



# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Saturday, June 30, 2018



### ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The congregation is invited to stand*

**GATHERING SONG**                      **“Lord, I’m Coming Home”**  
I've wandered far away, from God, now I'm coming home  
The paths of sin too long I've trod, Lord, I'm coming home  
I've wasted many precious years, now I'm coming home  
I now repent with bitter tears, Lord I'm coming home

*Refrain*

*Refrain*

Coming home, coming home, never more to roam  
Open wide Thine arms of love, Lord I'm coming home

I'm tired of sin, and straying Lord, now I'm coming home  
I'll trust thy love, believe Thy Word, Lord I'm coming home  
My soul is sick and my heart is sore, Lord I'm coming home  
My strength renew, my hope restore, Lord I'm coming home

*Refrain*

I need his cleansing blood, I know, Now, I'm coming home  
Oh wash me whiter than the snow, Lord, I'm coming home

My only hope, my only plea, now I'm coming home  
That Jesus died, and died for me, Lord I'm coming home

*Refrain*

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### **INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND FORGIVENESS**

**ELW pg.94**

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive 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 us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**SONG** **“I Am a Pilgrim”**

**I am a pilgrim and a stranger  
Traveling through this wearisome land  
And I've got a home in that yonder city, good Lord  
And it's not (good Lord it's not) not made by hand**

**I got a mother, a sister and a brother  
Who have gone to that sweet home  
And I am determined to go and see them, good Lord  
Over on (good Lord over on) that distant shore**

**As I go down to that river Jordan  
Just to bathe my weary soul  
If I could touch but just the hem of His garment, good Lord  
I believe (good Lord I believe) that it would make me whole**

**Now when I'm dead, laying in my coffin  
All of my friends all gather round  
They can say that he's just laying there sleeping, good Lord  
Sweet peace (Lord sweet peace) his soul is found**

**I am a pilgrim and a stranger  
Traveling through this wearisome land  
And I've got a home in that yonder city, good Lord  
And it's not (good Lord it's not) not made by hand**

**GREETING**

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

see insert

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*The congregation is invited to sit*

**LESSON****2 CORINTHIANS 8:7-15**

see insert

P: The lesson is from 2 Corinthians, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. <sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—<sup>11</sup>now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup>I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between <sup>14</sup>your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. <sup>15</sup>As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

P: The word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*The congregation is invited to stand*

**GOSPEL****MARK 5:21-43**

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” <sup>24</sup>So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” <sup>29</sup>Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?”

<sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ” <sup>32</sup>He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

<sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” <sup>36</sup>But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” <sup>37</sup>He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. <sup>43</sup>He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

P: The gospel of the Lord!

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

*The congregation is invited to sit*

*The congregation is invited to stand*

**SONG OF THE DAY                      “Higher Ground”**

**I'm pressing on the upward way  
New heights I'm gaining everyday  
Still praying as I'm homeward bound  
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground**

*Refrain*

**Lord, lift me up and let me stand  
My faith on heaven's table land  
A higher plain that I have found  
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground**

**My heart has no desire to stay  
Where doubts arise and fears dismay  
Though some may dwell where these abound  
My prayers, my aim is higher ground                      *Refrain***

**I want to scale the utmost heights  
And catch a gleam of glory bright  
But still I'll pray 'till heaven I've found  
Lord, lead me on to higher ground                      *Refrain***

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**APOSTLES' CREED**

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**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 the Lord 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

**see insert**

P: Growing in faith and discipleship, we give thanks for God's merciful compassion as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence*

P: Holy God, send out your church to cross boundaries for the sake of your holy compassion. Use our words and our actions to bring peace and wholeness to all people. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Bountiful God, all creation is a gift from you. Protect the earth from disaster and misuse. Free us from selfishness and help us to honor the bounty of nature, sharing our earthly home gently with one another and with future generations. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Liberating God, soften the hearts of rulers and governments. Strengthen the voices of those who cry out for freedom and opportunity for the overlooked, oppressed, and abused. Teach your people to speak peace to all people and nations. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Merciful God, give us faith and make us whole. Ease the anxiety of undiagnosed or chronic illness. Soothe the heartache of miscarriage or infertility. Look with compassion on all who cry to you for healing (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Mighty God, protect and bless all civil servants, local government officials, and members of the armed services who work for our safety and security. Help us to be thoughtful citizens and good neighbors in our community. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Immortal God, your mercies never end and your faithfulness is everlasting. Inspire us by the faith of the saints to wait patiently for your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, 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**

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**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.**

## **LAMB OF GOD**

**“Jesus, Lamb of God”**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,**

**Worthy is your name;**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,**

**Worthy is your name.**

*Repeat*

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P:** Let us pray.

**C:** Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

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**P:** May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## **SENDING SONG**

**“Church in the Wildwood”**

**There's a church in the valley by the wildwood  
No lovelier place in the dale  
No spot is so dear to my childhood  
As the little brown church in the vale**

### *Refrain*

**Oh, come to the church by the wildwood  
Oh, come to the church in the dale  
No place is so dear to my childhood  
As the little brown church in the vale**

**How sweet on a clear Sabbath morning  
To list to the clear ringing bell  
It's tones so sweetly are calling  
Oh, come to the church in the vale   *Refrain***

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## **DISMISSAL**

**ELW pg. 155**

**P:** Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

**C:** Thanks be to God.