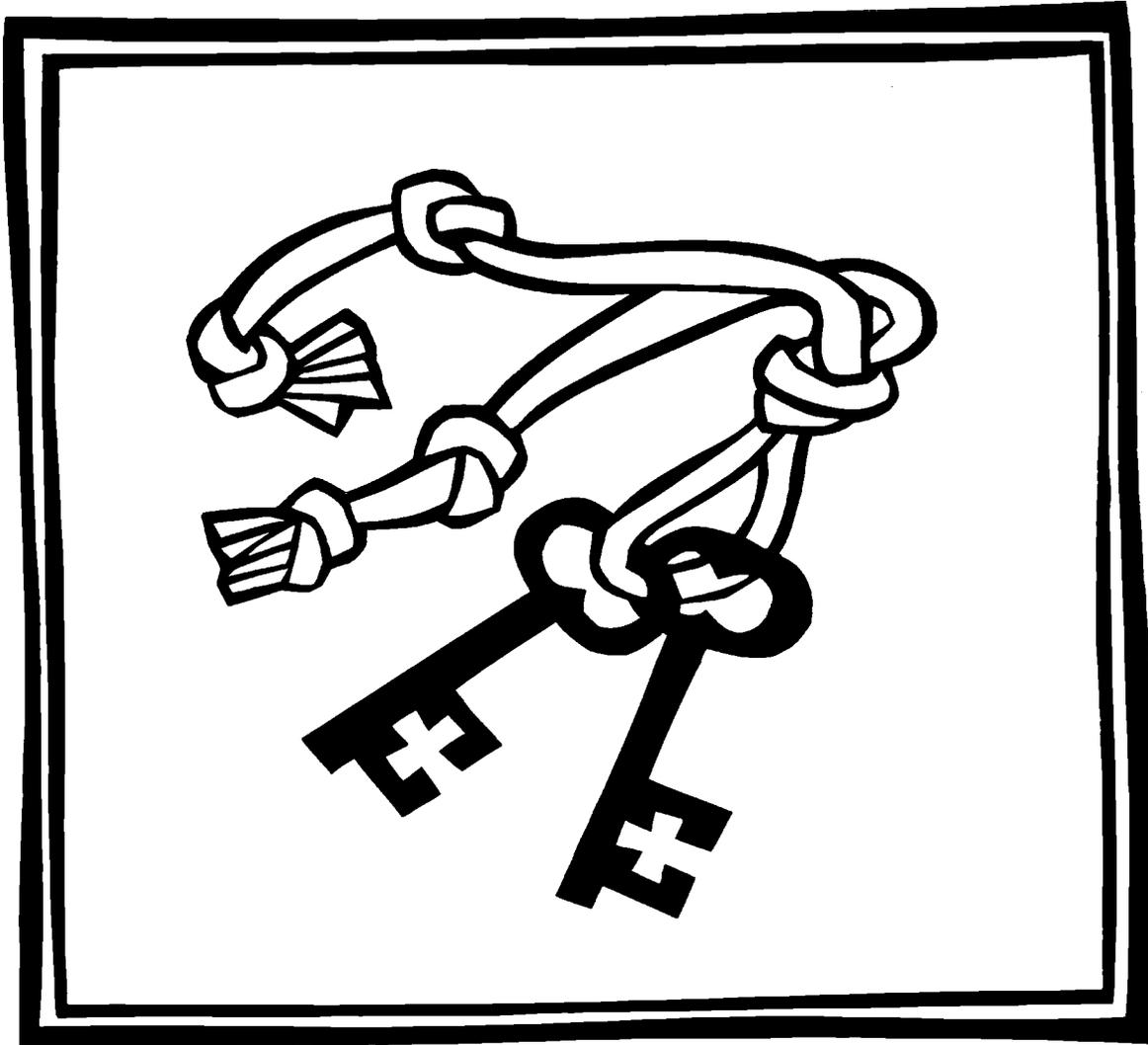




# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Sunday, August 27, 2017



ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!

Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement: *“Gospel In Action: Caring for all God’s children, we shall serve God through Worship, Learning and Sharing.”*

## **WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome to worship** - Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) is a congregation of the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), a part of the worldwide Lutheran community. Our order for worship is printed on the following pages of this bulletin. We invite you to join us regularly for worship and in a variety of activities and opportunities in our congregational life. If you are new here, we welcome you; if you are a member of long standing, we celebrate your gifts and ministry.

**New to CELC** - We are happy to have you with us and we wish you a warm welcome. If you would like more information about our church and its ministries, please look for a member of the Welcoming Team by the TV after the service for information and a gift. Please take a few minutes to view the announcements displayed on the TV in the gathering area.

**For those with children** - We encourage you to have your children participate in worship. They learn about worship and faith by being involved. Coloring and activity bags are available just outside the sanctuary doors.

**Holy Communion** - All are welcome to receive this gift of God's grace, love, and forgiveness. All who hunger to know the love of God are welcome to commune with us. The table of our Lord is now set for all those who need grace, forgiveness, strength, and wisdom for ministry and mission to the world. If you have questions about the sacrament, or if you wish to receive instruction on the Christian faith, you are invited to speak with Pastor Jeff following the service.

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS** **TODAY, SUNDAY AUGUST 27**

**Greeters:** Jean Duerk and John Stuart; **Usher:** Rob Johnson; **Lector:** Tim Gottshall  
**Acolytes:** Ruslan Nordman and Addison Crout; **Cantor:** Jamie Crout;  
**Assists:** Cantor, Anita Hlava, Genny Helmink, and Acolytes

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*The congregation is invited to stand*

### INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another. Eternal God our creator,

**C: In you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God ☩ forgives you all your sins.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN      "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"      ELW 645**

### GREETING

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.**

# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -  
gan his reign. Al - le - lu - ia,

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.  
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Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

**C: O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## FIRST LESSON

## ISAIAH 51:1-6

L: The first lesson is from Isaiah, the 51<sup>st</sup> chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.<sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.<sup>3</sup>For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.<sup>4</sup>Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.<sup>5</sup>I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

L: The word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## PSALM 138

<sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**<sup>2</sup>I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

<sup>3</sup>When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.

**<sup>4</sup>All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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## MATTHEW 16:13-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

P: The gospel of the Lord!

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

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## SERMON

**PASTOR JEFF STEEBER**

*The congregation is invited to stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“Built on a Rock”**

**ELW 652**

## **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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence*

A: God our rock, provide a strong foundation for your church on earth. Unite it in joyful praise, service, and mission. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: You make deserts into gardens and the wilderness into Eden. Restore the clean and pleasant beauty of your creation. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: You shine the light of justice on the nations. Deliver us quickly from evil, protect the defenseless, and bring peace to warring lands. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: You renew our minds and transform our bodies. Wait with all who seek a cure or long for relief from chronic pain. Bring comfort and healing to all who suffer illness in spirit, mind, or body (*especially...*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: You give gifts to all. Build up this assembly. Increase our generosity, compassion, and cheerfulness. Lift up from among us prophets, ministers, teachers, and diligent leaders. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Your salvation lasts forever. Console us here on earth until we join all who praise you without end. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## OFFERING

## Special Music

The Crout family

*The congregation is invited to stand*

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Merciful God,

C: You open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with slurs and ties.

## PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

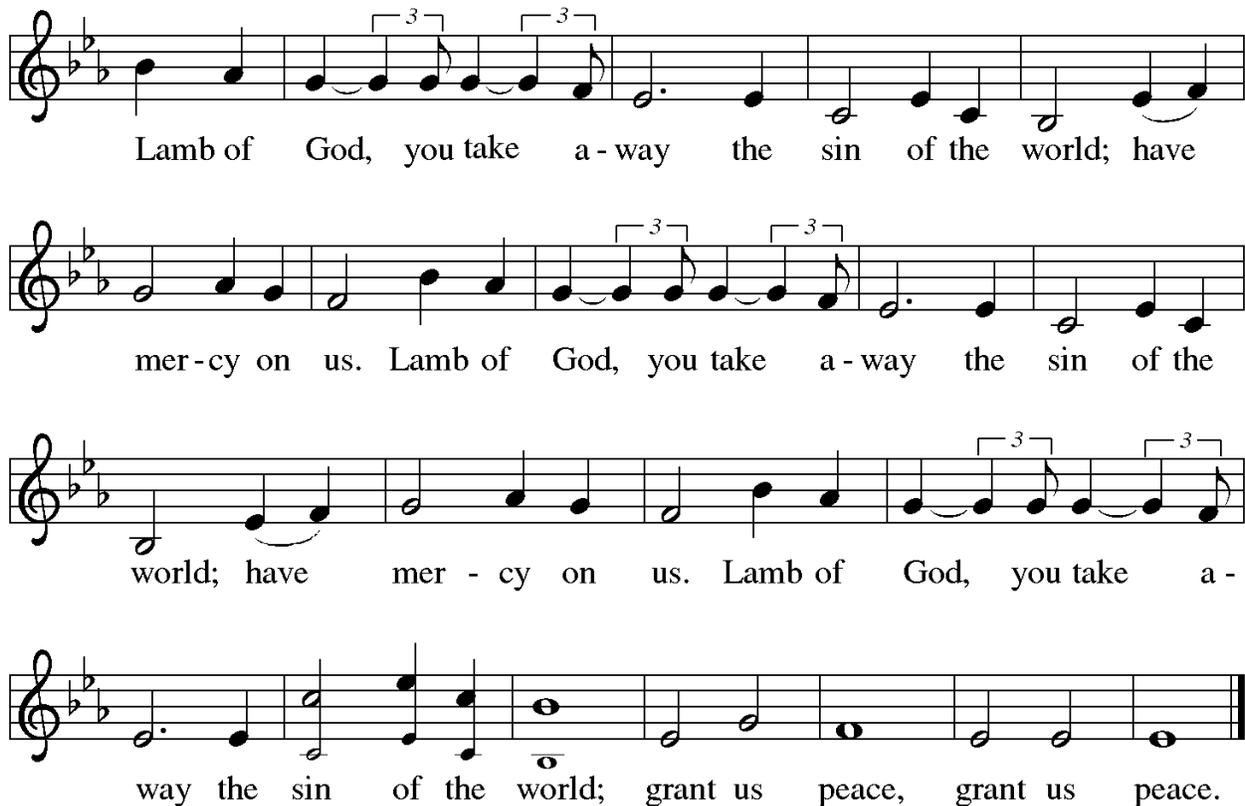
P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.

## LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS “O Savior, Precious Savior”	ELW 820
“Take My Life, That I May Be”	ELW 685
“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”	ELW 596

*The congregation is invited to stand*

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

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**

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 HYMN**

**“We All Are One in Mission”**

**ELW 576**

## **DISMISSAL**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

# **SERMON NOTES**



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