

"let your manner of life
be worthy of the gospel of Christ"

Phil. 1: 27



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Christ Lutheran Church

Experiencing Christ's Love

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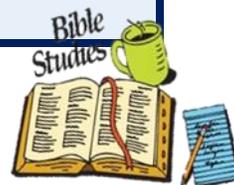
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Aloha! We welcome you to worship today in Jesus' name. We pray that your worship will draw you closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you don't currently have a church home, we invite you to explore becoming a part of our family in Christ. 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 **SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY**, formerly between services, has moved to Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please contact the office or Pastor Mark if you would like to attend.

The **MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY** 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.

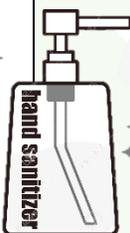
The **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP** meets on **Fridays at 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. Attendance is limited to ten due to the Pandemic so please contact Dan Kunert at 959-9953 if you are interested in attending. They are continuing the study of "**(Biblical) Stuff They Didn't Teach Me In Sunday School**".

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., is 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 bethie112@comcast.net.

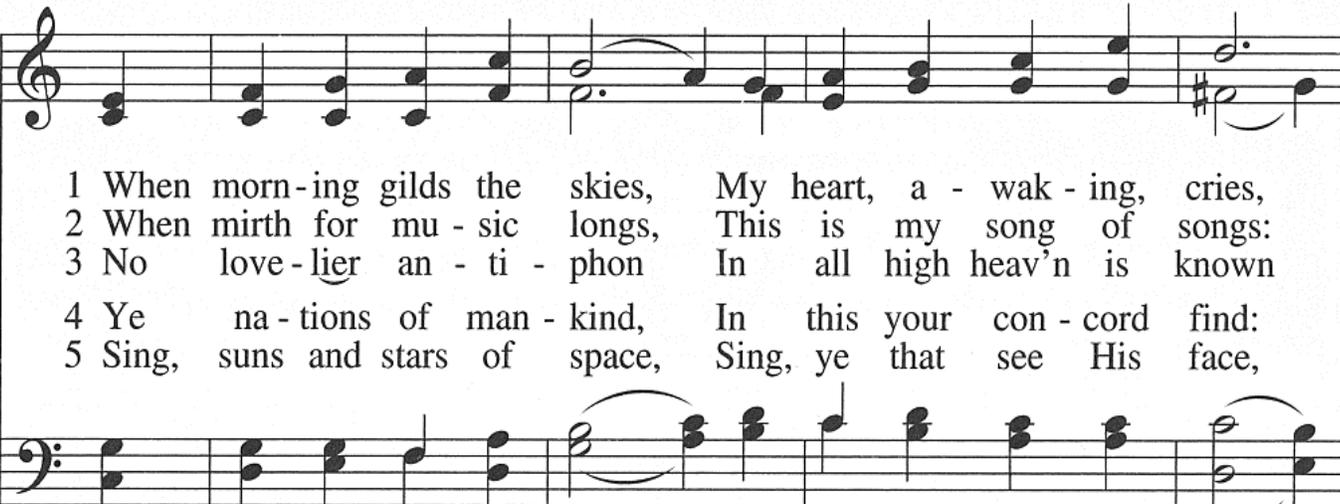
KEEPING SAFE: While we look forward to meeting again after months of social distancing during these unprecedented times, our hope is to protect the health of everyone. Safety precautions have been set in place to meet this end and we encourage all to follow the guidelines of gathering responsibly as 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.
 - Gatherings on the lanai and the table areas are highly discouraged.
 - Please wear a mask. If you do not have one, we have disposable masks available.
 - Social distancing will be observed. Families are encouraged to sit six feet apart.
 - 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.

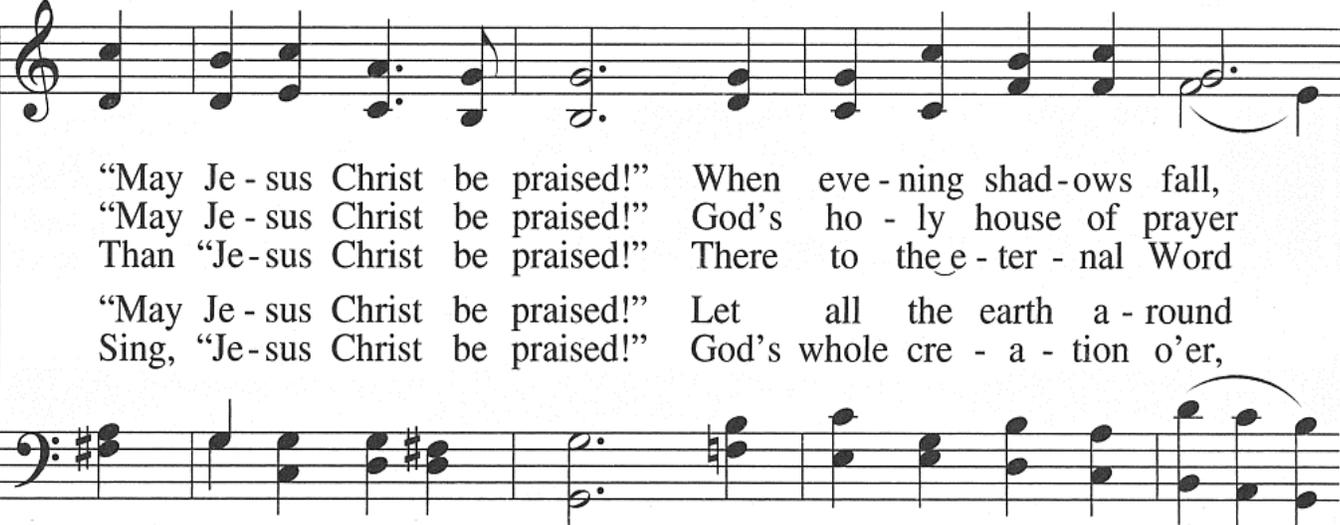


Welcome and Greeting

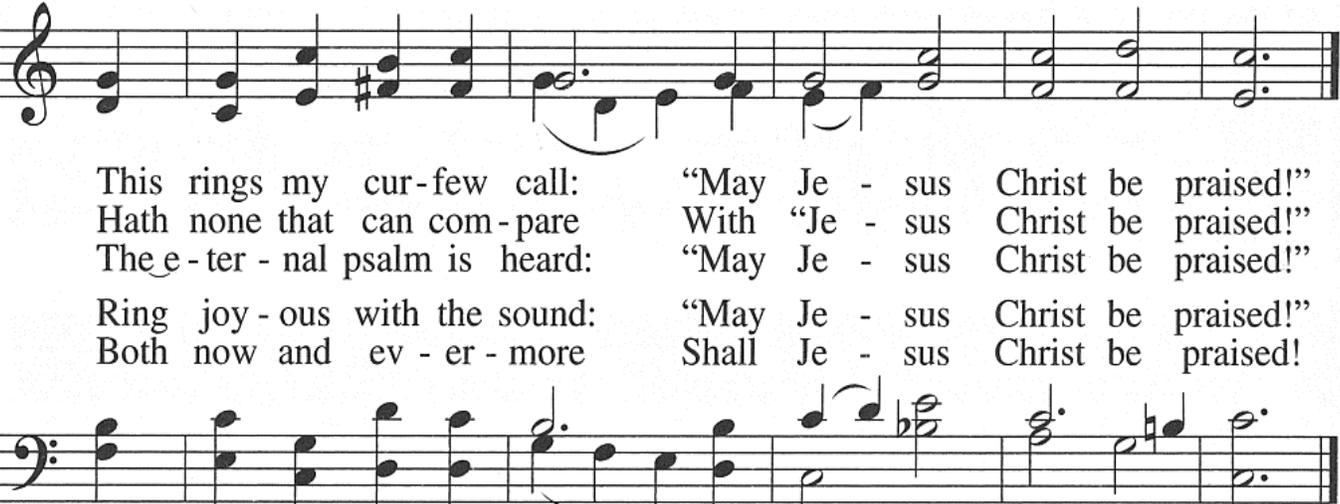
Opening Hymn: #807 LSB "When Morning Guilds the Skies" (*Please Stand*)



1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, This is my song of songs:
3 No love-lier an - ti - phon In all high heav'n is known
4 Ye na - tions of man - kind, In this your con - cord find:
5 Sing, suns and stars of space, Sing, ye that see His face,



"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" When eve - ning shad - ows fall,
"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's ho - ly house of prayer
Than "Je - sus Christ be praised!" There to the e - ter - nal Word
"May Je - sus Christ be praised!" Let all the earth a - round
Sing, "Je - sus Christ be praised!" God's whole cre - a - tion o'er,



This rings my cur-few call: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
Hath none that can com-pare With "Je - sus Christ be praised!"
The e - ter - nal psalm is heard: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
Ring joy - ous with the sound: "May Je - sus Christ be praised!"
Both now and ev - er - more Shall Je - sus Christ be praised!

Call to Worship

Pastor: We gather in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen!

P: Let us pray:

Almighty God, today we not only hear of your forgiveness for us in Christ, but we will also taste and see that Your love for us is real. Before we do so, we need to be honest about our sin and our need for Your mercy. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit to believe Your promise as we confess our sin.

C: Through faith in Jesus we pray. Amen.

We take a moment to reflect of our need for God's forgiveness. (Please be seated)

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Father of mercies and God of all comfort and peace:

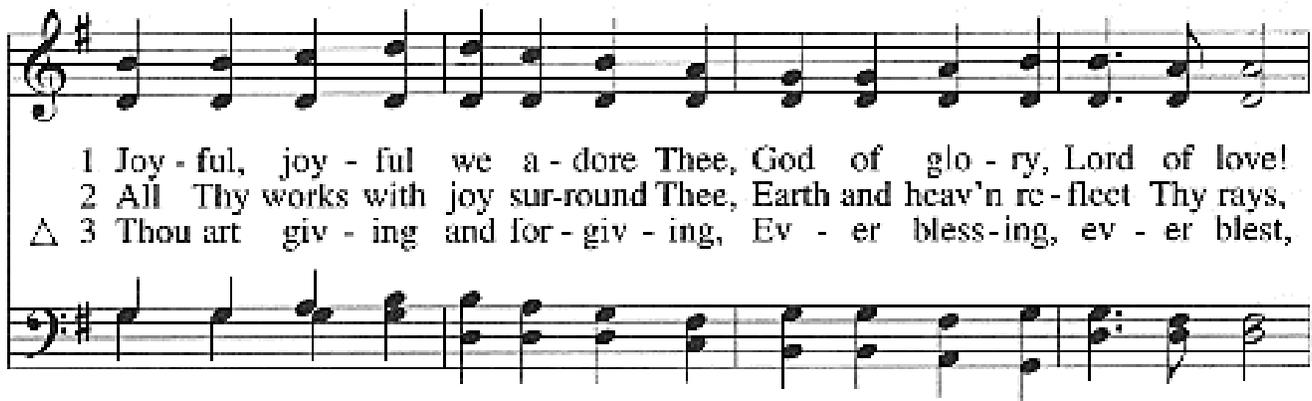
C: We know that we have failed to live as Your children. We have sinned against You in our thoughts, words and actions; by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ we humbly ask You to forgive us, free us, and make us clean once more. Help us to grow more fully into who You created us to be in Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

P: Sisters and brothers we have great news! Almighty God has heard our prayer and gave us His only Son, Jesus Christ to take our punishment. For His sake, God forgives us all our sins! It is by His authority that I have the privilege to declare His forgiveness to you, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

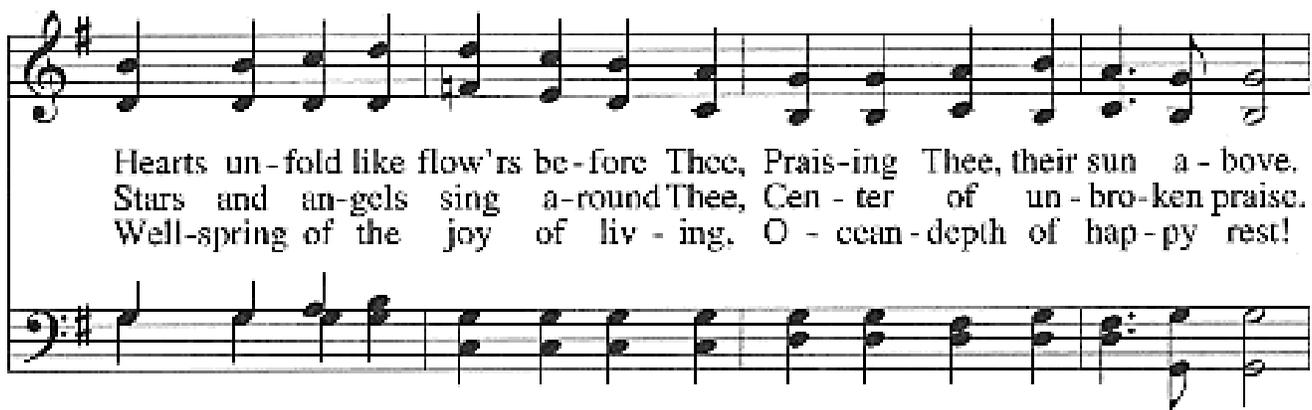
C: Praise God, we are forgiven!



Praise Hymn #803 LSB: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore" (Please stand)



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re-flect Thy rays,
△ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un-fold like flow'rs be-fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove,
Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a-way.
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, Flow-'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spir-it, Foun-tain-head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy-ful, we by grace are Thine!

Scripture Readings (*Please be seated*)

First Reading – Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

A: This is the word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading – Philippians 1:12-30

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me.

Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

A: This is the word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 20:1-16 *(Please stand)*

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’”

And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those



hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'

But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed



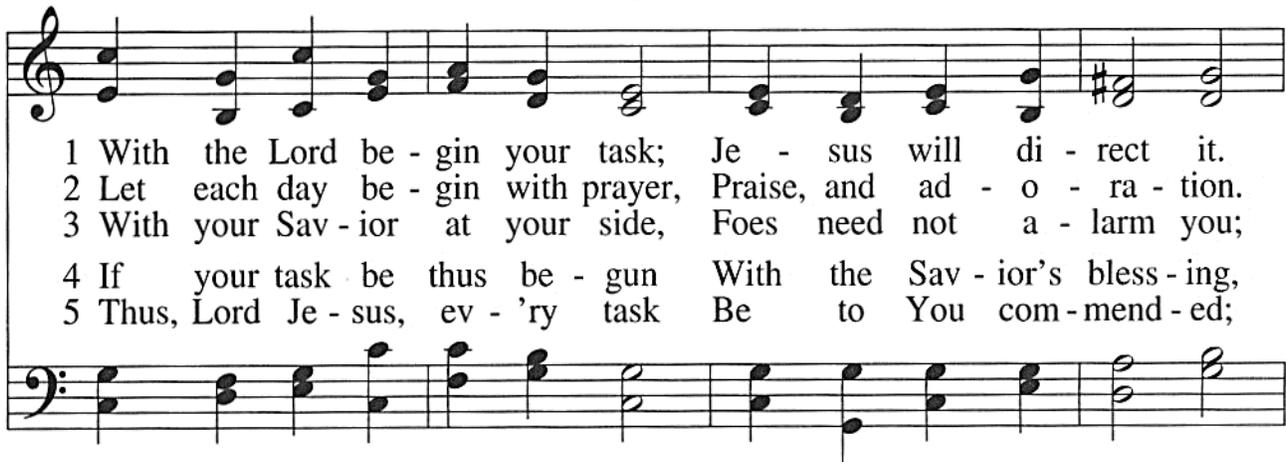
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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

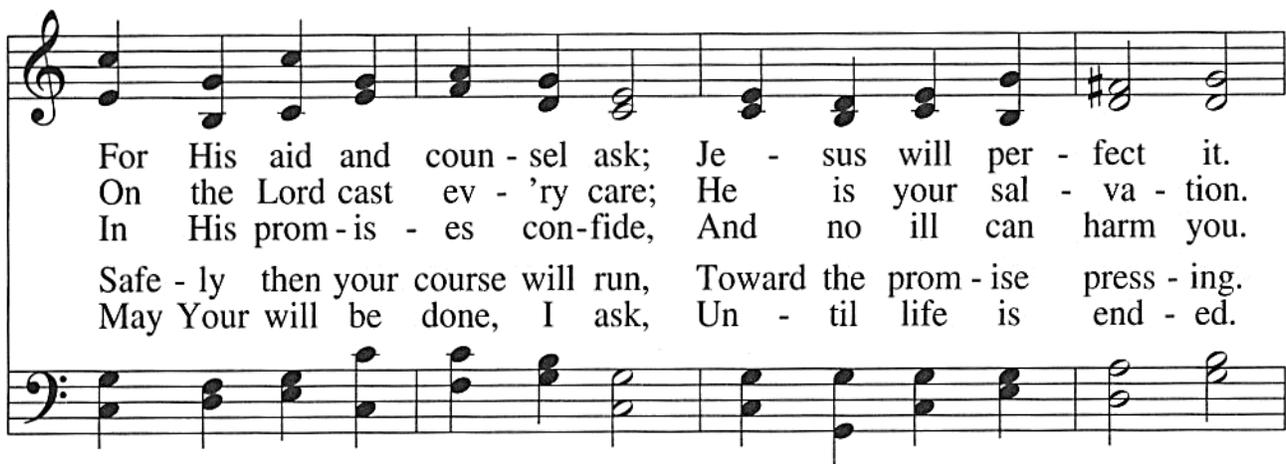
Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the 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.

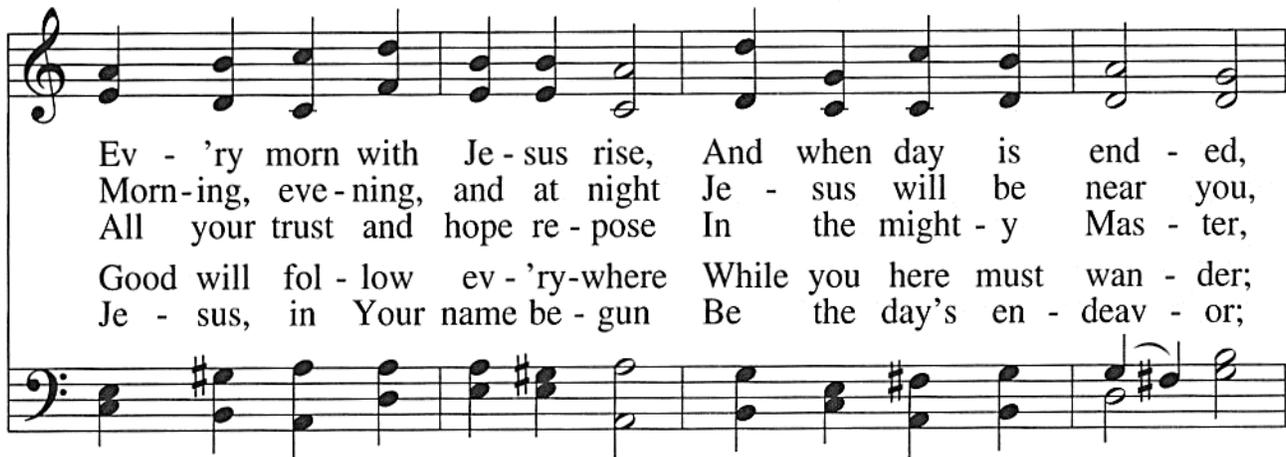
Hymn: #869 "With the Lord Begin Your Task" (Please be seated)



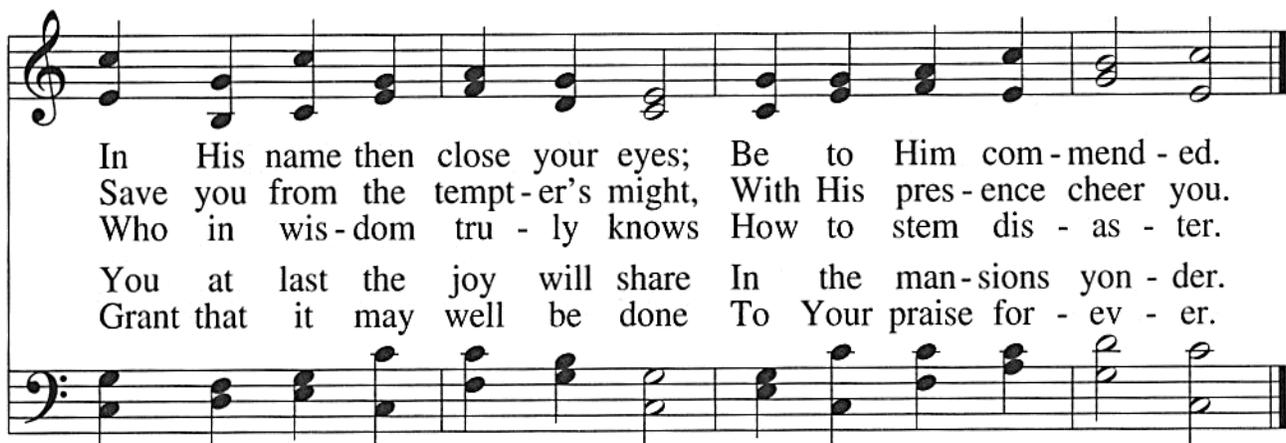
1 With the Lord be - gin your task; Je - sus will di - rect it.
2 Let each day be - gin with prayer, Praise, and ad - o - ra - tion.
3 With your Sav - ior at your side, Foes need not a - larm you;
4 If your task be thus be - gun With the Sav - ior's bless - ing,
5 Thus, Lord Je - sus, ev - 'ry task Be to You com - mend - ed;



For His aid and coun - sel ask; Je - sus will per - fect it.
On the Lord cast ev - 'ry care; He is your sal - va - tion.
In His prom - is - es con - fide, And no ill can harm you.
Safe - ly then your course will run, Toward the prom - ise press - ing.
May Your will be done, I ask, Un - til life is end - ed.



Ev - 'ry morn with Je - sus rise, And when day is end - ed,
Morn - ing, eve - ning, and at night Je - sus will be near you,
All your trust and hope re - pose In the might - y Mas - ter,
Good will fol - low ev - 'ry - where While you here must wan - der;
Je - sus, in Your name be - gun Be the day's en - deav - or;



In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him com - mend - ed.
Save you from the tempt - er's might, With His pres - ence cheer you.
Who in wis - dom tru - ly knows How to stem dis - as - ter.
You at last the joy will share In the man - sions yon - der.
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise for - ev - er.

Message:
“Our Life of Joy; The Good, The Bad,
and The Joyful”

Philippians 1:12-30

A Word About Our Offerings for Mission & Ministry

Prayers of the Congregation

P: Lord, In Your Mercy

C: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

Closing Hymn #495 LBW “Lead On, Oh King Eternal”



1 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal! The day of march has come;
2 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
3 Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: We fol - low, not with fears,

Hence-forth in fields of con - quest Your tents will be our home.
 And ho - li - ness shall whis - per The sweet a - men of peace;
 For glad - ness breaks like morn - ing Wher - e'er your face ap - pears.

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion Your grace has made us strong;
 For not with swordsloud clash - ing, Nor roll of stir - ring drums,
 Your cross is lift - ed o'er us; We jour - ney in its light;

And now, O King e - ter - nal, We lift our bat - tle song.
 But deeds of love and mer - cy The heav'n - ly king - dom comes.
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; Lead on, O God of might!

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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Sermon Series Coming

Our Life of Joy will be Pastor Mark's message series starting September 20th based on the assigned readings from Philippians for that period.

Sept. 27th: Completing Joy

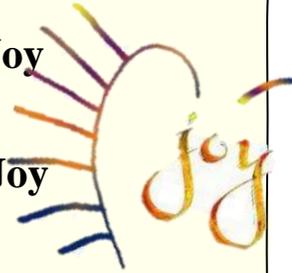
Philippians 2:1-18

Oct. 4th: Taking Hold of Joy

Philippians 3:1-14

Oct. 11th: The Secrets of Joy

Philippians 4:4-13



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Services are posted to our Facebook account at **Christ Lutheran Church Hilo**. Recordings of the services as well as the bulletin are also available at www.ChristHilo.org

We have asked Jesus to lead us as individuals and the church to the work he calls us to join him in, within our neighborhoods and communities. We are only a small part of his body, the Church, but we are called to do our part where we are placed and then pray for the Church as a whole.

All those who want to be my disciples must come and follow me, because my servants must be where I am. John 12:26

The Church, the body of Christ, following Jesus across the world

1. Pray for the worldwide Church and that it will remain strong and true in the Word of God.
2. Pray that as the Church follows Jesus in this time of division and fear, that many will see and desire God's love, unity, and peace through Jesus.
3. Pray that we will remember and support all those who have followed Jesus around the world. May they be safe and receive all they need both physically and spiritually to do his work.

Happy
Birthday

Sept 20 - Nancy Bruckner

Sept 26 - Chance Aguiar-Chartrand

HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY

Sept 20 - Steve & Susan Hardash

Sept 21 - Pastor Mark & Beth Zier