

**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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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 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:*

Nearer, My God, to Thee

Hymn #577

Nearer, my God, to thee, Nearer to thee,
E'en though it could be a cross That raiseth me, Still all my song shall be,
Nearer, my God, to thee, Nearer, my God, to thee, Nearer to thee.

Though like a wanderer, The sun gone down,
Darkness be over me, My rest a stone, Yet in my dreams I'd be
Nearer, my God, to thee, Nearer, my God, to thee, Nearer to thee.

Then let my way appear Steps unto heaven;
All that thou sendest me In mercy given; Angels to beckon me
Nearer, my God, to thee, Nearer, my God, to thee, Nearer to thee.

Then with my walking thoughts, Bright with thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be Nearer, my God, to thee, Nearer to thee.

Or, if on joyful wing Cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot, Upward I fly;
Still all my song shall be, Nearer, my God, to thee, Nearer to thee.

*****Psalm: Psalm 119:81-88 (read responsively)**

Liturgist: My soul longs for your salvation;

People: I hope in your word.

Liturgist: My eyes long for your promise;

People: I ask, "When will you comfort me?"

Liturgist: For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke,

People: yet I have not forgotten your statutes.

Liturgist: How long must your servant endure?

People: When will you judge those who persecute me?

Liturgist: The insolent have dug pitfalls for me;

People: they do not live according to your law.

Liturgist: All your commandments are sure;

People: they persecute me with falsehood; help me!

Liturgist: They have almost made an end of me on earth,

People: but I have not forsaken your precepts.

Liturgist: In your steadfast love give me life,

People: that I may keep the testimonies of your mouth.

*****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: Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and, that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please thee; 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: Jeremiah 23:16-29

¹⁶ This is what the LORD Almighty says:

“Do not listen to what the prophets are prophesying to you;
they fill you with false hopes.

They speak visions from their own minds,
not from the mouth of the LORD.

¹⁷ They keep saying to those who despise me,
‘The LORD says: You will have peace.’

And to all who follow the stubbornness of their hearts
they say, ‘No harm will come to you.’

¹⁸ But which of them has stood in the council of the LORD
to see or to hear his word?

Who has listened and heard his word?

¹⁹ See, the storm of the LORD
will burst out in wrath,
a whirlwind swirling down
on the heads of the wicked.

²⁰ The anger of the LORD will not turn back
until he fully accomplishes
the purposes of his heart.
In days to come
you will understand it clearly.

²¹ I did not send these prophets,
yet they have run with their message;
I did not speak to them,
yet they have prophesied.

²² But if they had stood in my council,
they would have proclaimed my words to my people
and would have turned them from their evil ways
and from their evil deeds.

²³ “Am I only a God nearby,”
declares the LORD,
“and not a God far away?”

²⁴ Who can hide in secret places
so that I cannot see them?”
declares the LORD.
“Do not I fill heaven and earth?”
declares the LORD.

²⁵ “I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’ ²⁶ How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? ²⁷ They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship. ²⁸ Let the prophet who has a dream recount the dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?” declares the LORD. ²⁹ “Is not my word like fire,” declares the LORD, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?”

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:17-40;12:1-3

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, ¹⁸ even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.” ¹⁹ Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

²⁰ By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to their future.

²¹ By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph’s sons, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

²² By faith Joseph, when his end was near, spoke about the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt and gave instructions concerning the burial of his bones.

²³ By faith Moses’ parents hid him for three months after he was born, because they saw he was no ordinary child, and they were not afraid of the king’s edict.

²⁴ By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh’s daughter. ²⁵ He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king’s anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned.

³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

³¹ By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

³² And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. ³⁵ Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. ³⁶ Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated— ³⁸ the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

³⁹ These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, ⁴⁰ since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

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

Presenter: Lift up your hearts and hear the Holy Gospel as it is recorded in the twelfth chapter of Saint Luke beginning with the forty-ninth verse.

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

Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:49-56

⁴⁹ “I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵² From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴ He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does. ⁵⁵ And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is. ⁵⁶ Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?”

Presenter: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

Children’s Sermon:

The Peace of Christ

Kris Johnson



Pulpit Hymn:

Take My Life, and Let it Be

Hymn #510

Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine, It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is thine own, It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.



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 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 Ghost, 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 Ghost; 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)***

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.

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment Rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes Where thy body lay.
(Chorus)

*Thine is the glory, Risen conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets thee, Risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee, Scatters fear and gloom;
Let his Church with gladness Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth; Death hast lost its sting.
(Chorus)

No more we doubt thee, Glorious Prince of Life;
Life is nought without thee; Aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conquerors, Through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan To thy home above.
(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
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Jake Greear	Sheri Perini	Jan Gladhill	Audrey Stapf
Irv Stapf	Fred Carlson	Bob Petersen	Wendy Battles
Lauren Galloway	John Desoulis		

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, Cameron Donk, Ethan Stone, Rebecca Deppe, Wendy Ahern

For our Seminary Students:

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

For our missionary work: Faith House

For those being persecuted for their faith in Christ

For the congregations of our Germantown/Clarksburg/Damascus community: Damascus Grace Fellowship, SDA

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. 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.**
- **Thank you for your donations to Faith Connections for their School Supply Drive!**
- **Please review our prayer list in the bulletin. Let Joe or Carrie know of any changes.**
- **The Gladhill's are graciously hosting our church picnic this year, on Saturday, August 20th. (Noon until...)**

Sermon Notes: Be Prepared