



Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation is invited to stand

GATHERING SONG “Angel Band”

My latest sun is sinking fast

My race is nearly run

My longest trials now are past

My triumph has begun

Refrain

Oh come angel band

Come and around me stand

Bear me away on your snow white wings

To my immortal home

Bear me away on your snow white wings

To my immortal home

Oh bear my longing soul to him

Who bled and died for me

Whose blood now cleanses from all sins

And brings me victory *Refrain*

I know I'm near the holy ranks

Of friends and kindred dear

I brush the dew on Jordan's banks

The crossing must be near *Refrain*

I've almost gained my heavenly home

My spirit loudly sings

The holy ones, behold they come

I hear the noise of wings *Refrain*

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BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SONG “Wicked Path of Sin”

**In this awful world of sorrow
In this wicked path of sin
Never thinking ‘bout tomorrow
Or what I’d lose in the end.**

Refrain

**Oh I can hear the joy bells ringing
Where my friends and loved ones wait
I can hear the angels singing
Just inside that pearly gate.**

**I can hear my Savior calling
“Won’t you come unto me?”**

**I'll wash away your sins forever
And you shall live eternally.” Refrain**

**Now I'm safe with my Jesus
He will guide me on my way
I will sing his praise forever
We'll meet in heaven some sweet day. Refrain**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

C: Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The congregation is invited to sit

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 17:5-10

P: The first lesson is from Jeremiah, the 17th chapter.

⁵Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. ⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. ⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it? ¹⁰I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

P: The word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:22-29

P: The second lesson is from 1 Corinthians, the 15th chapter.

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be

misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

P: The word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

The congregation is invited to stand

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 6:17-26

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

P: The gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

The congregation is invited to sit

SERMON

PASTOR JEFF STEEBER

The congregation is invited to stand

SONG OF THE DAY “The Old Rugged Cross”

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff’ring and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.**

Refrain

**So I’ll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.**

**Oh, that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary. *Refrain***

**In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see,
For ’twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me. *Refrain***

**To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He’ll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I’ll share. *Refrain***

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APOSTLES’ CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Everyone is invited to gather around the altar for the remainder of the service. As you come forward, you may place your offering in the offering plate on the stand. After the singing of "Jesus, Lamb of God," those receiving communion will be invited to kneel or stand next to the communion railing. All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Communion is by intinction: receive the bread, dip the bread into the cup, then consume the body and blood of Christ. If you are unable to come forward, Holy Communion can be brought to you.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

P: We pray for the church. Raise up faithful leaders to proclaim the gospel. Guide us in the ways of love. Empower us in ministry and service. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: For the earth. Bless deserts and canyons, farmlands and vineyards. Bring sufficient rainfall to lands parched by drought, and restore places scorched by wildfire. Protect fragile environments from harm. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: For the nations. Grant wisdom to our elected leaders for the sake of the common good. Give courage to those who suffer persecution. Give patience and perseverance to those who work to bring an end to injustice. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: For those in need. For those who do not have enough food; for those who lack money; for those who are estranged from their families; for those who worry about many things. Comfort those who mourn. Heal and strengthen those who are sick *especially those we say aloud or silently in our hearts...* Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: For this assembly. For newcomers, visitors, longtime members, and those who are absent from us today. Root us deeply in your word and increase our faith. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Encourage us by their example and lead us in faith until we are united at your unending feast. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: As we gather around this table tonight, we remember how in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

SONG

“Jesus, Lamb of God”

Jesus, Lamb of God,

Worthy is your name;

Jesus, Lamb of God,

Worthy is your name. *Repeat*

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.

C: We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

C: Amen

SENDING SONG “When the Roll is Called Up Yonder”

**When the trumpet of the Lord shall sound and time shall be no more
And the morning breaks eternal bright and fair
When the saved on earth shall gather over on the other shore
And the roll is called up yonder I'll be there**

Refrain

**When the roll (when the roll) is called up yonder
When the roll (when the roll) is called up yonder
When the roll (when the roll) is called up yonder
When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there**

**On that bright and cloudless morning when the dead in Christ shall rise
And the glory of His resurrection share
When His chosen ones shall gather to their home beyond the skies
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there *Refrain***

**Let us labor for the Master from the dawn til setting sun
Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care
Then when all of life is over and our work on earth is done
And the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there *Refrain***

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Christ is your light.

C: Thanks be to God.

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