

Christ Lutheran Church

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A Congregation of the American Association of Lutheran Churches



Our Mission Statement

We strive to be worthy witnesses to the world.

At Christ Lutheran, we strive to lead lives worthy of our calling as witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ in God's world.

(Ephesians 4:1)

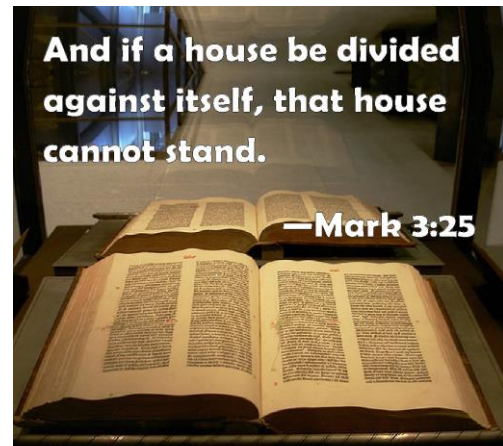
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And if a house be divided
against itself, that house
cannot stand.

—Mark 3:25



Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 9, 2024

During the music before the service let us join in a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare our hearts for worship.

*Please stand as you are able where marked****

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

*****The Confession and Absolution**

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

People: Amen.

Vicar: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(A time of silent reflection and self-examination.)

Vicar: Most merciful God.

People: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. 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

Vicar: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

*****Opening Hymn:**

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy pow'r through-out the universe displayed;
(Chorus)

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!
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When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;
(Chorus)

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin;
(Chorus)

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"
(Chorus)

*****Psalm: Psalm 130 (read responsively)**

Liturgist: Out of the depths

People: I cry to you, O Lord!

Liturgist: O Lord, hear my voice!

People: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

Liturgist: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,

People: O Lord, who could stand?

Liturgist: But with you there is forgiveness,

People: that you may be feared.

Liturgist: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

People: and in his word I hope;

Liturgist: my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,

People: more than watchmen for the morning.

Liturgist: O Israel, hope is in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

People: and with him is plentiful redemption.

Liturgist: And he will redeem Israel

People: from all his iniquities.

*****The Gloria Patri: (sung)** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*****The Kyrie: (responses are sung)**

Liturgist: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Liturgist: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Liturgist: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Liturgist: Glory be to God on high!

*****Gloria in Excelsis: (sung)** And on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*****Collect:**

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Liturgist: Let us pray.

People: O Lord, who never failest to help and govern those whom thou dost bring up in thy steadfast fear and love: Make us to have a perpetual fear and love of thy holy Name; through thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Scripture Lessons:

First Reading: Genesis 3:8-15

⁸ Now they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” ¹⁰ He said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.” ¹¹ And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹² The man said, “The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me some of *the fruit of the tree*, and I ate.” ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this *that* you have done?” And the woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” ¹⁴ Then the LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all the livestock, And more than any animal of the field; On your belly you shall go, And dust you shall eat All the days of your life;

¹⁵ And I will make enemies Of you and the woman, And of your offspring and her Descendant; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise Him on the heel.”

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13-18

¹³ But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written: “I BELIEVED, THEREFORE I SPOKE,” we also believe, therefore we also speak, ¹⁴ knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus, and will present *us* with you. ¹⁵ For all things *are* for your sakes, so that grace, having spread to more and more people, will cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer person is decaying, yet our inner *person* is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, ¹⁸ while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

The Alleluia: (*sung*) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Vicar: Lift up your hearts and hear the Holy Gospel as it is recorded in the third chapter of Saint Mark, beginning with the twentieth verse.

*****People (sung)** Glory be to thee, O Lord

Gospel Lesson: Mark 3:20-35

²⁰ And He came home, and the crowd gathered again, to such an extent that they could not even eat a meal. ²¹ And when His own people heard *about this*, they came out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, “He has lost His senses.” ²² The scribes who came down from Jerusalem were saying, “He is possessed by Beelzebul,” and “He casts out the demons by the ruler of the demons.” ²³ And *so* He called them to Himself and *began* speaking to them in parables: “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴ And if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ 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 he is finished! ²⁷ But no one can enter the strong man’s house and plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man, and then he will plunder his house.

²⁸ “Truly I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons *and daughters* of men, and whatever blasphemies they commit; ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— ³⁰ because they were saying, “He has an unclean spirit.”

³¹ Then His mother and His brothers came, and while standing outside they sent *word* to Him, calling *for* Him. ³² And a crowd was sitting around Him, and they said to Him, “Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are outside looking for You.” ³³ Answering them, He said, “Who are My mother and My brothers?” ³⁴ And looking around at those who were sitting around Him, He said, “Here are My mother and My brothers! ³⁵ For whoever does the will of God, this is My brother, and sister, and mother.”

Vicar: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

*****People: (sung)** Praise be to thee, O Christ

Children’s Sermon:

Vicar Chris Clarke

Pulpit Hymn:

Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying

Hymn #59

Hark! the voice of Jesus crying, ‘Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting, Who will bear the sheaves away?’
Loud and long the Master calleth, Rich reward he offers free;
Who will answer, gladly saying, ‘Here I am; send me, send me?’

If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, You can say he died for all,
If you cannot rouse the wicked With the judgement’s dread alarms,
You can lead the little children To the Saviour’s waiting arms.

Let none hear you idly saying, ‘There is nothing I can do,’
While the souls of men are dying, And the Master calls for you:
Take the task he gives you gladly, Let his work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when he calleth, ‘Here am I; send me, send me.’

Sermon:

Vicar Chris Clarke



The Sermon Response: (sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free spirit.

*****Passing of the Peace**

*****The Apostles' Creed:**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

*****The General Prayer: (after each petition)**

Vicar: Lord in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

*****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, For ever and ever. Amen.

*****The Prayer Response: (sung)**

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace. Amen.

*****The Benediction:**

Vicar: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: (sung) A-men, A-men, A----men.

*****Closing Hymn:**

Lead on, O King Eternal

Hymn #550

Lead on, O King eternal, The day of march has come;
Hence-forth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home:
Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal, We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper The sweet A-men of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing, Nor roll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy, The heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal: We follow, not with fears,
For gladness breaks like morning Where'er thy face appears:
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; We journey in its light;
The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might.

*****The Postlude**

Prayers and Praises:

For our church leaders:

Presiding Pastor: The Rev Dr. Carey G. Larson
Assistant Presiding Pastor: The Rev Roger Twito
AALC Administrator: The Rev Dean Stoner
Secretary Pastor: The Rev Joe Marsh
Home Mission Developer: The Rev Joe Christina
National Office Manager: Bonnie Ohlrich
Seminary President: The Rev Dr. Jordan Cooper
Seminary Administrator: Duane Kleven

Robin Nicholson	Hope Johnston	Sharon Phelps	Chris and Bob Bingaman
Jimmy Beall	Dorothy Foster	Becky Stapf	Matt Ruppalt
Rebecca Robinson	Bill Trall	Harvey Jester	Justin Serene
Fred Carlson	Bob Petersen	Meryl Benenati	Norita Shipley
Eddie Neighbors	Kris Johnson	Marty Beall	Brian Stitely
Diamond Castillo	Scott Caille	Cam Swanson	Bob Clarke
Derek Clay	Bob Pickett	Jane Simcox	Family of Sydney Neighbors
Family of Alvin Eggena	Bruce Thornberry	Carolyn Kelly	Lora Bingaman
Judy Butler	Jeane Flesch		

For the President and the leaders of our nation

For those in the armed Services: Grace Gorevin, Zach Gorevin, Christopher Clarke, Travis Hawk,
Bethany Hueter, Chaplain John Reutemann, Chaplain Len Brokenshire, Cameron Donk, Ethan Stone,
Rebecca Deppe, Wendy Ahern, Kris Johnson

For our Seminary Students: Chris Clarke, Kris Johnson

For a Region congregation: Pastor Neil Cadle, Bethel Lutheran Church, Rowland, PA

For our missionary work: Shiri Parish

For those being persecuted for their faith in Christ

For the congregations of our Germantown/Clarksburg/Damascus community: Bethesda United Methodist Church

For the congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches

For our college students: Maddie Day, Joseph Flesch, Jude Stapf, Paul Stapf

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Men's Bible Study: Tuesday: 1:30 PM at Church**
- **Women's Bible Study: Wednesday: 10 AM at Carolyn's**
- **Adult and Children's Sunday School: Will resume September 8th.**
- **You may continue to watch the Sunday services (10:30 AM) via Livestream on Facebook – Christ Lutheran Church AALC. The Bulletins for the services are on our website: christlutheranofgermantown.org. The video of every livestream is on our Facebook page. You can access the livestream by clicking the link at the bottom of the first page of our website or by visiting the Facebook page directly. Be sure to click on the 'videos' tab.**
- **Baby Bottles are due next week!! Please return all bottles next Sunday, June 16th.**
- **Church Council will meet next Sunday. Please turn in any reports to Carrie by Tuesday.**

SERMON NOTES:

Jesus looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

~Mark 3:34-35