



TODAY'S THEME: "The Seven Words of Jesus"

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W E L C O M E

Thank you for joining us today for worship. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. We pray your time with us is edifying and enjoyable. May God bless our worship together this day!

- Restrooms are located in the hallway just to the right of pastor's office.
- Ushers are here to help. Please don't hesitate to ask them if you have any questions.
- We ask guests to sign the worship register on the pedestal as you enter the building so that we might have record of who joined us and invite you to upcoming events. Thank you!
- A Cry Room is located in the hallway next to the kitchen on the right side as you exit the worship area.
- Pastor Zahn is available and willing to meet with you anytime. Please give him a call at church, 301-854-2100 or on his cell phone, 678-799-1621. He can also be reached via email, revlzahn@gmail.com. He would be happy to answer any questions or concerns you might have.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hymn "God Loved the World So That He Gave" CW | #570

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession CW | 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Hymn

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

CW | #947

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

Passion History, Part II

Stand

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 6

Refrain: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

O LORD, do not rebuke me in your / anger
or discipline me / in your wrath.

Be merciful to me, LORD, for / I am faint;
O LORD, heal me, for my soul is in / anguish.

Turn, O LORD, and de / liver me;
save me because of your un / failing love.

Refrain

I am worn out from / groaning.
My eyes grow weak with / sorrow.

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, Your Son has shown Your love to the world in His death and resurrection. Give Your people hearts to remember Your gracious works and to proclaim Your name in all things. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, You promise us an inheritance not because of Your law but because of Your promise to Abraham and to us. In Your grace, nourish us in the faith unto life eternal. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You made Your servant Abraham the father of us all through faith, and You have given all fathers the calling of Abraham to hand down the Gospel of Christ. Fill their hearts with the words of Christ, and remember them according to Your great mercy. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, remember our nation and its leaders. Bless all who make, administer and judge our laws, and enable us to be good and responsible citizens. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, be near to the sick and the suffering [*especially ...*]
Comfort them with Your divine promises, and grant healing according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Nicodemus was led by the word of Jesus to the cross, and from the cross he received the body of Jesus. Grant us faith like his to trust Your Word and receive Christ's body and blood in the Holy Sacrament for forgiveness, life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, You give life to the dead and have united the faithful of all ages in the Body of Christ. As You shelter all the saints in the arms of Your mercy, so comfort us who await Your final victory over death and the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

Offering

The members of Christ Lutheran Church have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

CW/ 165

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus

Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Hymn

“Holy God, We praise Your Name”

CW | #953, st. 4

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus’ death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son’s body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those**

who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Be seated

Distribution

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift.
We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our

love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise" CW | #931

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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1. DONATIONS NEEDED FOR EASTER BAGS

On March 25th, 2023 from 1-3 in the afternoon, Christ Lutheran Church will be hosting a “goody bag drive through”.

Please consider donating items for the Easter bags. We plan to make 100 bags, so please keep that in mind when contributing. We are looking for items such as:

Crafts

Stickers

Candy (nut free and individually wrapped), etc.

Please make sure the donations are small enough to fit in a standard brown paper lunch sack.

2. DONATIONS FOR EASTER EGG HUNT

On Easter morning, Christ Lutheran will be hosting an Egg Hunt for the people of Christ Lutheran as well as the surrounding community.

If you are able, please contribute **wrapped candy** to assure we have a robust number of eggs for the hunt!

A labeled box will be located in the kitchen for donations.

Thank you for your donations to these projects!

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Paige Creitz as she experiences a difficult pregnancy.

Our church leadership as they serve in their various roles to lead Christ Lutheran.

Jill Murtagh as she goes through medical treatment.

Our nation.

Those who are absent.

PROJECT EASTER

LAST WEEK @ CHRST LUTHERAN

WORSHIP – 51

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 11

Preparing for the Resurrection at CHRIST LUTHERAN

Saturday March 25th, Campus cleanup 9am- 1pm
(grilled burger for lunch – possibly!)

Saturday March 25th “Goody Bag Drive Through” 1-3pm

Saturday April 1st Campus Cleanup Rain Date 9am-1pm

Sunday April 2nd Palm Sunday Sunday School Processional

Maundy Thursday April 6th 7pm
Study of the Lord’s Supper with Communion

Good Friday April 7th with Lord’s Supper 7pm
“I Was There”

Easter Sunday April 9th

- **Sunrise Service 7am**
- Easter Breakfast 8:30-9:45am
- Easter Egg Hunt 9:30am
- **Festival Service 10:30am**

