



## Welcome to Worship at Christ Lutheran Church

Welcome to worship at Christ Lutheran Church! Whether you are sitting in the pews, or worshipping in your car in the parking lot, know that the heart of our worship of God remains exactly the same. We rejoice that you are able to join us today. Let us worship God fully in all that we do this morning and in the week to come. If you are worshipping in the parking lot, please tune to FM 93.9 to participate in the worship service. If you are worshipping inside, please remember that the Minister of Music will sing the hymns and songs. Worshipers may not sing, but you are encouraged to follow the text.

### **We Remember . . .**

On this All Saints Sunday we remember those from Christ Lutheran Church who have gone ahead of us into life everlasting:

Barb Benson  
Toni Blanker  
Judy Johnson  
Roger Nichols  
Jean Werkema

Prelude

Welcome

*\*Please rise in Body or Spirit.*

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: 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.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: 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 by 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.**

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

**C: Amen.**

*\*Please be seated.*

Gathering Song: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him for he is your health and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning  
and as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do if with his love he befriend you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again. Gladly forever adore him!

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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.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray:

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*\*Please be seated.*

## First Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

R: The word of the Lord.

### **C: Thanks be to God.**

*If you would like to turn in a prayer request card, please hold the card out  
so the ushers can collect it from you.*

### Song: “The Desert Song”

This is my prayer in the desert  
When all that's within me feels dry  
This is my prayer in my hunger and need  
My God is the God who provides

This is my prayer in the fire  
In weakness or trial or pain  
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold  
So refine me Lord through the flame

I will bring praise, I will bring praise  
No weapon formed against me shall remain  
I will rejoice, I will declare  
God is my victory and He is here

This is my prayer in the battle  
When triumph is still on its way

I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ  
So firm on His promise I'll stand

All of my life in ev'ry season  
You are still God  
I have a reason to sing  
I have a reason to worship

This is my prayer in the harvest  
When favour and providence flow  
I know I'm filled to be emptied again  
The seed I've received I will sow  
CCLI Song # 5060793

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

*\*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

### Song of the Day: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone,  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

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### Prayers of the Church

Ending of each petition: . . . Lord, in your mercy,

Congregational response: **hear our prayer.**

### 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.**

*\*Please be seated.*

Song: "Lift High the Name of Jesus"

Lift high the name of Jesus  
Of Jesus our King  
Make known the power of His grace  
The beauty of His peace  
Remember how His mercy reached  
And we cried out to Him  
He lifted us to solid ground  
To freedom from our sin

Oh sing my soul and tell all He's done  
'Til the earth and heavens are filled with His glory

Lift high the name of Jesus  
Of Jesus our Lord  
His pow'r in us is greater than  
Is greater than this world  
To share the reason for our hope  
To serve with love and grace  
That all who see Him shine through us  
Might bring the Father praise

Lift high the name of Jesus  
Of Jesus our Light  
No other name on earth can save  
Can raise us a soul to life  
He opens up our eyes to see  
The harvest He has grown  
We labor in His fields of grace  
As He leads sinners home  
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The Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Announcements

## Blessing

P: Come Holy Spirit. Enrich our lives, so that all that we do may be pleasing to you. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*\*Please be seated.*

## Sending Song: "Church of God, Elect and Glorious"

Church of God elect and glorious  
Holy nation chosen race  
Called as God's own special people  
Royal priests and heirs of grace  
Know the purpose of your calling  
Show to all His mighty deeds  
Tell of love which knows no limits  
Grace which meets all human needs

God has called you out of darkness  
Into His most marvellous light  
Brought His truth to life within you  
Turned your blindness into sight  
Let your light so shine around you  
That God's name is glorified  
And all find fresh hope and purpose  
In Christ Jesus crucified

Once you were an alien people  
Strangers to God's heart of love  
But He brought you home in mercy  
Citizens of heaven above  
Let His love flow out to others  
Let them feel a Father's care  
That they too may know His welcome  
And His countless blessings share

Church of God elect and holy  
Be the people He intends  
Strong in faith and swift to answer  
Each command your master sends  
Royal priests fulfil your calling  
Through your sacrifice and prayer  
Give your lives in joyful service  
Sing His praise His love declare

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



Leading Us in Worship:

Preaching: Pastor Justin J. Walker

Minister of Music: Nicholas Hopkins

Organist: Marilyn Burgard

Council Persons: Tamara Wright, Jennifer Breymeyer

Worship Assistant: Lance Girard

Counters: Nancy Heidrich, Deb Park