**Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

**June 25, 2023**

**9:30am**



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**Welcome to worship! We’re glad you’re here!**

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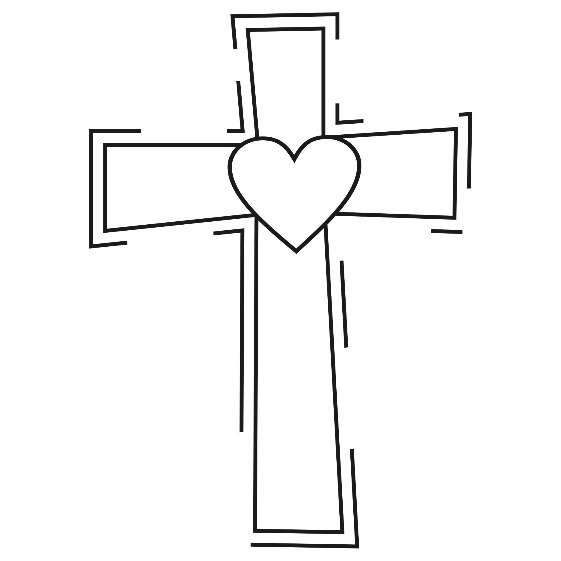
**bold** print means we respond together

**\*** meansstand as you are able,

+ you may make the sign of the cross should you so desire.

**TODAY’S worship THEME**

God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God’s grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.



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**PRELUDE** Roger Halvorson

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **☩** one God, who greets us in this and every season,

whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

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

Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community.**

**We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us And grant us your mercy**.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Righteous God, we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be**

**honest. We have lacked courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us And grant us your mercy**.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God’s mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. **Amen**.

**\*GATHERING SONG** *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

*Chorus*

Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come

One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now

*Chorus*

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives  
Willingly our knees will bow  
With all our heart soul mind and strength  
We gladly choose You now

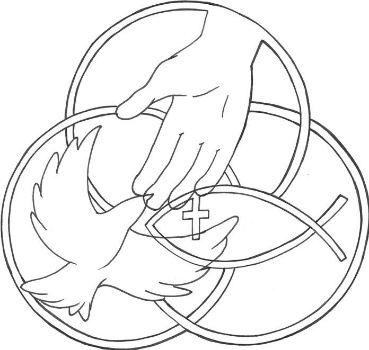
*Chorus*

Ending

Come come just as you are come come

**\*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.**



**\*KYRIE**





**\*pRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray together. *A brief silence***. Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**SCRIPTURE READING** [Romans 6:1b-](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2023-6-11/0)11 PewBible New Testament Pg.162

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM** Psalm 69:7-18 PewBible Old Testament Pg. 587

7It is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that shame has covered my face.  
 **8I have become a stranger to my kindred, an alien to my mother's children.** 9It is zeal for your house that has consumed me; the insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.  
 **10When I humbled my soul with fasting, they insulted me for doing so.** 11When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them.  
**12I am the subject of gossip for those who sit in the gate, and the drunkards make songs about me.** 13But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me. With your faithful help

**14rescue me from sinking in the mire; let me be delivered from my enemies and from the deep waters.**  
 15Do not let the flood sweep over me, or the deep swallow me up, or the Pit close its mouth over me.  
 **16Answer me, O LORD, for your steadfast love is good; according to your abundant mercy, turn to me.** 17Do not hide your face from your servant, for I am in distress — make haste to answer me.  
 **18Draw near to me, redeem me, set me free because of my enemies.**

A sheet of music with notes

Description automatically generated with low confidence\***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**\*GOSPEL** [Matthew](https://members.sundaysandseasons.com/Home/TextsAndResources/2023-6-4/2415) 10:24-39 Pew Bible New Testament Pg. 10

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** Pastor Ron Baesler

**\*SERMON SONG** *Great is Thy Faithfulness #733*

**\*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 THE CHURCH**

Trusting in God’s abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

*A brief silence.*

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**\*SHARING OF PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**



**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray together. **God of field and forest, sea and sky, You are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, And multiply your graciousness in us, That the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus.*

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*SONG OF THANKSGIVING**

Holy, holy, holy are you,

God of power and might;

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in your name.

Hosanna in the highest,

Hosanna in the highest!

**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord’s passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit…in your church, without end. **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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.** **Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

We believe that this is Jesus' table. All are welcome and invited to commune.  We serve communion by “intinction”; receive the bread and dip it in the chalice of red wine. Currently we are offering individual communion cups as an alternative to intinction if you so desire. Both wine and grape juice (white) are offered in the tray. Gluten free bread is available; let your server know. Should you choose not to commune, please come forward to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest.

**lamb of god**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you break the chains of hatred and fear:

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace:

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love:

Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION SONG** *Borning Cry #732*

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray together. **We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**\*BLESSING**

The God who faithfully calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed **☩** bless, keep, and sustain you, now and to the end of the age. **Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN** *How Great Is Our God*

*Verse 1*

The splendor of the King  
Clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice  
All the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice  
And trembles at His voice

*Chorus*

How great is our God  
Sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God

*Verse 2*

And age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End  
Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one  
Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb

*Chorus*

*Bridge*

Name above all names  
Worthy of all praise  
My heart will sing  
How great is our God

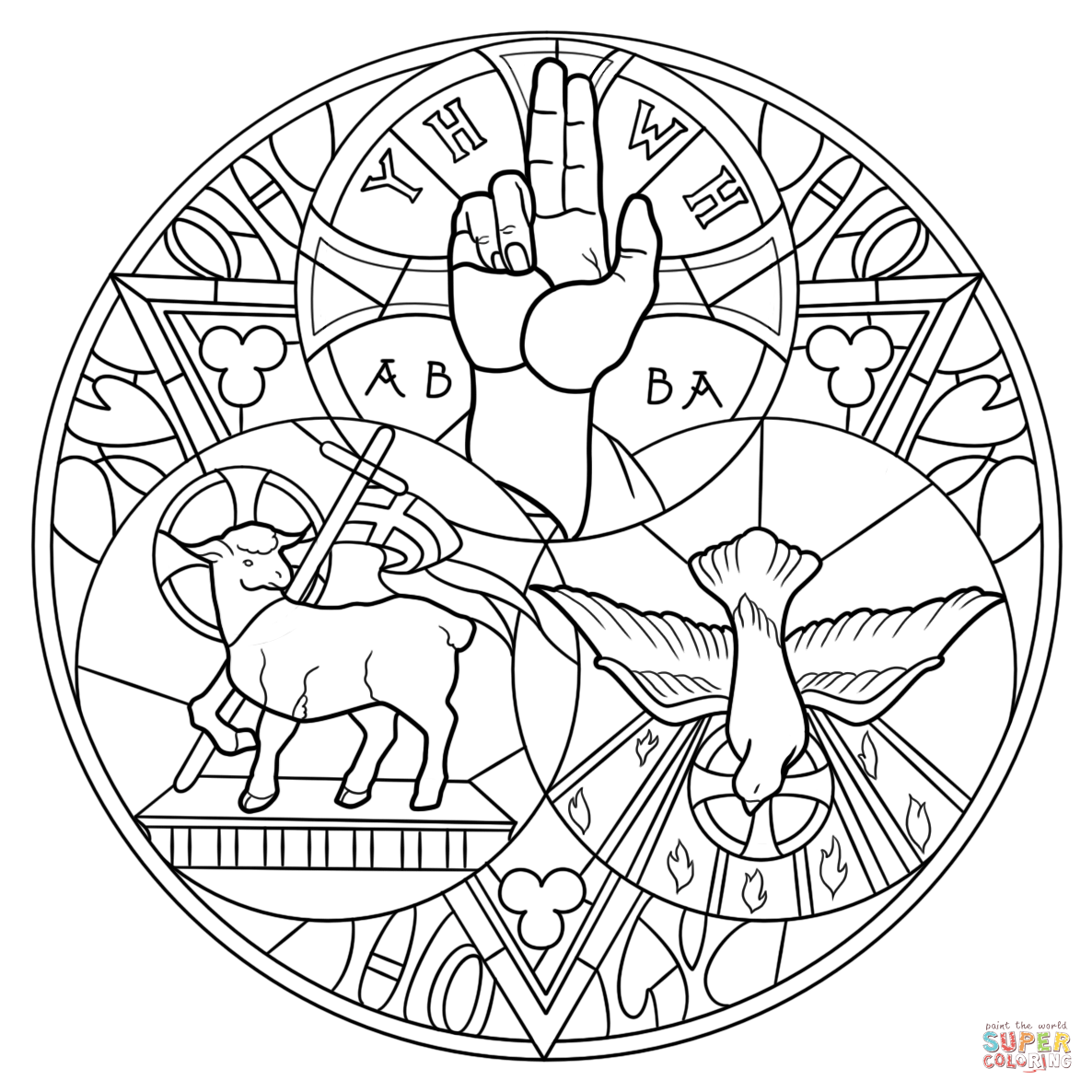
*Chorus*

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Roger Halvorson

**Take home coloring page for the Holy Trinity**



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**It is our joy to worship with your whole family this morning!**

We encourage everyone of all ages and abilities to worship together. If you do need to take a "time out", please do so in the narthex (gathering space at the entry), and return to worship when you are ready. A changing table is located in the restroom off the narthex. Activity bags, filled with crayons, paper and storybooks, are available in the narthex. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.

**Mission Statement**

Living by Christ’s example, we welcome, serve, and love all through God’s grace.

**Vision Statement**

Embracing the truth that God’s love and grace is for all, Christ Lutheran Church is a vibrant and active community spreading the good news through acceptance, action, and benevolence.

**Our Position**

Christ is ALIVE!

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