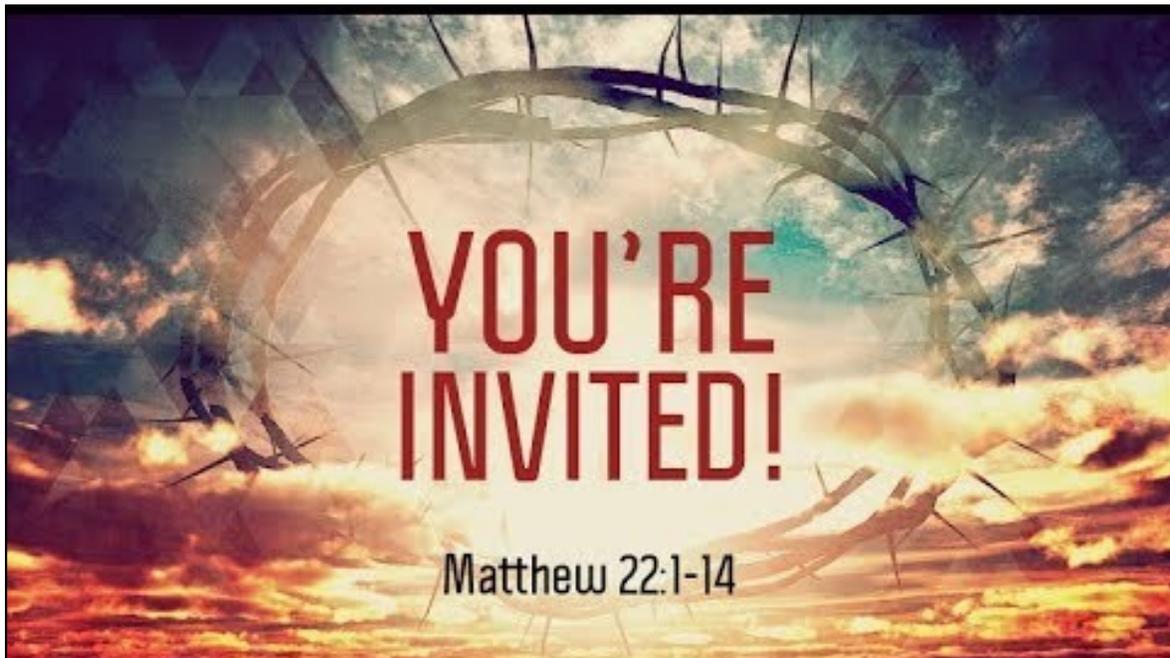


Christ Lutheran Church

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**October 11, 2020 8:00a @ sunny North Beach
9:30a in the wide-open-doors & windows church**

SUNDAY WORSHIP ALMOST LIVE POSTS each Sunday afternoon

19th SUNDAY after PENTECOST

Together Again, Physically and Spiritually

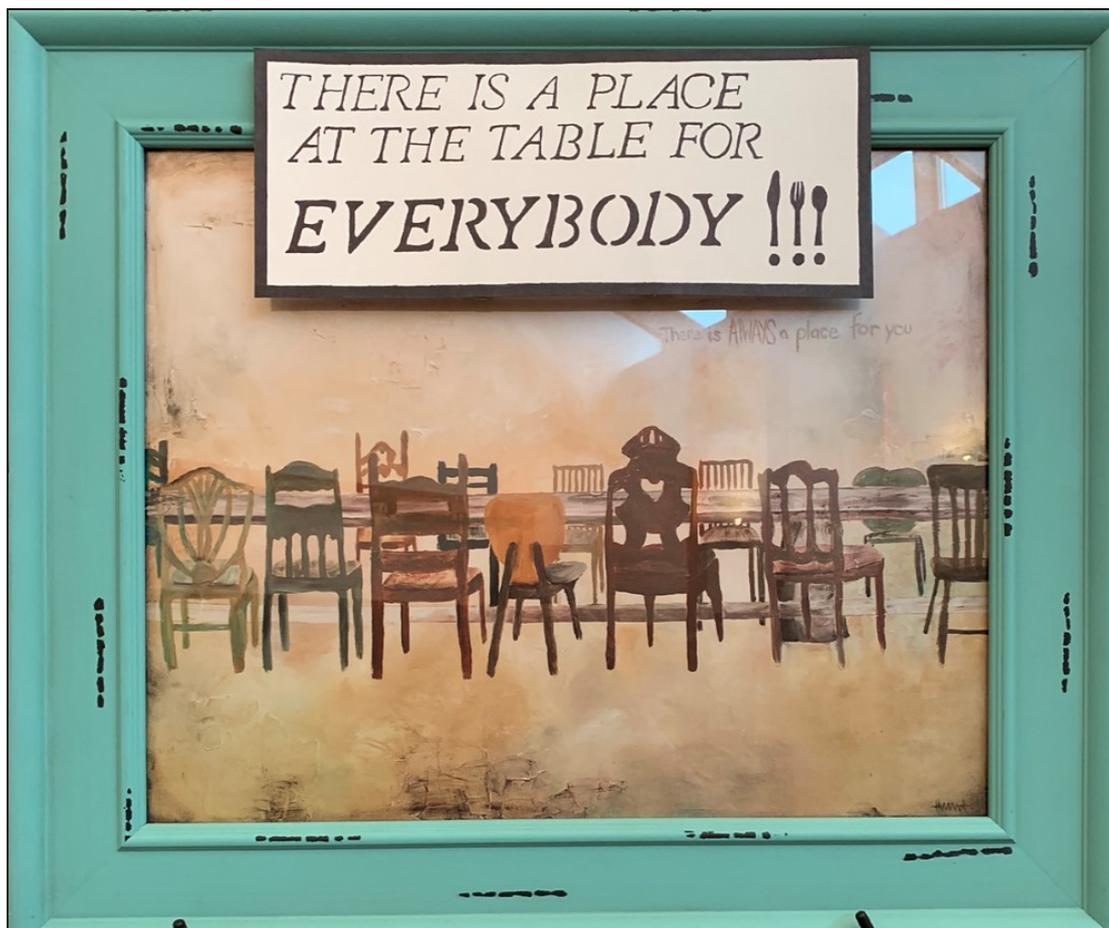
WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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 Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.



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.

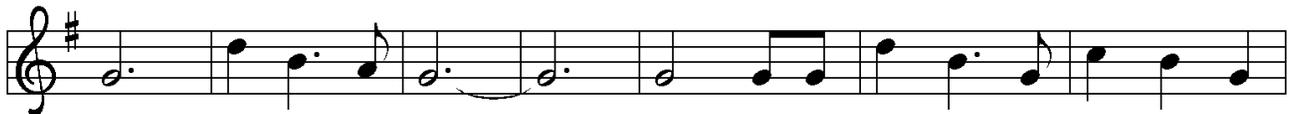
Help us to see that the way to your heart

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.

“We Are Called” *(sung by musicians only)*



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



Refrain
We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

READING — Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff--they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell
I in the house of the Lord my whole life long.



GOSPEL — MATTHEW 22:1-14

A Story About a Wedding Feast

Jesus used stories to tell other things to the people. He said, ² “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding feast for his son. ³ The king invited some people to the feast. When the feast was ready, the king sent his servants to tell the people to come. But they refused to come to the feast.

⁴ “Then the king sent other servants. He said to them, ‘Tell those who have been invited that my feast is ready. I have killed my best bulls and calves for the dinner. Everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’

⁵ “But the people refused to listen to the servants. They went to do other things. One went to work in his field, and another went to his business. ⁶ Some of the other people grabbed the servants, beat them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was very angry. He sent his army to kill the people who had killed his servants. And the army burned their city.

⁸ “After that, the king said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready. I invited those people, but they were not worthy to come. ⁹ So go to the street corners and invite everyone you see. Tell them to come to my feast.’ ¹⁰ So the servants went into the streets. They gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad. And the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “Then the king came in to see all the guests. He saw a man there who was not dressed in the right clothes for a wedding. ¹² The king said, ‘Friend, how were you allowed to come in here? You are not wearing the right clothes for a wedding.’ But the man said nothing. ¹³ So the king told some servants, ‘Tie this man’s hands and feet. Throw him out into the darkness. In that place, people will cry and grind their teeth with pain.’

¹⁴ “Yes, many are invited. But only a few are chosen.”

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:

For the sick and those infected with COVID-19: God, heal and help. Sustain bodies and spirits. Contain the spread of infection.

For our vulnerable populations: God, protect our elderly and those suffering from chronic disease. Provide for the poor, especially the uninsured.

For the young and the strong: God, give them the necessary caution to keep them from unwittingly spreading this disease. Inspire them to help.

For our local, state, and federal governments: God, help our elected officials as they allocate the necessary resources for combatting this pandemic. Help them to provide more tests.

For our scientific community, leading the charge to understand the disease and communicate its gravity: God, give them knowledge, wisdom, and a persuasive voice.

For those with mental health challenges who feel isolated, anxious, and helpless: God, provide them every necessary support.

For the homeless, unable to practice the protocols of social distancing in the shelter system: Protect them from disease, and provide isolation shelters in every city.

For workers in a variety of industries facing layoffs and financial hardship: God, keep them from panic, and inspire your church to generously support them.

For families with young children at home for the foreseeable future and for parents who cannot stay home from work but must find care for their children: God, present them with creative solutions and patience.

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 over 210,000 people who have died from COVID-19 in America.

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



“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” *(sung by musicians only)*

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.

- 2 With praise and thanksgiving / to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole human race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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=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 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!

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