



# Christ Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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**November 15, 2020 8:00a @ sunny North Beach  
10:30a in the wide-open-doors & windows church**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP ALMOST LIVE POSTS each Sunday afternoon**

# PENTECOST 33

## 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

*Paul says the end times will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.*

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

### **Blessed are you, holy God.**

You are the creator of the waters of the earth.  
You are the everlasting wellspring.

### **You gather your people together and you comfort all who weep.**

Your Son the King of the Universe, leads all the saints through death to life.

### **Pour out your Holy Spirit.**

May this water be a sign of the end of all tears; for we stand under the name above every name, Jesus your Son, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand



1 Oh, hap - py day when we shall stand a - mid the  
2 Oh, bless - ed day when Christ shall come and show him -  
3 Oh, what a might - y rush - ing flood of joy and  
4 O Lord, your grace is ev - 'ry - thing; your love has



heav'n-ly throng; and sing with hosts from ev - 'ry land the  
self as Lord, and thou - sands meet in their new homewhich  
love and peace will roll down o - ver us with good and  
made us free to stand a - mong the saints and sing the



new ce - les - tial song, the new ce - les - tial song.  
Je - sus has pre - pared, which Je - sus has pre - pared.  
bless - ed - ness and grace, and bless - ed - ness and grace.  
glo - ry that we see, the glo - ry that we see.



## Prayer of the Day

*Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

### 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11



<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no

escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

## **Gospel — Matthew 25:14-30**

### ***The Story About Investment***

*14-18 “It’s also like a man going off on an extended trip. He called his servants together and delegated responsibilities. To one he gave five thousand dollars, to another two thousand, to a third one thousand, depending on their abilities. Then he left. Right off, the first servant went to work and doubled his master’s investment. The second did the same. But the man with the single thousand dug a hole and carefully buried his master’s money.*

*19-21 “After a long absence, the master of those three servants came back and settled up with them. The one given five thousand dollars showed him how he had doubled his investment. His master commended him: ‘Good work! You did your job well. From now on be my partner.’*

*22-23 “The servant with the two thousand showed how he also had doubled his master’s investment. His master commended him: ‘Good work! You did your job well. From now on be my partner.’*

*24-25 “The servant given one thousand said, ‘Master, I know you have high standards and hate careless ways, that you demand the best and make no allowances for error. I was afraid I might disappoint you, so I found a good hiding place and secured your money. Here it is, safe and sound down to the last cent.’*

*26-27 “The master was furious. ‘That’s a terrible way to live! It’s criminal to live cautiously like that! If you knew I was after the best, why did you do less than the least? The least you could have done would have been to invest the sum with the bankers, where at least I would have gotten a little interest.*

*28-30 ““Take the thousand and give it to the one who risked the most. And get rid of this “play-it-safe” who won’t go out on a limb. Throw him out into utter darkness.’*

**Sermon**

**Pastor Steve Awbrey**

**Special Music**

**Russel Crabtree & Kenneth Haro**

**BIBLE NOTES 11.15.2020** see *Digging Deeper 11.15.2020 on-line for further study.*

## **So, What is a "Talent"?**

"And to one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on a journey." (Matthew 25:15). Many mistakenly think a talent is money, but actually it is a weight. You can have a talent of copper, silver or gold. A talent of gold is worth far more than a talent of silver, which is worth more than a talent of copper. The monetary value isn't important other than to say that these talents were worth a lot either way.

## **Identifying the Symbols**

Jesus is describing some aspects of the nature of the kingdom of heaven in this parable. Specifically, Jesus has been speaking of the importance of being prepared for His return. Given that background, it becomes easy to identify the different parts of this parable:

1. The Master would be \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ would be the opportunities we have to serve the Lord. Not all of us have the same opportunities or abilities.

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ would be us. We owe everything we are to the Lord. We belong to the Lord.

4. The accounting would be the \_\_\_\_\_. Notice how quickly the Lord commends and rewards the dedicated servants.

## **Prayers of intercession** *(spoken by worship leader only)*

*Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.*

*Lord of the church, ignite your people with the passion of your love. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, unify us across ministries, congregations, and denominations, and refine us to participate in your activity throughout the world. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.*

*Lord of creation, we stand in awe at the works of your hands and praise you for the beauty of nature. Bless the earth for your glory and restore its integrity where exploitation has caused ruin. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.*

*Lord of the nations, sound forth your justice in the ears of all leaders. Provide a path for all to walk together and find peace. Bless our President-elect Joe Biden and Vice-President elect Kamala Harris. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.*

*Lord of all in need, search out all who cry to you in distress. Scatter the heavy clouds of depression, chronic illness, unemployment, and loneliness with your radiant light. Send us as encouragement and signs of your healing. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.*

*Lord of the sick and the dying, be with those affected by Covid-19. For the millions infected and for the hundreds of thousands who have died. Help us to find the patience and strength to continue practicing safe protocols as this virus increases among us again. Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.*

*Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.*  
**Amen.**

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## **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), disaster victims, and for the families of those who have died from COVID-19 globally and in America.

*Please **renew** or **send new** prayer requests to: [secretary@clcsanclemente.org](mailto: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

*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** *(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.



## Build Us Up, Lord



1 Build us up, Lord, build us up; set in  
2 Build us up, Lord, build us up; let our



us a strong foun - da - tion. Lead us to do your  
lives re - flect your glo - ry. Cast a - way all our



ho - ly will; form and shape your new cre - a - tion.  
doubts and fears; help us tell the world your sto - ry.



Build us up, Lord, build us up; as we  
Build us up, Lord, build us up; help us



guide and teach each oth - er, help us to share your love with the  
bear good fruit for you, Lord, give us vi - sion and keep us



world: ev - 'ry sis - ter, ev - 'ry broth - er.  
sure. Grant us faith that's stead - fast and true.

*Refrain*



Grow - ing in Christ, we plant seeds for the king - dom; we fol - low in



faith what's be - gun! Lord, set in our hearts the pow'r of your



word to spread the news of your Son!

**Blessing & Sending** *The Lord bless you and keep you safe.*

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*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”* Philippians 4:6

## **Christ Lutheran Church 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?](https://zoom.us/j/99354547887?pwd=SVVXd0NoLzFrZFRHK1NrYzR3Vjl6Zz09)

pwd=SVVXd0NoLzFrZFRHK1NrYzR3Vjl6Zz09

Meeting ID: 993 5454 7887 Passcode: 305174

### **CLC Book Club**

The meeting will be Nov 25 and we’re reading “To Kill A Mockingbird” by Harper Lee. This classic tale is #1 on the *Great American Read List* by PBS is told through the eyes of Scout Finch, you learn about her father Atticus Finch, an attorney who hopelessly strives to prove the innocence of a black man unjustly accused of rape; and about Boo Radley, a mysterious neighbor who saves Scout and her brother Jem from being killed.

Please contact Judy Franz ([jafranz47@gmail.com](mailto:jafranz47@gmail.com)) for the Zoom link. Read on!

## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**BEACH SERVICE** - 8a @ North Beach  
**SANCTUARY SERVICE** -10:30a

## **CONTACT US**

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## **CLC ON THE GO!**

**Services posted each Sunday afternoon**

### **Bulletin Link**

<https://clcsancllemente.org/archives/bulletin-archives/>

### **YouTube**

<https://youtu.be/nhlQ38pcwTc>

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**Thank you** for continuing to support our church through this difficult time.

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Services are posted every week!

## **LA CRISTIANITA PRESCHOOL**

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## **THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS**

If you would like to be a helper in the service, sign-up via Sign-Up Genius or contact Christine in the church office at [secretary@clcsancllemente.org](mailto:secretary@clcsancllemente.org)

## **REGISTERING FOR WORSHIP**

Please go to

<https://clcsancllemente.org/our-services/>

and click on the link for the date and time you would like to worship; you will be taken to our Sign Up Genius Page. Simply click on an available slot Press 'Submit and Sign Up'. Fill out your name and email and press 'Sign Up Now' to reserve your spot!

## **THOUGHT OF THE DAY**

"The policy of being too cautious is the greatest risk of all." "There are many talented people who haven't fulfilled their dreams because they over thought it, or they were too cautious, and were unwilling to make the leap of faith."

- Jawaharlal Nehru

Matthew 25:21 (Master returns from his journey.)  
His master said to him, well done, you upright  
and faithful servant! You have been faithful  
and trustworthy over a  
little ....

