



### 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. For those worshipping in the sanctuary, please ensure a face mask is covering your nose and mouth at all times, practice social distancing, and refrain from any congregational singing. Lyrics for the sung offerings are included so you may follow along. 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.

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: "Be Thou My Vision"

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, thine own may I be,  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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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:

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*\*Please be seated.*

### First Lesson: Amos 5:18-24

<sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

<sup>19</sup>as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.  
<sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,  
I will not accept them;  
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals  
I will not look upon.  
<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.  
<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Song of Response: Bell Choir - "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" - arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

<sup>13</sup>We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. <sup>15</sup>For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup>"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup>But he

replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*\*Please be seated.*

Sermon

Song of the Day: "The Lion and The Lamb"

He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Our God is the Lion  
The Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power  
And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the Lamb  
The Lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world  
His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him

So open up the gates  
Make way before the King of kings  
The God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord (Almighty)  
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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: "In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save:  
till on that cross as Jesus died; the wrath of God was satisfied for every sin on him was laid;  
her in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stand in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no human plan, can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

## Announcements

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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.**

## 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: "When the Saints Go Marching In"

Glory, glory hallelujah!  
The Lord goes marching on.

Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,  
When the saints go marching in.

And when the revelation comes,  
And when the revelation comes,  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,  
When the revelation comes.

Oh, when the new world is revealed,  
Oh, when the new world is revealed:  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,  
When the new world is revealed.

Oh, when they gather round the throne,  
Oh, when they gather round the throne:  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,  
When they gather round the throne.

Hallelujah, brothers, Hallelujah sisters!  
Hear the music going round and around,  
While the saints go marching up into glory,  
Oh, hear those angel trumpets sound!

And when they crown Him King of kings,  
And when they crown Him King of kings,  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,  
When they crown Him King of kings.

And when the sun no more will shine,  
And when the sun no more will shine:  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,  
When the sun no more will shine.

And when the moon has turned to blood,  
And when the moon has turned to blood,  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,  
When the moon has turned to blood.

And on that hallelujah day,  
And on that hallelujah day:  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,  
On that hallelujah day.

Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
Oh, when the saints go marching in,  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,  
When the saints go marching in.

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: Vicki Blubaugh, Katelyn Conat

Worship Assistant: Patrick Blanchard

Counters: Brian Crane, Jeff Emrich

Greeters: Ron & Nellie Sabin