Saturday/Sunday,

June 21 & 22, 2025

Second Day After Pentecost

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*Christ Lutheran Church*

**“A Place Where You are Always Welcome”**

**Services: Saturday 5:30 pm and Sunday 10:00 am**

**Sunday School: 9:00 am (September- May)**

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***WELCOME:*** *Thank you for joining us for worship today. We are glad you are with us. Communion will be served in the aisle or in your pew. All are welcome to share this meal. Jesus is our host and invites everyone. Those who would like to come forward, bread and wine will also be available in the front. When directed by the usher, come forward down the center aisle, Pr Chrissy will give you bread (she will be masked and wearing cloves) and then you will take a cup of wine (grape juice) from the tray. After taking communion, you will return to your seat by the side aisle.* *For those who are unable to come forward, communion elements can be found as you entered worship. At that part of the service, you are invited to take the bread and wine (or grape juice) when Pr. Chrissy leads. On Saturdays offering is collected as you enter or leave worship. On Sunday we will pass the plate as a response to God’s grace. Online giving is available. Please see QR code on back of bulletin or visit our website.*

### Introduction: This Sunday’s texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church’s repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of “how much God has done for you.”

**Gathering:** *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

🕇**CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

**C:** **Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: you free us to love others,** **but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,** **but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.** **You surround us with patience, kindness,** **and generosity,** **but we grow weary in doing what is right.** **In your mercy, forgive us.** **Do not give up on us.**

**Heal us, break our bonds,** **and show us the path of life.** **Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God’s children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**C: Amen.**

🕇**GATHERING HYMN** **Let Us Go Now to the Banquet ELW 523**

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🕇**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.**

🕇**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O Lord God**, C: we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***Word:*** *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### First Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9

*The prophet announces God’s impatience. The people’s self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel’s exile to establish a new community of the faithful.*

1 I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, “Here I am, here I am,” to a nation that did not call on my name.  
2 I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices 3 a people who provoke me to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; 4 who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine’s flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; 5 who say, “Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you. These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.  
6 See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps 7 their iniquities and their ancestors’ iniquities together, says the Lord;  
because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. 8 Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, “Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,”  
so I will do for my servants’ sake, and not destroy them all 9 I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

L: The word the Lord **C.**  **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 22:19-28**

19 But you, O Lord, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.  
20 **Deliver me from the sword,** **my life from the power of the dog.**  
21 Save me from the lion’s mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.  
22 **I will declare your name to my people;**

**in the midst of the assembly, I will praise you.**  
23 You who fear the Lord, give praise All you of Jacob’s line, give glory Stand in awe of the Lord, all you off-spring of Israel.  
24 **For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord’s face hidden from them;** **but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.**  
25 From you comes my praise in the great assembly;  
 I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.  
26 **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,**  
 **Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!**  
27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;  
 all the families of nations shall bow before God.  
28 **For dominion belongs to the Lord,** **who rules over the nations.**

**Second Reading:** Galatians 3:23 -29

*For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.*

23 Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. 24 Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, 26 for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. 27 As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

L: The Word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God**

🕇**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Listen Now for the Gospel ACS 972 (next page)**

### 🕇 Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

### Jesus’ mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus’ work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God’s mercy and power.

P: The Gospel according to Luke **C: Glory to you, O Lord**

26 Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27 As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. 28 When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—29 for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.)

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30 Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. 31 They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.  
 32 Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. 33 Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.  
 34 When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. 35 Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. 36 Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. 37 Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. 38 The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39 “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P: The Gospel of Our Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness ELW 843**

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**BAPTISM (SEE INSERT)**

🕇**APOSTLES’ CREED: (Sunday Only)**

**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: (Sunday Only)**

P. Hear us, O God **C: your mercy is great.**

🕇**PEACE:**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always. C. **And also with you.**

**OFFERING:** *Our offering is a significant act of worship; we worship God through our giving. The ministry of this congregation is completely dependent upon your partnership and generosity. Offering is collected as you enter worship on Saturday. We will pass the offering plate on Sundays. Online giving is available.*

**OFFERING HYMN: Goodness is Stronger Than Evil ELW 721** A sheet music with notes and words

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**OFFERING PRAYER** P: Creator God, **C: in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth**

**and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

**COMMUNION LITURGY:**

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 the 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.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER:**

**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 power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION:**

P: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

*Please come down the center aisle, take the bread, then receive a cup (wine is dark, juice is light, return to your seats via side aisle.) Those who prefer to take communion in your pews, we will take all together after all is served.*

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. *(All take bread).*

P: This is the blood of Christ shed for you. *(All take the wine).*

**COMMUNION HYMN I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say ELW 611 (see next page)**

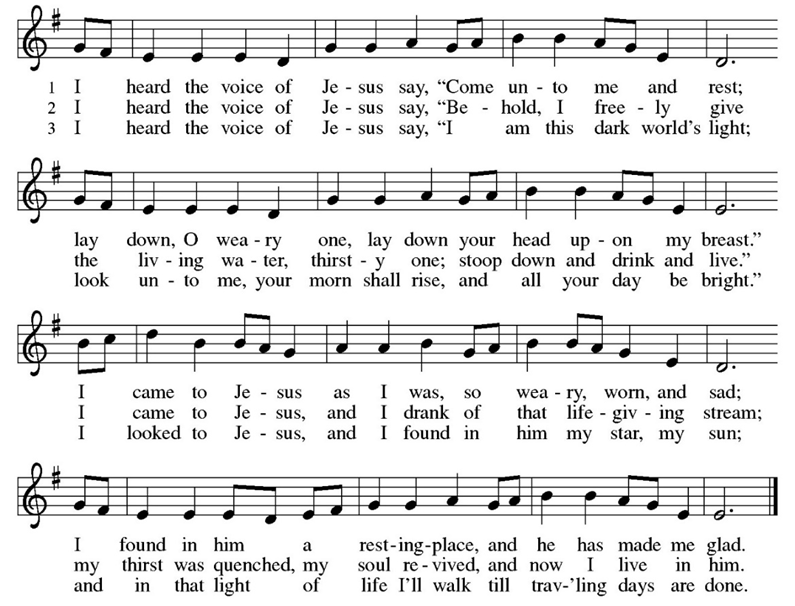
🕇**TABLE BLESSING:**

P. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C. Amen.**

🕇**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

P: Mothering God, **C: you gathered us to your table** **and we drank deeply of your grace.**

**Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus’ name**. **Amen.**

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**SENDING:** *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

🕇**BLESSING:** P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

🕇**SENDING HYMN Will You Come Follow Me ELW 798 (next page)**

🕇**DISMISSAL:** P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY**: Teresa Hesselbacher, Darlene and Walt Steffes, Bob Schreck, Delores Wampfler, Marge and Gerald Arnold, James Dieter, Christine Happ, Kay Hesselbacher, Mary Lou Bunker, Lillian Sefford, Judy Wilson, Jody Dascher, Russ Synder ***To add someone to the prayer list please contact Pastor Chrissy***

***Updated address:*** *Teresa Hesselbacher Rm D16 Alden Debes 550 South Mulford Rd Rockford, Il 61108*

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES:**  Taylor Timpe, Tanya Vincent, Zachary Grabbe, Mark Detweiler, Darlene Steffes, Kaitlyn Reusch, Trey Timpe, Colton Raab, Steven and Teresa Wulff

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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| Thanks be to God for your gifts for the ministry of  Christ Lutheran Church \***these numbers do not reflect online giving- only offering in worship** | | | | Offering/ Attendance  Saturday June 14  Sunday June 15 | |
| Current Expense | $746.00 | Building Fund | $35.00 | June 14 | **15** |
| Benevolence | $15.00 | VBS | $100.00 | June 15 | **37** |
|  |  | **Total** | **$896.00** |  |  |

**STORY BOOK COURT FULL OF BEANS**! : Christ Lutheran Church will be offering a Children’s play directed by Paula Fulton on Saturday July 26th at 7 pm and Sunday, July 27th at 2 pm. Auditions will be open for ages 8 – 14 years old. Questions: email [pkfulton50@gmail.com](mailto:pkfulton50@gmail.com) or Leisa Hubb 815-275-7102.

**4TH OF JULY GRAB N GO MEAL:** Need workers for the Grab ‘N Go meal before the fireworks on July 4th to make the sandwiches and fill and serve the bags to people that walk up to the church.  The event is 6-8 PM and we plan on making sandwiches and setting up at 4:00 PM. Please contact Cindy Bonnet (815-541-8426).  Thank you!

**THE COMMUNITY TABLE:** The Community Table is an opportunity for outreach to the local community. This is a bi-weekly meal on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 11:30, here at Christ to gather for food, fellowship and fun, if you are interested in volunteering please talk with Janet Haas or Debbie Goebel.

**GRADUATES:** High School seniors and College graduates, please notify the office with your future plans or recent accomplishments to be recognized the weekend of June28 & 29 during worship. Email pr Chrissy at [chrissytherev@att.net](mailto:chrissytherev@att.net) or [Christlutheranchurch70@gmail.com](mailto:Christlutheranchurch70@gmail.com)

**THANK YOU:** thank you for making VBS a success! It took us all! We had 70 children and 40 volunteers! Thank you! $505 was raised for LOMC. Thank you.

**Upcoming Events**

* **June 21- Breaking Bread Together**
* **June 21- 5:30 Worship with Bernhardt Baptism**
* **June 22- 10 am Worship**
* **June 25- 7 pm Church council meeting**
* **June 28/29 Senior Recognition**