

**Christ Lutheran Church  
23425 Davis Mill Road  
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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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**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 03, 2022**

*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*

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

**People:** Amen.

**Liturgist:** 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.)*

**Liturgist:** 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

**Liturgist:** 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:*

*In Christ There is No East or West*

*Hymn #342*

In Christ there is not east or west, In him no south or north,  
But one great fellowship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere Their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord Close binding all mankind.

Join hands, then, brothers of the faith, Whate'er your race may be:  
Who serves my Father as a son Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, In him meet south and north;  
All Christly souls are one in him Throughout the whole wide earth.

**\*\*\*Psalm: Psalm 66:1-7 (read responsively)**

**Liturgist:** Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

**People:** sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

**Liturgist:** Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

**People:** So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

**Liturgist:** All the earth worships you and sings praises to you;

**People:** they sing praises to your name."

**Liturgist:** Come and see what God has done:

**People:** he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.

**Liturgist:** He turned the sea into dry land;

**People:** they passed through the river on foot.

**Liturgist:** There did we rejoice in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the Nations-

**People:** let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

**\*\*\*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 Ghost, 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 God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may have so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever. Amen

*The Scripture Lessons:*

**First Lesson: Isaiah 66:10-14**

- <sup>10</sup> “Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her,  
all you who love her;  
rejoice greatly with her,  
all you who mourn over her.
- <sup>11</sup> For you will nurse and be satisfied  
at her comforting breasts;  
you will drink deeply  
and delight in her overflowing abundance.”
- <sup>12</sup> For this is what the LORD says:  
“I will extend peace to her like a river,  
and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream;  
you will nurse and be carried on her arm  
and dandled on her knees.
- <sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child,  
so will I comfort you;  
and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.”
- <sup>14</sup> When you see this, your heart will rejoice  
and you will flourish like grass;  
the hand of the LORD will be made known to his servants,  
but his fury will be shown to his foes.

**Liturgist:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Second Lesson: Galatians 6:1-10,14-18**

<sup>1</sup> Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup> Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, <sup>5</sup> for each one should carry their own load. <sup>6</sup> Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.

<sup>7</sup> Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. <sup>8</sup> Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. <sup>9</sup> Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

<sup>14</sup> May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup> Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. <sup>16</sup> Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God.

<sup>17</sup> From now on, let no one cause me trouble, for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus.

<sup>18</sup> The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

**Liturgist:** This is the word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God

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

**Presenter:** Lift up your hearts and hear the Holy Gospel as it is recorded in the tenth chapter of Saint Luke beginning with the first verse.

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

### **Gospel Lesson: Luke 10:1-20**

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. <sup>2</sup> He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. <sup>3</sup> Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. <sup>4</sup> Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

<sup>5</sup> “When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ <sup>6</sup> If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

<sup>8</sup> “When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. <sup>9</sup> Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup> But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> ‘Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.’ <sup>12</sup> I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

<sup>13</sup> “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. <sup>14</sup> But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. <sup>15</sup> And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted to the heavens? No, you will go down to Hades.<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>16</sup> “Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

<sup>17</sup> The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

<sup>18</sup> He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup> I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. <sup>20</sup> However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

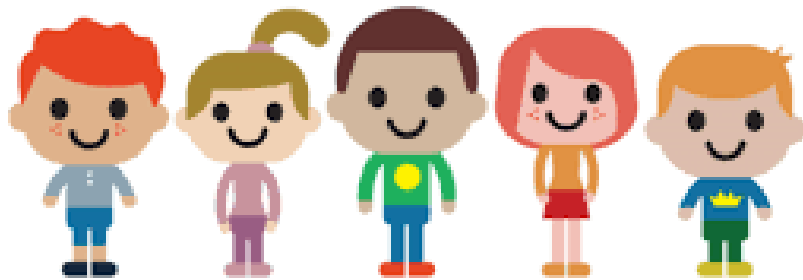
**Presenter:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

*Children’s Sermon:*

## *Can You Help?*

*Jeane Flesch*



O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, Whose stern, impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved In liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved, And mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness, And every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream That sees, beyond the years,  
Thine alabaster cities gleam, Undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.

## *The Desire of Our Hearts*



**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.

**\*\*\*The Nicene Creed:**

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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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.

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

**Presenter:** 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:**

**Presenter:** 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)** The threefold Amen

A-men, A-men, A----men.

**\*\*\*Closing Hymn:**

***Battle Hymn of the Republic***

***Hymn #356***

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightening of his terrible swift sword: His truth is marching on. *Chorus*

*Chorus*

*Glory, glory, Hallelujah! Glory, glory, Hallelujah!*  
*Glory, glory, Hallelujah! His truth is marching on.*

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat;  
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on. *Chorus*

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me:  
As he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free, While God is marching on. *Chorus*

**\*\*\*The Postlude**



## ***Prayers and Praises:***

For our church leaders:

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

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Ken Ford	Lee Ballard	Samantha Shriver	Jimmy Beall
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Jake Greear	Sheri Perini	Jan Gladhill	Audrey Stapf
Irv Stapf	David Vaught	Fred Carlson	Bob Petersen
Wendy Battles	Terry Hubka		

For the President and the leaders of our nation

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

For our Seminary Students:

For a Region congregation: Reverend Raymond Lorthioir, Jr., Trinity Lutheran Church, West Hampstead, NY

For our missionary work: Damascus HELP

For those being persecuted for their faith in Christ

For the congregations of our Germantown/Clarksburg/Damascus community: Christian Life Center

For the congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches

For our college students: Haven Flesch, Shelby Evans, Maddie Day, Joseph Flesch, Jude Stapf

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Men's Bible Study: Will resume in the fall**
- **Women's Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10 AM**
- **Adult and Children's Sunday School: Will resume in the fall**
- **You may continue to watch the Sunday services (10:30AM) via Livestream on Facebook – Christ Lutheran Church AALC. The Bulletins for the services are on our Website: [christlutheranofgermantown.org](http://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.**



**SERMON NOTES: The Desire of our Hearts**



*The*  
**American Association  
of Lutheran Churches**

Rev. Dr. Cary G. Larson  
Presiding Pastor

June 27, 2022

To the Ministerium of The AALC,

***“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,  
for he who promised is faithful.” Hebrews 10:23***

With humble gratitude and awe, I have received God’s call to serve as the Presiding Pastor of The American Association of Lutheran Churches through His people. We stand on the shoulders of giants, and God has promised us a rich heritage. Alleluia!

First, I give thanks for the devotion and the servant’s heart of Rev. Dr. Curtis Leins, Rev. Dean Stoner, and Ms. Bonnie Ohlrich of the National Office. Their sacrificial service has been beyond all expectations, and we are all the stronger in Jesus Christ.

I am thankful that in my service as the Assistant Presiding Pastor, I have developed a great appreciation for the abilities, gifts, and talents of both Pr. Stoner and Ms. Ohlrich. Therefore, I have asked both to continue in their respective responsibilities to the glory of the Lord and for the work of His bride, the Church. Both Pr. Stoner and Ms. Ohlrich have agreed by God’s good grace.

Together, the National Office has much work to do, for Christ’s sake. We require your constant prayers to be faithful in all things. Our immediate priorities are to see to the Word and Sacrament needs of our congregations, especially those whose pulpits are empty and to place those who are available for call.

God bless you all!

I am your servant in Christ Jesus,

Rev. Dr. Cary G. Larson  
Presiding Pastor  
The American Association of Lutheran Churches