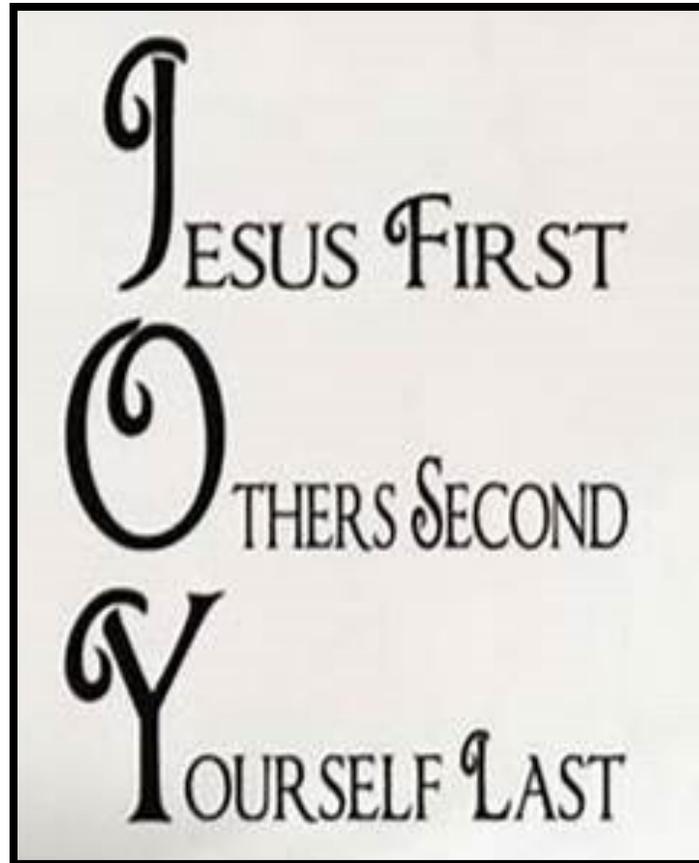




# Christ Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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**September 27, 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*

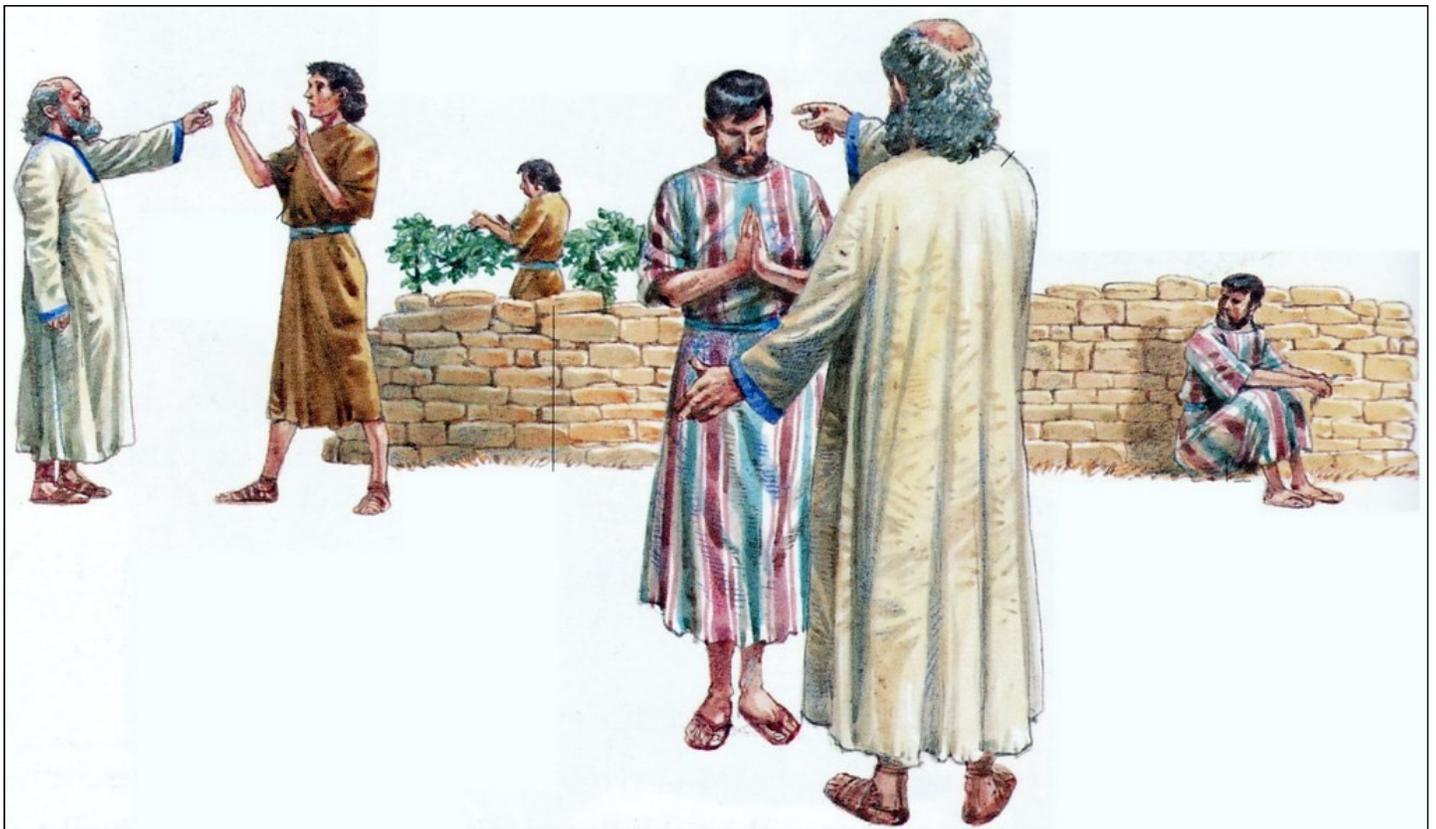
## WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In an early Christian hymn, Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy 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.*

**Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun** *(sung by musicians only)*



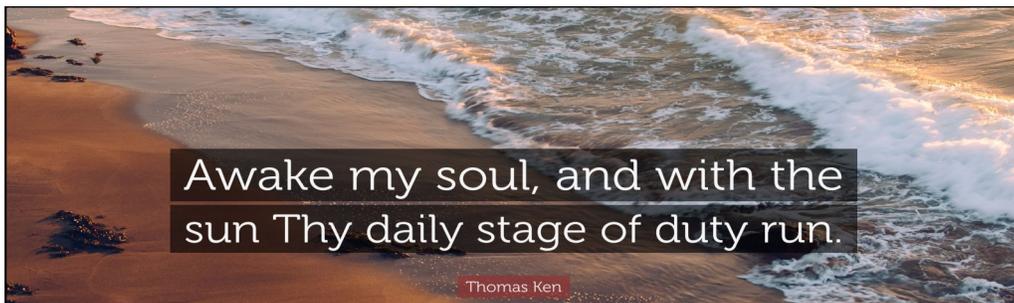
1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy  
 2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and  
 3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -  
 4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all  
 5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and  
 hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from  
 perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of  
 I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with  
 God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.  
 thought and will; and with thy - self my spir - it fill.  
 all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.  
 heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## READING — Phillipians 2:1-13

As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

<sup>1</sup>If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

<sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.

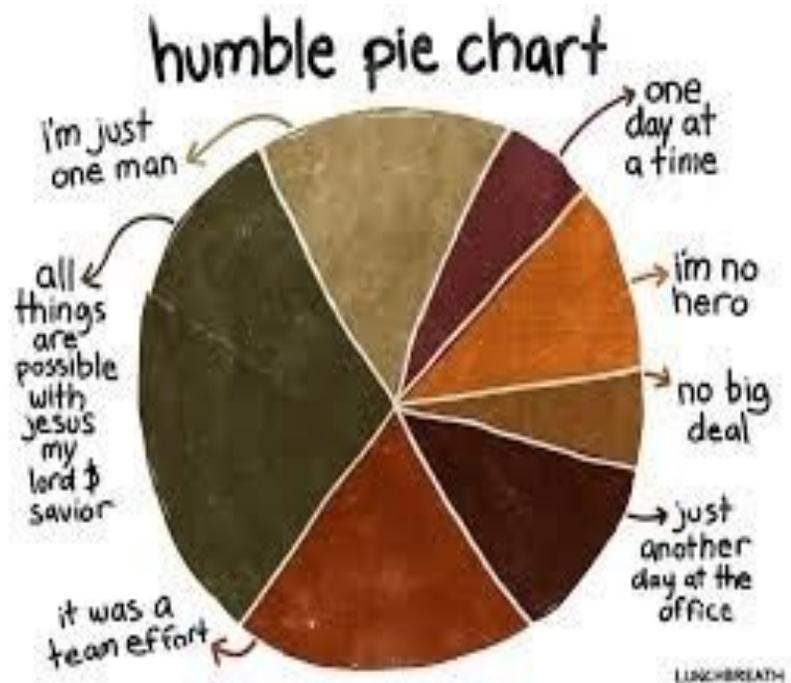
And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.



## **GOSPEL — MATTHEW 21:23-32**

*After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.*

*<sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ <sup>26</sup>But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.*

*<sup>28</sup>“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ <sup>29</sup>He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”*

## **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.*

*In all the world, give your church unity. Inspire all the baptized with the mind of Christ. Where the church is powerful and where it struggles, shape us with humility and obedience so that your love may be at work in us.*

*Your Son took on all of bodily life in our world, even to death. Preserve and keep your creation, O God. Mend and redeem places that are polluted and damaged, so that all of creation confesses you as Lord.*

*Turn the nations toward life. Where our ways are unfair, give us new hearts and new spirits. Where sin permeates our cultures and institutions, change our minds and teach us to trust your authority.*

*Our lives are yours, O God. Relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit. Defend the lives and welfare of children who are abused or neglected, hungry or exploited, bullied or lonely.*

*Turn this congregation away from our own interests toward the interests of others. Fill us with your compassion and love. Bless ministries of care in our community; make us into signs of your mercy and justice for 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), Barbara (pneumonia), Deb (memory), Mark M., Ken T. (cancer), fire and flood victims.

*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.*

**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.



**Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service** *(sung by musicians only)*

**Lord, whose love through humble service Bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken, Offered mercy's perfect deed,  
We, Your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart,  
Consecrating to Your purpose Ev'ry gift that you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul,  
Use the love Your Spirit kindles Still to save and make us whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision, Till Your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness, Dawns upon our quickened sight,  
Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to tireless striving, Your abundant life to share.**

**Called by worship to Your service, Forth in Your dear name we go,  
To the child, the youth, the aged, Love in living deeds to show;  
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, Counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
That Your servants, Lord, in freedom May Your mercy know and live.**

**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

**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. If you can obtain quarters anytime over the next month or so, please either bring them to the Sunday service or put them in a jar in the Church foyer. Please put in a baggie, with your name and you will be reimbursed. Questions, or if you would like to volunteer, please call Laura Pephens at 949.248.4596. Thanks!

**CLC BOOK CLUB**

*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. Contact Judy Franz @ [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!*