



Christ Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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**October 4, 2020 @ 9:30a
on the church patio**

SUNDAY WORSHIP ALMOST LIVE (PRE-RECORDED) POSTS @ 8:00a each Sunday

17th SUNDAY after PENTECOST

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

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *(You are invited to make the sign of the cross)*
Holy God, we will be honest: this is really hard. It is really hard to wear masks, to avoid public gatherings, to spend so much time watching screens. We're losing patience and we're losing hope and we're losing our grip on faith. We're caught between the selfishness of wanting to do whatever we want without regard for others, and wanting to be helpful and generous. Please help us. Help us to lean on you and each other when things get hard and when we get depressed. Remind us every day that there is light at the end of the tunnel. Encourage our hearts, and help us to be your people, to the best of our ability in these strange days. This we pray in the name of Jesus, who is with us always. Amen.

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You" (sung by musicians only)



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

READING — Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

*¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴**I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.***

Don't Give Up! This Is
Too Important!

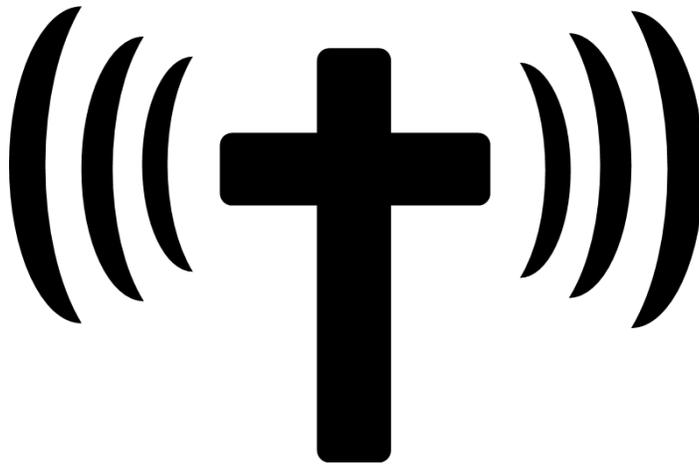


GOSPEL — MATTHEW 18:15-20

¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

SERMON

Pastor Steve Awbrey



SPECIAL MUSIC

Russel Crabtree & Kenneth Haro



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

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, you call us to work for peace and justice in your vineyard. Refresh the church with your life, that we may bear fruit through work and service.

Thank you for the abundant harvest of the earth. Bless and care for those whose hands bring the fruits of the earth to the tables of all who hunger. May we be inspired by your servants who cared deeply for your creation.

Curb the impulses of greed and pride that lead us to take advantage of others. Grant that world leaders seek the fruits of the kingdom for the good and welfare of all people.

Sustain all who suffer with the promise of new life. Assured of your presence, heal our pain and suffering, and equip us to embrace all bodies aching for wholeness of mind, body, and soul. We call to mind those who are struggling today.

We pray for all managers in our community and for all who seek employment. Give hope and a future to those who lack meaningful work, those who have been marginalized or abused in the workplace, and those who desire new opportunities.

Whether we live or whether we die, we are yours. Help us to always be praying for families who have lost loved ones to COVID-19.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Brad S. (cancer), Cindy (hospitalization), David Sr. (Surgery), Mike (health issues), Tom G. (lung cancer), Barbara (pneumonia), Deb (memory), Mark M., Ken T. (cancer), MaryAnn Z., (3rd time breast cancer), Marty S. (broken pelvis), fire and flood victims.

*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.

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

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.



“My Song is Love Unknown” (sung by musicians only)

1 My song is love unknown / my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown / that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake,/ my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

2 He came from his blest throne / salvation to bestow;
the world that was his own / would not its Savior know.
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,/ who at my need his life did spend!

3 Sometimes we strew his way / and his sweet praises sing;
resounding all the day / hosannas to our king.
Then "Crucify!" is all our breath, / and for his death we thirst and cry.

4 We cry out; we will have / our dear Lord made away,
a murderer to save, / the prince of life to slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes / that he his foes from thence might free.

5 In life no house, no home / my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb / but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home / but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

6 Here might I stay and sing— / no story so divine!
Never was love, dear King, / never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise / I all my days could gladly spend!

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

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=SVVXd0NoLzFrZFRHK1NrYzR3Vjl6Zz09>

Meeting ID: 993 5454 7887

Passcode: 305174

FRIENDSHIP SHELTER DONATIONS

Our supportive housing partners are in need of supplies! If you have any extra or old microwaves sitting around the house collecting dust, please put them in the donation bin located by the side door of the church until Tuesday October 6. Thank you for your kindness.

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 OCT. 23-30—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

You will receive an auction link in early October. Please share the auction link with family & friends! ALL funds raised will go to young military families. Thank you to the many CLC members who have donated items and helped sponsor this different kind of "Salute to Military Stars." Contact Judy Franz with any questions (jafranz47@gmail.com or 310-866-0378). Bless you for bidding!