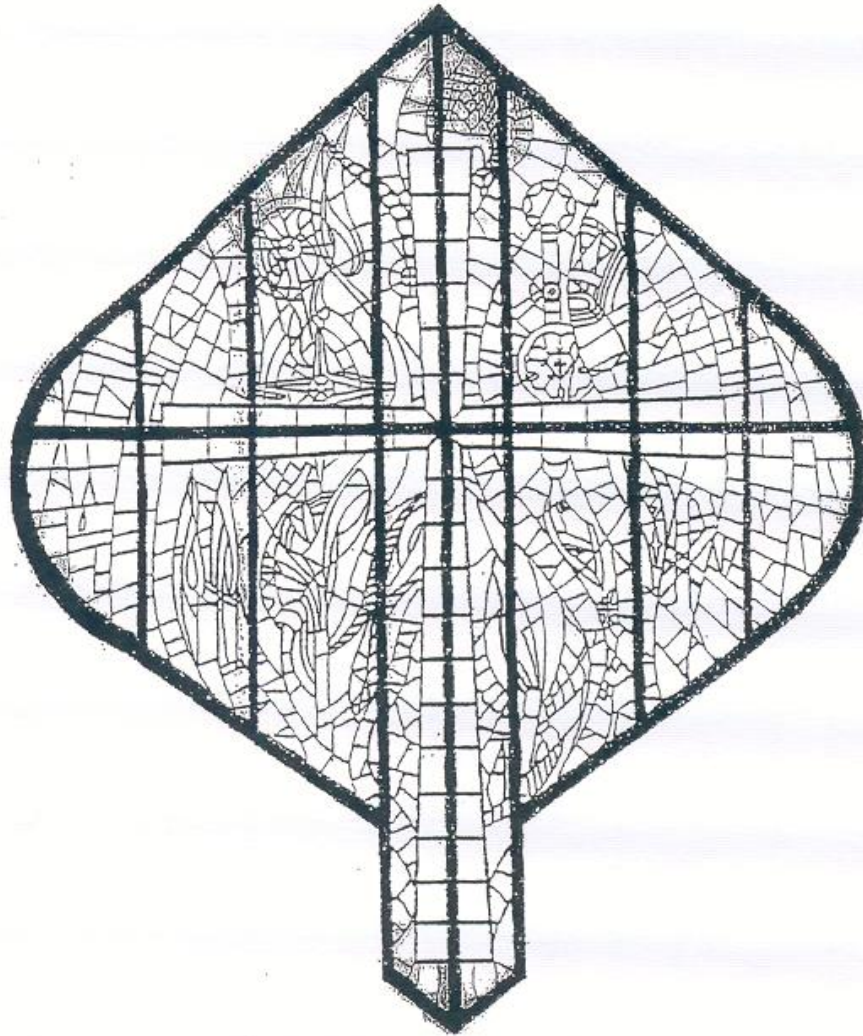


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COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENT

Here at Christ Lutheran Church we believe, teach and confess that Jesus Christ is the only Savior from sin, and that He alone is the way to eternal life.

We believe, teach, and confess that in the Sacrament of Holy Communion the true body and blood of Jesus Christ is received along with the elements of bread and wine, and that the reception of this gift in faith is a means through which God Himself forgives our sins, strengthens us in faith, and unites us as His children.

If your own personal beliefs are in complete harmony with these Biblical truths, if you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in these Lutheran confessions, if you recognize the reality of sin in your life and desire to receive God's forgiveness, and if you acknowledge that receiving Holy Communion at our table expresses an implied unity with us in the body of Christ you are welcome to join us at the table of our Lord.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to connect people to Jesus through:

- Inspirational worship
- Loving service
- Caring fellowship
- Relevant education

so that they may know, and grow in, his love.

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 14, 2024

PRESERVICE MUSIC

"The River"

H.I.S. Band

To the river, I am going,
Bringing sins I cannot bear;
Come and cleanse me, come, forgive me;
Lord, I need to meet You there.

Chorus:

**Precious Jesus, I am ready to surrender ev'ry care;
Take my hand now, lead me closer;
Lord, I need to meet You there.**

In these waters, healing mercy
Flows with freedom from despair;
I am going to that river;
Lord, I need to meet You there.

(Chorus)

Come and join us in the river;
Come find life beyond compare;
He is calling, He is waiting;
Jesus longs to meet you there;

(Chorus)

**Take my hand now, lead me closer;
Lord, I need to meet You there.**

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WELCOME

HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

LSB #525

(v. 1-3)

(Please rise)

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION *Psalm 124:8; 130:3–4; Luke 18:13*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

People: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

People: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

PSALM RESPONSE *Psalm 85:1–7*

Pastor: LORD, You were favorable to Your land; You restored the fortunes of Jacob.

People: **You forgave the iniquity of Your people; You covered all their sin.**

Pastor: You withdrew all Your wrath; You turned from Your hot anger.

People: **Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away Your indignation toward us!**

Pastor: Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations?

People: **Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?**

Pastor: Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation.

HYMN

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LSB #525
(v. 4)

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 85:8–13

Pastor: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

People: **Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, that glory may dwell in our land.**

Pastor: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

People: **Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

Pastor: Yes, the LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

People: **Righteousness will go before Him and make His footsteps a way.**

HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

LSB #525
(v. 5)

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, each and every day the many voices in this fallen world summon us to follow them and to forsake you. Give us a discerning and faithful heart, O Lord, that we would follow and obey only you, regardless of the world's promises and lies. This we pray in the name of your son, our Savior, Jesus

People: **Amen.**

SHARING OF PEACE

(Please be seated)

THE READING

Numbers 22:21-41

HYMN

"I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

LSB #729

SERMON

Series - *"The Greatest Stories Never Told"* Pastor John

Sermon 7 – "Balaam and His Talking Ass"

Text: Numbers 22:21-41

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Help Me, O Lord, Always To Do"

By Rev. John C. Stennfeld Text: Numbers 22:21-41

Tune: St. Agnes

Help me, O Lord, always to do
Only whate'er you say,
To follow ever where you lead
And never from you stray.

And should I choose you to forsake,
As Balaam chose to do,
Then send your Spirit unto me
To call me back to you.

As Balaam's donkey spoke to him,
So Lord, come speak to me,
That in your word I hear your voice
And ever follow Thee.

OFFERING

(Please rise)

CREED *Nicene Creed*

People: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,

**God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People: 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 the evil one.
For Thine is the kingdom**

and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

AGNUS DEI

"Lamb of God"

LSB #550

DISTRIBUTION SONGS

"Make Me a Servant"

H.I.S. Band

Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the pray'r of my heart always be;
Make me a servant, make me a servant, make me a servant today.

Make us your servants humble and meek,
Lord, let us lift up those who are weak,
And may the pray'r of our hearts always be;
Make us your servants, make us your servants, make us your servants today.

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"Sanctuary"

H.I.S. Band

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
Sanctuary for You.

You justified me, now sanctify me,
With your body and Your blood.
Freely given, now I'm forgiven,
Wash me in Your crimson flood.

Lord you know me, let Your Spirit show me,
How to serve you and others too.
Walk beside me, let Your Spirit guide me,
To be a sanctuary built by You.

"Sanctuary"

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DISMISSAL BLESSING

(Please rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

HYMN *"Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"* LSB #917

(Please be seated)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Organ

SERVING TODAY

PASTOR: Rev. John C. Stennfeld

ORGANIST: Phyllis Trautner

LECTOR: Micah Stennfeld

FLOWERS: Vacant

FELLOWSHIP: Reese & Alex Evans

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THIS WEEK

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