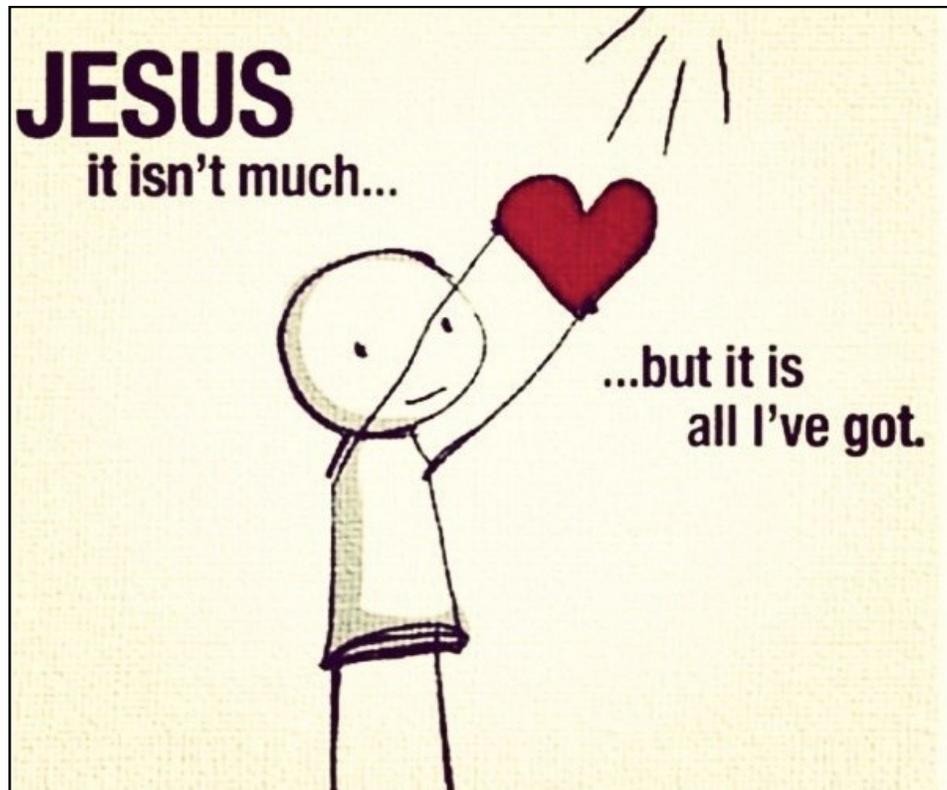




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**October 18, 2020 8:00a @ sunny North Beach
9:30a in the wide-open-doors & windows church**

SUNDAY WORSHIP ALMOST LIVE POSTS each Sunday afternoon

20th SUNDAY after PENTECOST

Together Again, Physically and Spiritually

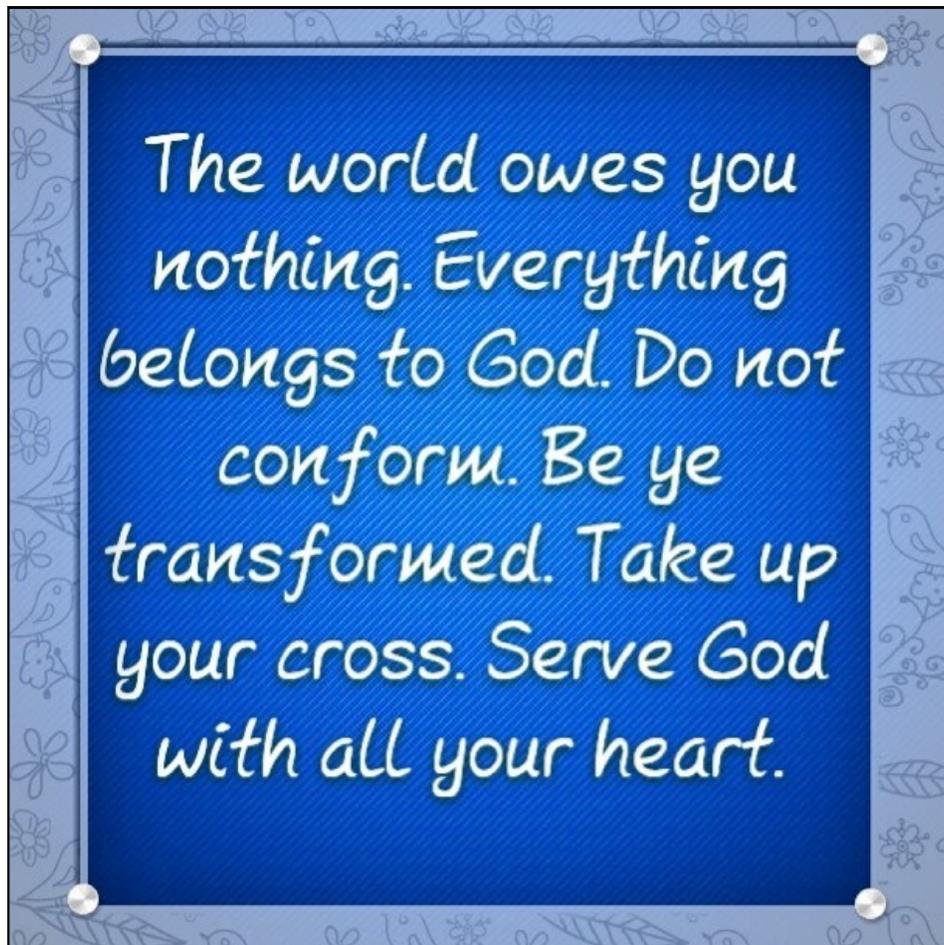
WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

The psalmist encourages us to sing a new song to praise the Lord. The hymn "Earth and all stars!" has expanded this idea of new songs to "classrooms and labs," "loud clashing cymbals," and many other illustrations. In what ways do you see creation praising God? When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.



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.

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” *(sung by musicians only)*



- 1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
- 2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
- 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

READING — Psalm 96

O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.
For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts.
Worship the Lord in holy splendor;
tremble before him, all the earth.



GOSPEL — MATTHEW 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.



¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and

whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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:

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made.

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place on earth. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth.

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt. Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name.

God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known.

Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you. Especially we remember all who have died from Covid-19 throughout the earth. We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all.

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@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

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.



“Earth and All Stars” (sung by musicians only)

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rushing planets! / Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blowing snowstorm! / Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

Refrain

God has done marvelous things. / I too sing praises with a new song!

2 Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals! / Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos! / Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

3 Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers! / Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams! Loud building workers! / Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

4 Classrooms and labs! Loud boiling test tubes! / Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band! Loud cheering people! / Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

5 Knowledge and truth! Loud sounding wisdom! / Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son! Loud praying members! / Sing to the Lord a new song! **Refrain**

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

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

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 ONLINE AUCTION -- OCT. 23-30

Church members and friends should have received an invitation in the mail or by email this past week inviting you to participate in the SCMFO auction, including an auction link. If you missed it, the link is <https://www.32auctions.com/SCMFOauction>. We encourage sending the link to friends and family in the area. You can take a look now before the auction opens. If you Create an Account (no credit card info required) by Oct. 22, you could win a "Staying Safe" Covid-19 Prevention Basket worth more than \$200! Thank you for your continuing and much appreciated support of young military families at Camp Pendleton.

FAM HUNGER WALK virtual OCTOBER 25-28, 2020 to register go to:

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