

*Time After Pentecost \*\* Holy Communion*

**August 1, 2021**

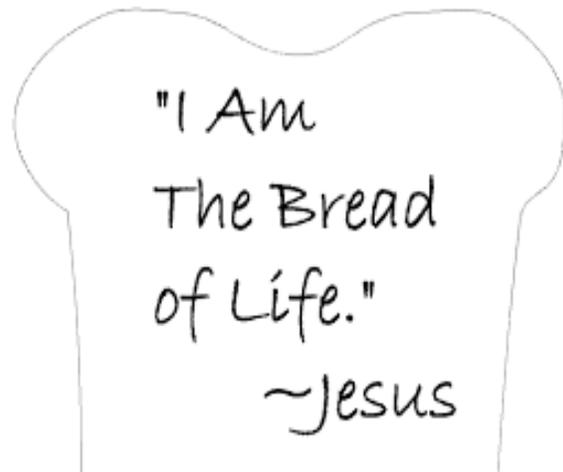
**9:30 a.m. Worship**

**Christ Lutheran Church - Cottonwood, Minnesota**

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**Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We are grateful to God you are here.  
We pray you will feel the Spirit and welcome of this faith community,  
and we look forward to seeing you again!**

*Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.  
(from Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress, 2020)*



**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.  
Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.*

Prelude

Call to Worship

Words of Welcome

P: This is the day that the Lord has made,

**All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

Opening Words of Faith

based on Psalm 51

P: Have mercy on me, O God,

**All: according to your steadfast love and your abundant mercy.**

P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

**All: and cleanse me from my sin.**

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**All: and put a new and right Spirit within in.**

P: Do not cast me away from your presence,

**All: and sustain in me a willing Spirit.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P: We come together in the name of the Father, † the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our hearts are open to you today; from you no secrets can be hid. Hear now our praise, our prayers and our innermost thoughts. Send your Holy Spirit to reclaim us, to forgive us and to redeem us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

P: Faithful Lord and Savior, hear us as we pray:

**All: We confess before you, Lord, that we are bound in sin and that only you can set us free from that bondage.**

P: For you are great and do marvelous things; you alone are God. Forgive us when we lose our way.

**All: Teach us your way, O Lord, that we may walk in your truth; give us an undivided heart to revere your name.**

P: Bind our lives together as your one people. Bind our lives together into one unity. Bind our lives together through our callings and gifts.

**All: We give thanks to you, O Lord our God, with our whole hearts, and we glorify your name.**

P: And so, O Lord, we turn to you in your great mercy, asking that you might forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways.

*(Silence for a time of self-reflection)*

P: Hear now the great words of forgiveness and hope: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins †. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen. Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of Praise

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

ELW# 656



- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
- 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
- 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
- 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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Greeting

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

**All: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray: O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love,

**All: you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

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

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-8, 11-16

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said, “When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.”

<sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge

of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

***"Come to the Table"***

**ELW# 481**



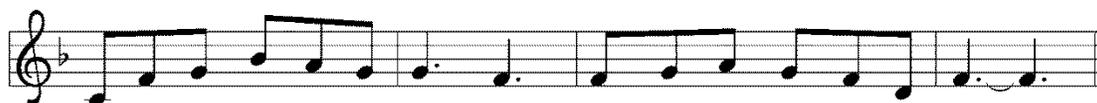
Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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Gospel Reading

John 6:24-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the sixth chapter.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. <sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.”

<sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”

<sup>30</sup>So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup>They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

Message

Pastor Bruce Berg

**Hymn of the Day** *“The Church’s One Foundation”*

**Stanzas 1-2, 4-5 ELW# 654**

**Words and Music are printed on the next page**

## The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

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 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

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*Please rise in body or spirit.*

Profession of Faith - The Apostles' Creed

**All: 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 God's People

*The congregation will respond to the prayer petitions with, "hear our prayer."*

Sharing of God's Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Please share a verbal peace with one another.*

*Please be seated.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Christ.*

*We respond in gratitude for God's never-failing love and mercy.  
Your offering can be received this day at the door in the offering plate,  
through the mail, or dropped off at the church office.  
You can also do a one-time or recurring gift via the website.  
Thank you for your generosity.*

Community Announcements

Offertory Prayer

L: Let us pray: Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

**All: 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

P: The feast is spread. Eat. Drink.

*Please be seated.*

*Anyone who has communed elsewhere is welcome to commune here.  
Those who do not yet commune are invited to receive a blessing.  
Communion will be served at your seated area.*

*For those joining us virtually, you are invited to share the Lord's Supper at home with these words.*

*"The body of Christ, given for you." And "The blood of Christ, shed for you."*

*A blessing may be given to those who do not yet commune, perhaps using these words:*

*"God bless you, beloved child of God." Or "Jesus loves you."*

**Communion Distribution Hymns**

**Words and Music are printed on the next pages**

***"Let Us Break Bread Together" ELW# 471***

***"One Bread, One Body" ELW# 496***

ELW# 471

## Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

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# One Bread, One Body

ELW# 496

*Refrain*



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



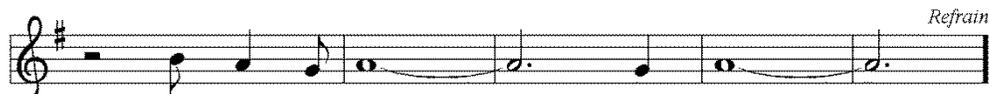
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



*Refrain*

wom - an or man, no more.  
one in the Lord of all.  
gath-ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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## Communion Blessing

P: Now may the body and blood of our risen Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**All: Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

L: Let us pray: O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## SENDING

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

### Sending Blessing

P: Almighty and merciful God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore.

All: Amen.

### Sending Hymn

### “We Are All One in Christ”

ELW# 643

*So - mos u - no en Cris - to, so - mos u - no. So - mos*  
 We are all one in Christ, we are one bod - y, all one

*u - no, u - no so - lo. So - mos u - no en Cris - to, so - mos*  
 peo - ple out of man - y. We are all one in Christ, we are one

*u - no. So - mos u - no, u - no so - lo.*  
 bod - y, all one peo - ple out of man - y.

*Un so - lo Dios, un so - lo Se - ñor, u - na so - la*  
 There is one God, and on - ly one Lord; there is one

*fe, un so - lo a - mor. Un so - lo bau - tis - mo, un so - lo Es -*  
 faith, one ho - ly love. There is one bap - tism; there is one

*pí - ri - tu, y e - se es el con - so - la - dor.*  
 Spir - it, who is God the com - fort - er.

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Sending Words

L: Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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***Hallelujah Hooligans***

Christian Family Musical Entertainment . . .

Singing God's praises and making a joyful noise **TONIGHT, SUNDAY, AUGUST 1ST**, at Bethany-Elim Church in Ivanhoe, at 6:00. All are invited. This is a family event . . . men, women, children . . .

**SAVE!**  
the **DATE!**

**Sunday, August 22 - 7 - 9 pm**

***Fellowship Fun Night - Back to School Carnival***

at Christ Lutheran's back yard

*Details are in the works — be watching for them!*

**On Sunday, August 22, during Worship we will bless those back-to-school backpacks . . .**



and any sorts of daily work bags that you carry.

Bring them with you to worship and get them blessed! A gift will be available for your student.

If you wish to send a card to Pastor Janel, her home address at the parsonage is: **120 West 5th Street North, Cottonwood 56229**

### Prayer Requests

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:6-7 to, “*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*” Your prayers are a gift to those requesting them, and encouragement for one another as we experience challenges, sorrows, or thanksgivings of any kind.

**Health Concerns, as well as Others In Our Hearts and On Our Minds:**

Kelly Arnold	Sandra Arnold	Brooks Baker	Brody Bloch
Cole Busack	Norm Evers	Grant Johnson	Bob Kaeter
Teri Kemmer	Lane Louwagie	Bobby Olson	Pastor Janel Kuester
Lloyd Powell	Savannah Rausch	Gene Tople	

All those dealing with illness, addictions, depression, cancer, unemployment, under-employment, and any challenges in their lives.

**Independent Living/Assisted Living/Care Center Residents/Homebound:**

Arvilla Berg, Darleen Cole, Michele Engholm, Elaine Elston, Irene Evers, Norm Evers, Janet Gniffke, Julie Jaeger, Betty Lovsness, Lila Mauland, Laurie Pickthorn, Donna Neuharth, Bobby Olson, Alnora Pederson, Margaret Rewerts

**Families of our Congregation:** *Damian and Mally Javens, Laia, Ledgen, Lawe  
Marty and Rita Javens  
Sasha Javens*

**Workers in Other Countries, Missionaries, and Local Congregation Missions.**

*Robin’s Nest Children’s Home, Jamaica  
Kikatiti Secondary School, Tanzania  
World Mission Prayer League (WMPL)*

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