



# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021

### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### PRELUDE

Aprés un Rêve

Lani Smith

#### RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

#### OPENING HYMN (*please rise and sing*)

Children of the Heavenly Father

Hymnal p. 725

Children of the heav'nly Father Safely in His bosom gather;  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven Such a refuge e'er was given.

**God His own doth tend and nourish; In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them; In His mighty arms He bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever From the Lord His children sever;  
Unto them His grace He showeth, And their sorrows all He knoweth.**

**Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely To preserve them pure and holy.**

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## INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross (+) may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism*

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>

**P:** Our Help is in the name of the Lord.

**C: Who made heaven and earth.**

**P:** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

*(We take a moment of silence before the Lord as we call to mind how we have not properly loved Him, ourselves, or other people.)*

**P:** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we confess unto You that we are sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. We therefore flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end, that by Your grace, we may receive the crown of eternal life in Your Kingdom of Glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**P:** Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?

**C:** Yes, so I believe.

**P:** Let it be done for you as you believe.

As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I  
forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## SONG OF PRAISE

Hymnal p. 797

### Praise the Almighty

**Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!  
Yes, I will laud Him until death;  
With songs and anthems I come before Him  
As long as He allows me breath.  
From Him my life and all things came;  
Bless, O my soul, His holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Blessed, oh, blessed are they forever  
Whose help is from the Lord Most High,  
Whom from salvation can nothing sever,  
And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.  
To all who trust in Him, our Lord;  
Will aid and counsel now afford.  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise, all you people, the name so holy  
Of Him who does such wondrous things!  
All that has being, to praise Him solely,  
With happy heart its amen sings.  
Children of God, with angel host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

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## COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1–6

L: The first reading is from Jeremiah chapter twenty-three.

*Jeremiah prophesies about the righteous Branch*

*Following the reading...*

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALMODY

**The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want** *from Psalm 23* Hymnal p. 710

**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.**

**He makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; He leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.**

**My soul He doth restore again;  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
e'en for His own Name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear no ill;  
for Thou art with me; and Thy rod**

**and staff me comfort still.  
My table Thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me;  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling place shall be.**

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## **SECOND READING**

Ephesians 2:11–22

L: The second reading is from chapter two of Ephesians.

*Jesus brings us together as one people.*

*Following the reading...*

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 6:30–44

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. Mark chapter six.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*Jesus feeds five thousand with only a few loaves of bread and fish.*

*Following the reading...*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED<sup>2</sup>**

**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, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven**

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living 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.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

The Church's One Foundation

Hymnal p. 644

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation By water and the Word.  
From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses With ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.  
O bless`ed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

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## SERMON<sup>3</sup>

## VERSE

### Take My Life and Let it Be

Hymnal p. 783 sts. 1,4 &6

**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 silver and my gold. Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.**

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

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for ourselves, the church, and the world.

*Following each petition:*

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper (Holy Communion) is being celebrated in today's service. In preparation for that, please be reminded that the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper are not merely representations or symbols of Jesus' body and blood but Jesus' body and blood sacrificed on the cross are present in, with, and under the bread and wine (The Real Presence). How is this possible? This is beyond human understanding, but we remember that with God all things are possible. This truth is a divine mystery instituted by Jesus, taught by his Apostles, fervently held by the Christian church, and one in which we participate through faith. To be properly prepared to receive this sacrament, you must

- 1) Recognize that you have indeed sinned against God and other people and are accountable to God for those sins;
- 2) Be sorry (repentant) for those sins;
- 3) Believe that in this sacrament Jesus bestows forgiveness, life, and salvation; and
- 4) Sincerely desire to live a godly life from this point forward.

If you are not a member of Christ Lutheran Church, please speak with the pastor before receiving communion here for the first time.

## PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

### SANCTUS

Hymnal p. 208

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you in all ways.

C: **Amen.**

### AGNUS DEI

Hymnal p. 434 sts. 1,3

**Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!  
Lamb of God, pure and holy, Who on the cross didst suffer,**

**Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Thy peace be with us O Jesus! O Jesus!**

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## **DISTRIBUTION**

*Communion will be offered using the "continuous" method. Approach the front using the main isle. Take both your wafer and individual communion cup from the trays in the front. Place the individual cup and liner in the receptacle at the end of the front pew. Return to your pew using the side isle, if possible. Please observe the 6-foot spacing between communicants. You need not have your mask on when you come up for communion.*

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread**

Hymnal p. 625

**Lord Jesus Christ, lifegiving bread,  
May I in grace possess You. Let me with holy food be fed,  
In hunger I address You. Prepare me well for You, O Lord,  
And, humbly by my prayer implored,  
Give me Your grace and mercy.**

**To pastures green, Lord, safely guide, To restful waters lead me; Your  
table well for me provide, Your wounded hand now feed me  
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak, Refuge in You alone I seek,  
To share Your cup of healing.**

**O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight, For full and free remission I come  
with prayer before Your sight In sorrow and contrition. Your  
righteousness, Lord, cover me That I receive You worthily, Assured of  
Your full pardon.**

**I do not merit favor, Lord, My weight of sin would break me; In all my  
guilty heart's discord, O Lord, do not forsake m. In my distress this  
comforts me That You receive me graciously, O Christ, my Lord of mercy!**

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**POST COMMUNION COLLECT**

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with His favor and (†) give you His peace.

**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us**

Hymnal p. 711

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care.**

**In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.**

**We are Yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;  
Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.**

**Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus Hear us children when we pray.**

**You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;  
You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to You.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to You.**

**Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do Your will**

**Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.**

**Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.**

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## **POSTLUDE**

**Postlude on "Blaenwern"**

**Ian Higginson**

<sup>1</sup>*The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."* John 20:22-23. We take heart that the absolution proclaimed by the pastor is as from the Lord Himself.

<sup>2</sup>*It is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.* Romans 10:10. Our response to the Word of God that has just been read is our confession of faith in the one, true, triune God.

<sup>3</sup>Martin Luther teaches us about hearing the Word: "Know, therefore, that you must be concerned not only about hearing, but also about learning and retaining it in memory, and do not think that it is optional with you or of no great importance, but that it is God's commandment, who will require of you how you have heard, learned, and honored His Word." (Large Catechism) *Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!* Luke 11:28

## **OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ONLINE VIEWERS**

For those worshipping with us online and those sheltering in place, we encourage you to bring your tithes and offerings to the church office open M-F mornings from 9-12, or mail your check in to church, or for those who bank online, simply instruct your bank to send us a check in the mail.

We all owe God our tithes and offerings and we encourage everyone to continue in the joy that is found in faithful financial stewardship. Thank you.

**HOME COMMUNION:** Christ Lutheran is providing Home Communion Packages with individually wrapped wafers and wine cups. These packages are to be distributed to those who are institutionalized or remain at home on Sundays. Your help getting these packages out is needed. Talk to Pastor if you'd like to help.

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