

# August 9, 2020 Christ Lutheran Church

**Experiencing Christ's Love** 

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**Aloha!** We welcome you to worship today in Jesus' name. We pray that your worship will draw you closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you don't currently have a church home, we invite you to explore becoming a part of our family in Christ. If you're ready for more information or have questions, please contact our office at 935-8612. We look forward to connecting with you.

**Restrooms** are located on the outside of the Fellowship Hall, which is across the lanai to your right as you leave the Sanctuary.

# BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES EVERY WEEK

The <u>SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY</u>, formerly between services, has moved to Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please contact the office or Pastor Mark if you would like to attend.

The <u>MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY</u> is **every Wednesday** in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. Lana Wold leads a study of the Gospel of John. Attendance is limited to ten and masks are worn in a social-distanced setting. Please call Lana Wold at 345-3402 if you are interested in attending.

The <u>MEN'S FELLOWSHIP</u> meets on **Thursdays at 11:30 a.m**. – 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own lunch. Attendance is limited to ten due to the pandemic so please contact Dan Kunert at 959-9953 if you are interested in attending.

**STEPHEN MINISTERS** receive extensive training to provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care. They are here to listen, encourage and pray with you. You can also schedule regular ongoing visits with a Stephen Minister. For more information, you may contact the church office or speak with Pastor Mark.

**COUNSELING**: As a ministry of Christ Lutheran Church, Beth Zier, M.A., available for scheduling counseling appointments. If you, or someone you know, would like more information about counseling fees and/or would like to schedule an appointment, please contact Beth at: (253) 732-8671 or <a href="mailto:bethie112@comcast.net">bethie112@comcast.net</a>.

**KEEPING SAFE:** While we look forward to meeting again after months of social distancing during these unprecedented times, our hope is to protect the health of everyone. Safety precautions have been set in place to meet this end and we encourage all to follow the guidelines of gathering responsibly as we wait out the pandemic. Below are the measures we have put in place for our worship services.

- ❖ Hand sanitizers are installed at the entrance portico and also at the entrance to the Sanctuary (twenty seconds is the recommended application).
- ❖ Your temperature will be measured as you come into the Sanctuary. As a precautionary measure, individuals with a fever of 100.4 or higher are invited to return next week..
  - o Gatherings on the lanai and the table areas are highly discouraged.
  - o Please wear a mask. If you do not have one, we have disposable masks available.
  - o Social distancing will be observed. Families are encouraged to sit six feet apart.
  - o The Sanctuary will be disinfected between the two services.
- While the printed copies of the bulletin will be available, we encourage people to bring their own copy (The pdf will be emailed out on Friday and can be printed beforehand or downloaded to an electronic device i.e. phone/tablet/Kindle). This will minimize contact. If you do take the copy provided, please dispose of it as you leave or take it home with you.



### **Welcome and Greeting**

Opening Hymn: #817 LSB vs. 1-5 "Earth and All Stars" (Please Stand)



5 Classrooms and labs!
Loud boiling test tubes!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band!
Loud cheering people!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Refrain

#### **Call to Worship**

Pastor: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice!

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

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope.

(Please be seated)

(A moment of silence to reflect on our need for forgiveness.)

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Congregation: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. We know the truth and we confess that we have sinned against you, oh God. We have not loved you with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, we seek your forgiveness again, trusting in the work of Christ Jesus, our Lord. In his name we pray. Amen.

Pastor: God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned. See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. By his mercy to us in his son, Jesus, we are forgiven, not because of our works or words, but by his grace. Thanks be to God, we are set free!

Congregation: Thanks be to God, we are set free!



#### **Scripture Readings** (Please be seated)

#### First Reading – Job 38:4-18

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone,
when the morning stars sang together
and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?

"Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken.

"Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.

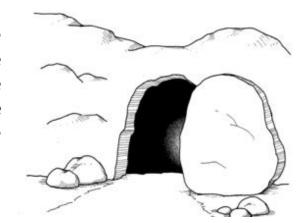
A: This is the word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Second Reading - Romans 10:5-17

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is

Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."



How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

## **Gospel Reading – Matthew 14:22-33** (Please stand)

P: The Holy Gospel According to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

## C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you

of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **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 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.



Hymn: #739 LSB "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (Please be seated)



# Message:

# "If You Want to Walk on Water ... "

Matthew 14:22-33

A Word About Our Offerings for Mission & Ministry

**Prayers** (Please Stand)

P: Lord, in Your mercy
C: Hear our prayer

#### **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, forever and ever. Amen.

#### **Benediction**

Closing Hymn #495 LBW "Lead On, O King Eternal"





#### **Dismissal**

Pastor: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord. Congregation: Thanks be to God!

\*\*Please be seated and wait for the ushers to dismiss you.

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Norman Sletteland

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**Read ahead**: In order to help you prepare for next week's service, here is the scripture passage and title for the message next Sunday. Take some time to read ahead and invite the Holy Spirit to start bringing God's Word to life for you.

"God's Reach of Mercy"
Isaíah 56:1, 6-8

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"To know, grow in, serve & share Christ through experiencing His unconditional love"

Mission Statement

"The family of believers at Christ Lutheran Church understands and supports our mission by participating in our ministry efforts through education, development, assistance and outreach."

Vision Statement