



Christ Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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**October 25, 2020 8:00a @ sunny North Beach
9:30a in the wide-open-doors & windows church**

SUNDAY WORSHIP ALMOST LIVE POSTS each Sunday afternoon

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Together Again, Physically and Spiritually

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

We welcome the participation of people of all ages, ethnic background, sexual orientation, gender identity, education, physical ability, nationality, socio-economic status, mental health, and in-recovery, — all who want to join us in serving the world with gratitude, reflecting the unconditional love of God.

Our unity is in Christ.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(You are invited to make the sign of the cross)*

O God of shalom,

*we have built up walls to protect ourselves from our enemies,
but those walls also shut us off from receiving your love.*

Break down those walls.

Help us to see that the way to your heart

is through the reconciliation of our own hearts with our enemies.

Bless them and us, that we may come to grow in love

for each other and for you, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" *(sung by musicians only)*



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

JEREMIAH 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.



A Better Covenant

GOSPEL — JOHN 8:31-36

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

Spread the Word
change a heart 

SERMON

Pastor Steve Awbrey

SPECIAL MUSIC

Russel Crabtree & Kenneth Haro

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(spoken by worship leader only)*

We believe there is a God who bends his ear to listen, and so we pray:

In your love, you speak to your church. Give courage and the bond of love to all who gather in your name, that this love turn toward our neighbors.

In your love, you create our earth filled with living things of every kind. Sustain the intricate connections among plants, insects, animals, and organisms we don't even know or recognize. Bless the work of scientists who help us extend neighbor love to the natural world.

In your love, you guide with justice. Inspire leaders for truthful conversations and wise policies, that decisions are made for the good of all.

In your love, you tenderly care for your children and nurse them to health. Bring relief to all those who need healing, hope, or restoration this day, especially victims of COVID-19.

In your love, you accompany us in life's transitions. We pray for new parents, those grieving a loss, those who are retiring, and those embarking on new ventures.

In your love, we remember those who were dear to us and now rest in you. We give thanks for Martin Luther and all who seek to reform and renew your church. Give us courage to live out your gospel, revealing your love until our days on earth have ended.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Brad S. (cancer), Cindy (hospitalization), David Sr. (Surgery), Mike (health issues), Tom G. (lung cancer), Barbara (pneumonia), Mark M., Ken T. (cancer), MaryAnn Z., (3rd time breast cancer), Marty S. (broken pelvis), fire and flood victims and for the families of those who have died from COVID-19 in America.

*Please **renew** or **send new** prayer requests to: secretary@clcsanclemente.org.*

PEACE *(please do not leave your seat but do wave or share a sign of peace)*

Peace be with you. And also with you.

OFFERING OF GIFTS *(a basket is available for your gifts when you leave worship)*

You are invited to give at [https:// tithe.ly/give?c=171875](https://tithe.ly/give?c=171875)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *For Martin Luther the words of institution are given a place of priority for they are Jesus' own instituting words. These are Christ's words of promise, of forgiveness, of life: "Our Lord, Jesus Christ..."*

LORD'S PRAYER *(please reflect on this prayer that the Lord has taught us)*

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.

SHARING HOLY COMMUNION

Bend tab downward to snap.
Film edge over the wafer is
easy to find and open.



“Rise, Oh Church, Like Christ Arisen” (sung by musicians only)

- 1 Rise, O church, like Christ arisen, / from this meal of love and grace;
may we through such love envision / whose we are, and whose, our praise.
Alleluia, alleluia; / God, the wonder of our days.
- 2 Rise, transformed, and choose to follow / after Christ, though wounded, whole;
broken, shared, our lives are hallowed / to release and to console.
Alleluia, alleluia; / Christ, our present, past, and goal.
- 3 Rise, remember well the future / God has called us to receive;
present by God's loving nurture, / Spirited then let us live.
Alleluia, alleluia; / Spirit, grace by whom we live.
- 4 Service be our sure vocation; / courage be our daily breath;
mercy be our destination / from this day and unto death.
Alleluia, alleluia. / Rise, O church, a living faith.

BLESSING & SENDING *The Lord bless you and keep you safe.*

CHRIST LUTHERAN ACTIVITIES

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Join us at 10a as we meet outside, social distanced, to discuss this week's message with the Digging Deeper sermon notes from Pastor Steve. Please wear a face covering and bring your own chair!

WE MAKE THE ROAD BY WALKING Book Study with Pastor Steve & Ron Hegg, MATh

Time: Every Tuesday @ 6:00p - Weekly study guide will be sent out for those wishing to read ahead.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/99354547887?pwd=SVVXd0NoLzFrZFRHK1NrYzR3VjI6Zz09>

Meeting ID: 993 5454 7887 **Passcode:** 305174

CLC BOOK CLUB

For the next CLC Book Club meeting on Oct. 28 via Zoom, we are reading "**Sisters in Law**" by Linda R. Hirshman, a fine book about Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg and how they changed the Supreme Court and the world. **Note:** This timely selection is a substitution for the October book previously announced. Please contact Judy Franz (jafranz47@gmail.com) for the Zoom link. Read on!

SCMFO FUNDRAISER ONLINE AUCTION -- OCT. 23-30

Follow this link <https://www.32auctions.com/SCMFOauction> to the auction! We encourage sending the link to friends and family in the area. You can take a look now before the auction opens. If you Create an Account (no credit card info required) by Oct. 22, you could win a "Staying Safe" Covid-19 Prevention Basket worth more than \$200! Thank you for your continuing and much appreciated support of young military families at Camp Pendleton.

FAM HUNGER WALK virtual OCTOBER 25-28, 2020 to register go to:

<https://fam.securesweet.com/CompleteRegistration.asp>