

# Christ Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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**September 13, 2020 @ 9:30a  
on the church patio**

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

## **14 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**

Behind all the events and human plans recounted in the story of Joseph lies the unchanging plan of God. It is the same plan introduced from the very beginning of the book, where God looks at what he has just created for humankind and sees that "it is good." Through God's dealings with the patriarchs and Joseph, God had continued to bring about his good plan. God had remained faithful to his purposes. In today's gospel reading, Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.



## 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.*

### **Heaven is Singing for Joy** *(sung by musicians only)*



*El cie - lo can - ta a - le - grí - a, ¡a - le - lu - ya!*  
1 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,  
2 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,  
3 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,



*por - que en tu vi - da y la mí - a bri - lla la glo - ria de Dios.*  
for in your life and mine is shin - ing the glo - ry of God.  
for your life and mine u - nite in the love of our God.  
for your life and mine will al - ways bear wit - ness to God.

*Refrain / Estribillo*



*¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le -*  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



*lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!*  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## READING — Genesis 50:15-21

*After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.*

*<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.*



## **GOSPEL MATTHEW 18:21-35**

*When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God. .*

*<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.*

*<sup>23</sup>“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”*



**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.*

*You welcome us when we are weak in faith. Uphold your church throughout the world; make it a place of welcome.*

*The heights of the heavens show us the vastness of your steadfast love. Have compassion on your creation. Where human selfishness has brought ruin and destruction, we look to you to heal, renew, and redeem your world.*

*Make your ways known to the nations. Settle our hearts when we want to settle accounts with violence. Bless our leaders with patience and wisdom.*

*Bring healing and justice wherever harm is dealt. Provide vindication for all who are oppressed. Free victims of human trafficking and forced labor; deliver all who are bound by debt. Feed all who hunger, and guard refugees fleeing oppression.*

*Teach us to forgive. Remind us that you do not always accuse us. Still our tongues when we are tempted to pass judgment and argue over opinions. Make this congregation a community of mercy for one another and for all our neighbors.*

*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.*

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## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Brad S. (cancer), Cindy (hospitalization), Mike (health issues), Tom G. (lung cancer), William (throat cancer), Bobbie (adjust to meds), Barbara (pneumonia), Deb (memory), Mark M., ELCA Disaster Relief

*Please **renew** or **send new** prayer requests to: [secretary@clcsancllemente.org](mailto:secretary@clcsancllemente.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)[https:// tithe.ly/give?c=171875](https://tithe.ly/give?c=171875)

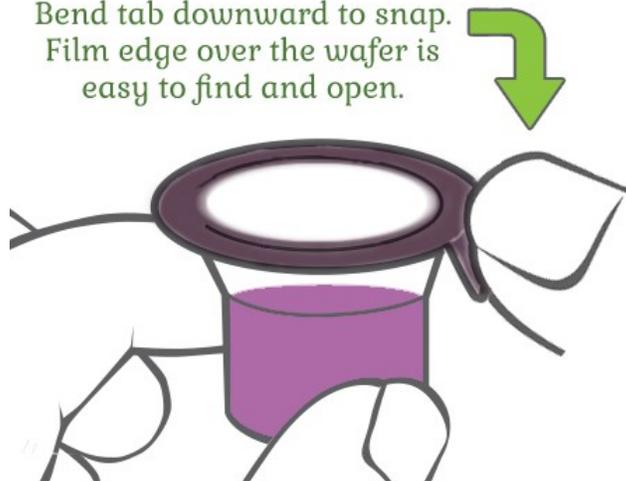
## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **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**

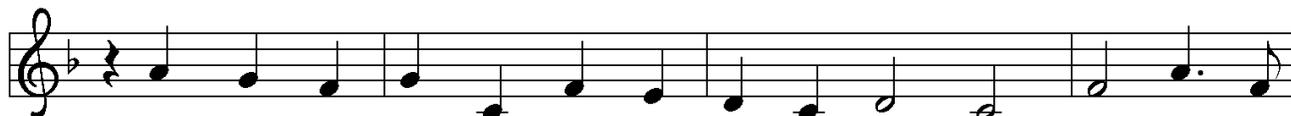
Bend tab downward to snap.  
Film edge over the wafer is  
easy to find and open.



**Rise, Shine, You People!**  
(sung by musicians only, but please feel free to clap along)



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.  
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.  
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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

**CHRIST LUTHERAN ACTIVITIES**

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study—IN-PERSON MEETINGS**

*Join us at 10a as we meet outside, social distanced, to discuss this weeks readings with the Digging Deeper sermon notes Pastor Steve sends out to be our guide! Please wear a face covering and bring your own chair!*

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16 @ 6:00p ZOOM BIRTHDAY PARTY for Pastor Brenda.** *Watch for your ZOOM Invitation to this special ZOOM celebration. BYOC (Bring Your Own Cake)*

**Laundry Love** - *a continuing ministry - pays for the cleaning and drying of our Clients clothes on the third Wednesday every month. We are continuing to experience difficulty obtaining quarters from our banks, due to the coin shortage. f you can obtain quarters anytime over the next month or so, please either bring them to the Sunday service or to the Church (a marked jar is in the Narthex). Please put in a baggie, with your name and you will be reimbursed. For questions, or if you would like to volunteer, please call Laura Pephens at 949.248.4596. Thanks!*

**CLC Book Club—Wednesday, September 23, at 6 p.m. via Zoom**

*We will be discussing "On a Cold Dark Sea" by Elizabeth Blackwell. This is the story of three women from disparate backgrounds who survive the sinking of the Titanic and, 20 years later are brought back together by a mysterious death that forces them to face loss and secrets. For those who like to read ahead, our October and November books will be "Angle of Repose" by Wallace Stegner and "The Vengeance of Mothers" by Jim Fergus. To be added to the Zoom invitation, please contact Judy Franz at [jafranz47@gmail.com](mailto:jafranz47@gmail.com). Read on!*

**SCMFO Fundraiser Oct. 23-30—Mark Your Calendars!**

*You will receive an auction link and invitation to register as a bidder 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](mailto:jafranz47@gmail.com) or 310-866-0378). Bless you for bidding!*