

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2022

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prayer on entering church: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Anthony Giamanco

RINGING OF THE BELLS/ WELCOME

OPENING HYMN (*please rise and sing*)

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

Refrain: Leaning...leaning—safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning...leaning—Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.

Oh how sweet to walk in the pilgrim way,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

Oh how bright the path grows from day-to-day,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms! *Refrain*

What have I to dread, what have I to fear?
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

I have peace complete with my Lord so dear,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms! *Refrain*

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.

CONFESSION¹

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 Sing Praise to God Hymnal p. 819 sts. 1,2,5

**Sing praise to God, the highest good, The author of creation,
The God of love who understood Our need for His salvation.**

**With healing balm our souls He fills And ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!**

**What God's almighty pow'r has made, In mercy He is keeping.
By morning glow or evening shade His eye is never sleeping.**

**Within the kingdom of His might All things are just and good and right:
To God all praise and glory!**

**All who confess Christ's holy name, Give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His pow'r proclaim Aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne, For God is God, and He alone:
To God all praise and glory!**

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COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You have built Your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. Continue to send Your messengers to preserve Your people in true peace that, by the preaching of Your Word, Your Church may be kept free from all harm and danger; 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

Isaiah 66:10–14

L: The first reading is from Isaiah chapter sixty-six.

The Lord will extend His peace, and your heart shall rejoice.

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 66

L: May God be gracious to us and bless us

C: and make His face shine upon us.

L: That Your way may be known on Earth,

C: Your saving power among all nations.

L: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C: let all the peoples praise You!

L: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C: for You judge the people with equity and guide the nations upon Earth.

L: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C: let all the peoples praise You!

L: The Earth has yielded its increase;

C: God, our God, shall bless us.

L: God shall bless us;

C: let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

A: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND READING

Galatians 6:1–10, 14–18

L: The second reading is from chapter six of Galatians.

Sharing peace, mercy, and all good things in the household of faith

Following the reading...

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 10:1–20

P: The Holy Gospel is according to St. Luke chapter ten.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus sends out His messengers of peace to proclaim the kingdom of God.

Following the reading...

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED²

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

Lord I Want to be a Christian in my Heart

Lord, I want to be a Christian,
In my heart in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian,
In my heart!

Refrain: In my heart in my heart.

Lord, I want to be a Christian, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving,
In my heart in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving,
In my heart! *Refrain:*

Lord, I want to be more Holy,
In my heart in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more Holy,
In my heart! *Refrain:*

Lord, I don't want to be like Judas,
In my heart in my heart;
Lord, I don't want to be like Judas,
In my heart! *Refrain:*

Lord, I want to be like Jesus,
In my heart in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus,
In my heart! *Refrain:*

SERMON³

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

VOLUNTARY

Offertory on "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

David Paxton

OFFERING SONG

We Praise You, O God

Hymnal p. 785 sts 1-3

**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy Name, glad praises we sing.**

**We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'er take us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**

**With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

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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. If you choose to come forward to receive a blessing rather than the Lord's Supper, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

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!

Prayer before communing: Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit one God now and forever. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

Form a line at the communion rail starting at the left side. When the line is half full, begin filling it in from the right side. When invited, approach the rail and kneel/stand. If you want to receive a gluten-free wafer at communion, let the worship assistant know as he comes by with the wafers. After communion, exit through the right doorway, place individual communion cups in the tray, and proceed down the stairs back to your seat.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

I Come O Savior to Thy Table

Hymnal p. 618

I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able

To satisfy and make me whole:

Refrain: Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood Be for my soul the highest good!

Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning

That sinners may salvation see

Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;

So I, a sinner, come to Thee. *Refrain:*

Unworthy though I am, O Savior,

Because I have a sinful heart,

Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,

For Thou my faithful shepherd art: *Refrain:*

Weary am I and heavy laden;

With sin my soul is sore oppressed;

Receive me graciously and gladden

My heart, for I am now Thy guest. *Refrain:*

What higher gift can we inherit?

It is faith's bond and solid base;

It is the strength of heart and spirit,

The covenant of hope and grace. *Refrain:*

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VOLUNTARY

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

Alfred V. Fedak

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

Trust and Obey

When we walk with the Lord, in the light of His Word;

What glory He sheds on our way!

While we do His good will, He abides with us still;

And with all, who will trust and obey.

Refrain: **Trust and obey, for there is no other way;**

To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey!

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies;

But His smile quickly drives it away.

Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear;

Can abide while, we trust and obey. *Refrain:*

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share;

But our toil, He doth richly replay.

Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross;

But is blest if, we trust and obey. *Refrain:*

But we never can prove, the delights of His love;

Until all on the altar we lay.

For the favor He shows, and the joy He bestows;

Are for them, who will trust and obey. *Refrain:*

Then in fellowship sweet We will sit at His feet,

Or we'll walk by His side In the way;

What He says we will do, Where He sends we will go;

Never fear, only trust and obey. Refrain:

POSTLUDE

His Truth Is Marching On

Alfred V. Fedak

¹*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.

²*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.

³Martin 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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