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Note: All Hymns are printed in the back of the bulletin.

PRELUDE - "Triune God, Be Our Stay" Busarow

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN #650 - "In Christ There Is No East or West" (printed in the back of the bulletin)

PASTORAL GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Reconciling God,

I confess that I do not trust your abundance, and I deny your presence in my life. I place my hope in myself and rely on my own effort. I fail to believe that you provide enough for all. I abuse your good creation for my own benefit. I fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed me. I sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive me; through your love, renew me; and in your Spirit, lead me; so that I may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God,

By the radical abundance of divine mercy, we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – Pastor Sue

FIRST READING – 1 KINGS 19:1-18

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Psalm 85:8-13

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying; for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you. ⁹Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land. ¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven. ¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go before the LORD and shall prepare for God a pathway.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand and sing)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the good news according to St. Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL - Matthew 15:29-31

²⁹After Jesus had left that place, he passed along the Sea of Galilee, and he went up the mountain, where he sat down. ³⁰Great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the maimed, the blind, the mute, and many others. They put them at his feet, and he cured them, ³¹so that the crowd was amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY #716 - "Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace" (vss. 1, 2 & 3)
(printed in the back of the bulletin)**

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,**

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Lord, you gather the church to be part of your mission as ambassadors of Jesus Christ. As Jesus acknowledged the great faith of a woman from outside his people, help your church discover and find blessing in the faith of people we might reject. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You have blessed us with the bounty of the earth. Grant your grace to all your creatures, that the earth will flourish. Relieve waters choked by garbage, renew soils stripped of nutrients, and refresh the air all creatures need to live. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You call the nations to be glad and sing for joy. Let your way be known among all the nations of the world, now divided by competing interests, contending alliances, and consumed by enormous worry. Bless us and make your face shine upon all. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

You show unexpected mercy, kindness, and generosity. We pray for those who do not have enough, for outcasts in our villages, cities, and town, and for those who need your healing. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In you we live and move and have our being. Grant our congregation grace to find our life refreshed in you. Accompany us in the rhythms of late summer. Give us rest and renewal, and strengthen us for mission in your name. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Your eternal promises are more than we could ever imagine. As you gather all the saints, join us also with them on the great day of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us pray for God's kingdom to come here, now and forever:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN #434 - "Jesus Shall Reign" (vss. 1, 3 & 5) (printed in the back of the bulletin)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. And serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please wait for Ushers to dismiss you from the back to the front.

Postlude - "Duke Street" arr. Cool

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Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are provided in loving memory of Jan Scholz by her family. We wish to thank everyone for their prayers at this time. We are sorry that the funeral will have to be private but look forward to a time that we can celebrate her life with her church family.

OPENING HYMN #650 - "In Christ There Is No East or West"

In Christ There Is No East or West



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com-mu-nion find;
3 Join hands, dis-ci-ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one com-mu-ni-ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser-vice is the gold-en cord close bind-ing hu-man-kind.
All chil-dren of the liv-ing God are sure-ly kin to me.
all Christ-ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941, alt.

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949



Carol Knudtson Birthday

Carol Knudtson will be celebrating her 90th Birthday on Tuesday, August 25 with her family and friends in Brownsburg, Indiana. Carol is a long-time member of Christ Lutheran Church and sister to Lucille Haack. To celebrate this special occasion, her family decided to hold a birthday card shower for her. Carol would love to hear from her family and friends here at Christ Lutheran. Cards may be mailed to:

Carol Knudtson
8330 Iris Drive
Brownsburg, IN 46112-1771

2020 Lutefisk Dinner

Christ Lutheran Church of DeForest will not hold its annual Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner in November this year. Concerns about the COVID-19 virus pandemic and requirements for social distancing and wearing face masks would have made it impossible for us to hold our traditional family style dinner. Typical preparation of rutabagas, meatballs, coleslaw and lutefisk would also have been very difficult with social distance requirements. The health and safety of our workers and attendees is our first priority.

If conditions allow next year, we will again hold our Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner on the second Saturday in November!

David Erickson, Lutefisk Dinner Chair

716 Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less
4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I
Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -
act and thought - less word. Make me to see the wrong I
strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim
Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I



see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.
sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.
be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.
be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

Text: Olive Wise Spannaus, b. 1916, alt.
Music: Šamotulský Kancionál, 1561
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Norski Nibbles

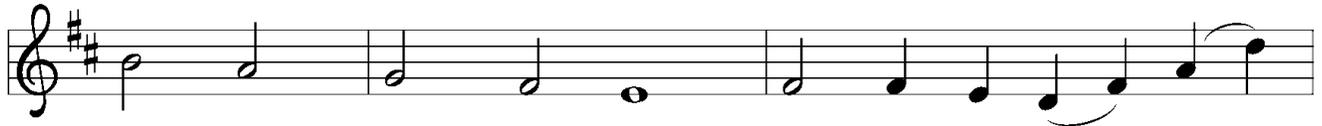
Norski Nibbles has had a great start to the summer lunch program for the hungry children in our area. Christ Lutheran is assigned August 24 to 28 to deliver the meals. Members who want to distribute the lunches will need to use the Sign Up.com program link. The link is on the Christ Lutheran Church DeForest website home page under Programs and then Norski Nibbles. Please click on the link and follow the instructions to sign up for the days you are willing to help. If you have troubles or questions, either send an email to norskinibbles@gmail.com or phone Bob Mathweg at 608-772-3893.

SENDING HYMN #434 - "Jesus Shall Reign" (vss. 1, 3 & 5)

Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

Music: DUKE STREET. attr. John Hatton. d. 1793



Confirmation

We will be mailing registration forms out to families of students that had been registered for Sunday School for incoming 7th graders and returning 8th graders. If you have a student that had not been in Sunday School or registered for Confirmation, contact the office for a registration form. Please fill out the forms and return to the office, so that we can start planning for the fall classes. We will be contacting registered students and families at the end of August with class information and schedule.