. Remove hostility that divides nations. . We pray for Donald, the President; all active military members and those who serve in the New Jersey National Guard. Make us no longer strangers or aliens but fellow citizens with all your saints. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God, you are our compassion, bringing rest to all who seek treatments and diagnoses and are left without answers or energy. Restore the aching souls and bodies of those who seek comfort especially . . .

**Beverly Albert, Dolores Albert, Beth Birnbaum, John Bliefernich, Bill Caver,
Tony Conboy, Kathy Cipoletti, Charles Fiori, Kim Herrera, Mae Hulburt,
Rev. Julie Haspell, Rev. Peggy Hayes, Millie and Roger Hildebrand, Shiloh and
Katherine Johnson, Sherry Kindlin, Henry Krumrei, Joyanna Peros,
Lorraine and Jack Sadlon, Nancy Sweet, Trudy Ungar,
Walter H., the family of Ray Schiff**

*Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.*

*God, you are our creativity, creating joy and purpose through all artists in the church: composers, writers, visual artists, musicians, poets, and dancers. Open our hearts to experience your truth in new and beautiful ways through their work.
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.*

*God, you are our future, leading us through the valley of the shadow of death and preparing a table for us with all of your saints. Let your goodness and mercy follow us until we dwell in your house forever. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.*

*Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

SPIRITUAL GIFT INVENTORY

MUSICAL OFFERING: “The Lord’s Prayer”
Janine Capone, Soloist

[Albert Hay Malotte; Arranged by Carl Deis]

THE OFFERING IS TAKEN

[Please stand as you are able.]

THE ELEMENTS ARE RECEIVED AND THE OFFERTORY IS SUNG

OFFERTORY SONG – “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” [ELW 712, verse 1]



1 Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great - ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

HOLY COMMUNION

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.]

[The following song is sung by the congregation during the distribution of Holy Communion.]

COMMUNION SONG – “*Just As I Am, without One Plea*” [ELW 592, all verses]



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry



shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,



O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871

Music: WOODWORTH, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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[Please stand.]

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

Amen.

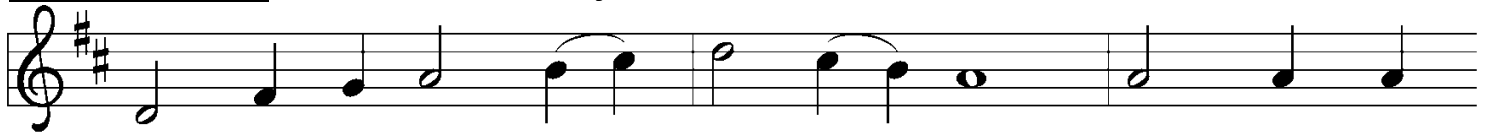
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

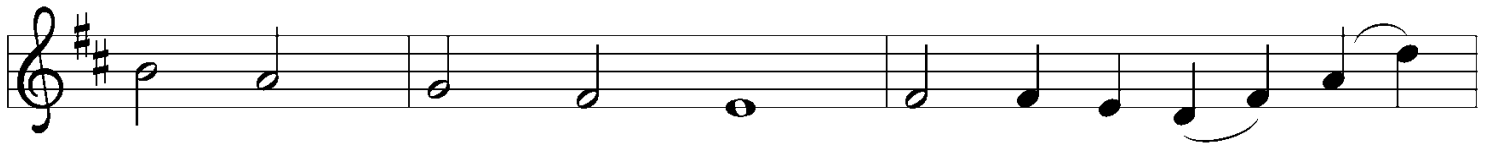
BLESSING

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

SENDING SONG – “*I Know That My Redeemer Lives!*” [ELW 619, verses 1-2, 4]



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

There's a gap in our reading from the gospel according to Mark today that is unfortunate but understandable. The lectionary, the 3 year cycle of readings we hear on Sunday mornings, skips Mark's version of the Feeding of the Five Thousand and Jesus' walking on water. The lectionary does this, I think, for two reasons. One, we hear a version of these stories in Matthew and Luke so the lectionary doesn't feel like we need to repeat it. Two, starting next week, we'll hear John's version of these two stories. The lectionary made a choice to keep some versions of Jesus' stories in our worship and to move others to the side. But these kinds of choices are artificial. We made them. The author of Mark and the Holy Spirit wanted these stories to be together. When we see Jesus' compassion because the crowd "was like sheep without a shepherd," we need to know that Jesus is going to do more than teach. He's also going to feed, confront their fears, and heal everyone. Jesus (and his disciples) make people whole.

This Wholeness, however, does not mean being comfortable. Last week's reading showed us what the apostles were doing and teaching. They traveled into villages, casted out demons, and told everyone to repent. They invited everyone (poor, rich, and powerful) to reorient their lives towards God. This reorientation is more than a change of beliefs. This reorientation is a change in priorities. And this is scary. It scared the people who heard it. It also scared King Herod. The words reminded him of what John the Baptist told him and he imagined Jesus to be John the Baptist back from the dead. The reorientation of our life will break down our prior assumptions, priorities, and way of life. It pushes us away from what we think makes us whole and instead compels us towards the Jesus who makes a whole.

This wholeness isn't riches or wealth or being so healthy that people assume we do CrossFit everyday. The wholeness Jesus offers is the wholeness the apostles model. They do not always understand what God is up to. They make mistakes. And they have their doubts, concerns, and fears. Yet they do what Jesus did: teach, feed, and heal by connecting people to each other and to their God. Jesus knows he will never get perfect disciples. But he knows that his imperfect disciples can always love.