

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church

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

PRELUDE - “Allegretto” Handel

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN #695 - “As Saints of Old” (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, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Faithful God,

have mercy on me. I confess that I am captive to sin and cannot free myself. I turn from your loving embrace and go my own way. I pass judgment on others before examining myself. I place my own needs before those of my neighbors. I keep your gift of salvation to myself. Make me humble, cast away my transgressions, and turn me again to life in you through Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God’s work in the world. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING - Jonah 3:10-4:11

¹⁰When God saw what the people of Ninevah did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. ^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GIZMO'S PONDERINGS

SECOND READING - Philippians 1:21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. ²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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 20:1-16

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY #669 - "Rise Up, O Saints of God" (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

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Generous God, you make the last first, and the first last. Where this gospel challenges the church, equip it for its works of service. Strengthen those who suffer for Christ. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Sun and wind, bushes and worms, cattle and great cities—nothing in creation is outside your concern, mighty God. In your mercy, tend to it all. Give us a spirit of generosity toward all you have made. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Where we find envy and create enemies, you provide enough for all. Bring peace to places of conflict and violence. Inspire leaders with creativity and wisdom. Bless the work of negotiators, peacekeepers, and development workers. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Reveal yourself to all in need as you are gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, ready to relent from punishing. Accompany judges and lawyers, victims of crime and those serving sentences. Give fruitful labor and a livelihood to those seeking work. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Even beyond our expectations, you choose to give generously. Grant life, health, and courage to all who are in need. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We praise you for the generations that have declared your power to us. Give us faithfulness to follow them, living for Christ, until you call us to join them in the joyful song around his throne. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION - In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is now ready.

SHARING THE MEAL – PASTOR SUE WILL LEAD YOU WHEN TO OPEN COMMUNION PACKAGE

*All are welcome to receive the Real Presence of Christ in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. You do not need to be a member of this church or a Lutheran to receive the sacrament. We do ask that you desire a relationship with Jesus Christ. **Gluten free host is not available at this time. The cups only contain grape juice. Welcome!***

PASTORAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN #659 - "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant" (Printed in the back of the bulletin.)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. And serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

Postlude - "Rise Up, O Saints of God" arr. Wold

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Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are provided by the Wolff & Lockman families in celebration of fall wedding anniversaries. Dick & Pat Wolff - 52 years, Jackie & Brian Benson - 19 years, Jen & Jason Lockman - 10 years. Congratulatuins

Thanksgiving Meals for the Hungry

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. The need in our community is great. The Thanksgiving meal will be handled differently this year due to circumstances with the virus. Instead of you donating the food we are asking for monetary donations towards the meal. We will do the shopping this year. One meal which will include a turkey, consists of a box of Jello, a can of cranberries, a box of Stove Top stuffing, a box of brownie mix, a can of vegetables, a box of corn muffin mix, a can of turkey gravy, a box of instant mashed potatoes, a can of yams and a can of fruit will cost approximately \$37.00. Your donation in any amount will help. Please make checks out to **CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH** and in the memo area put **Thanksgiving meal**. Thank you for your generosity

Social Ministries

OPENING HYMN #695 - "As Saints of Old"

As Saints of Old



1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;
3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day



to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.
to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.



so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:
O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

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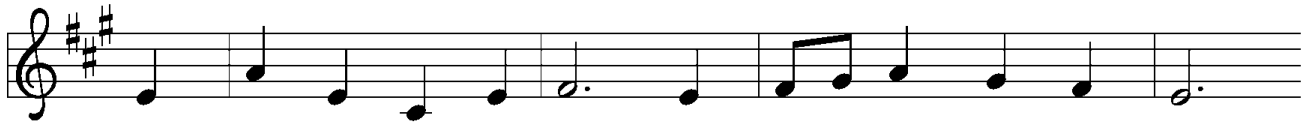
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HYMN OF THE DAY #669 - "Rise Up, O Saints of God"

Rise Up, O Saints of God!



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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SENDING HYMN #659 - "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

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2020 Lutefisk Dinner Cancelled

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

In place of our traditional dinner this year, CLC will hold a fund raiser selling lutefisk, Christ Lutheran-prepared and ready to cook; lefse and herring. See the order form on the website for more details. Orders with payment must be received no later than Oct 10 with Nov 14 pick-up.

If conditions allow, Christ Lutheran Church once again plans to hold its Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner in 2021, the second Saturday in November. .

(Form printed for your convenience on the back of this bulletin.)

**Order Lutefisk, Lefse and Herring!
Christ Lutheran Church, DeForest, WI**

We are pleased to announce that you may order lutefisk, lefse and herring for home use this year! Since we cancelled our Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner due to COVID-19, Christ Lutheran Church has decided to hold a fund raiser selling these products. **You may order these products** by completing the form below and mailing it, along with your check payable to Christ Lutheran Church, 220 S. Main Street, DeForest, WI 53532, **by October 10, 2020**. (Please note: we have been in contact with these suppliers and the products are all available at this time, but should the products become unavailable by delivery time, a refund will be issued.)

Name: _____

Phone: _____

email: _____

Lutefisk, Christ Lutheran-prepared and ready to cook, @ \$10.00 per pound
_____ pounds of Lutefisk x \$10.00 = _____

Lefse, small bag of 6 pieces @ \$4.00 per bag
_____ bags of Lefse x \$4.00 = _____

Lefse, large bag with approximately 24 pieces @ \$16.00 per bag
_____ bags of Lefse x \$16.00 = _____

Herring, 10# pail @ \$46.00 per pail
_____ pails of Herring x \$46.00 = _____

Herring, Quart Jar @ \$9.00 per jar
_____ jars of Herring x \$9.00 = _____

Herring, Pint Jar @ \$5.00 per jar
_____ jars of Herring x \$5.00 = _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

All orders, with payment, **must be received by October 10, 2020**

Orders must be picked up at Christ Lutheran Church, 220 South Main Street, in DeForest on: **Saturday, November 14, 2020 between 9:00 am - 1:30 pm. Curbside Pickup:** When you arrive, please pull up by the back door in the Church parking lot and call **608-846-4718**, give them your name, make/model/color of your car, and someone will bring your order out to you. For questions about ordering, please call Christ Lutheran Church at 608-846-4718.