

Holy Communion - Time after Pentecost

**Sunday,
September 6,
2020**

9:30 am Worship

Christ Lutheran Church
Cottonwood, Minnesota



Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community.

Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

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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

Words of Welcome

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made,

All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Words of Faith

from Romans 13

P: Owe no one anything, except to love one another;

All: for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

P: Love your neighbor as yourself.

All: Love does no wrong to a neighbor.

P: Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;

All: let us live honorably.

Words of Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

All: Amen.

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

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P: Faithful God,

All: have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: 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.

All: Amen.

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 Lord God,

All: enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

P: Word of God, Word of Life

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading Matthew 18:15-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Praise My Soul the God of Heaven”* **ELW# 864**

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
 2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
 3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
 4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.

Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.
 God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
 but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
 Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005
 Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

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The Profession of Faith – The 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 God's People

The congregation responds to the prayer petitions with, "hear our prayer."

Greetings of God's Peace

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

All: And also with you.

Please share the sign of peace with each other (from a distance).

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

Your offering is received at the door in the offering plate.

Thank you for your generosity.

Offertory Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

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

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 Holy Communion

P: Come to the banquet table where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

Anyone who has communed elsewhere is welcome to commune here.

Those who do not yet commune are invited to receive a blessing.

Gluten-free bread and grape juice are available upon request.

Communion will be brought to you in your seated area.

For those joining us virtually:

Please take this reflection time to share the Lord's Supper at home with these words.

"The body of Christ, given for you."

"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."

Distribution Hymn "Around You, O Lord Jesus" ELW# 468

— Words and Music are printed on the next page —

Around You, O Lord Jesus



1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still
2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;
3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.
we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"
bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.
dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. composite
Music: O JESU, ÅN DE DINA. H. Thomassön, *Den danske Psalmebog*, 1569
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Blessing after Communion

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

P: Let us pray: 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.

All: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

Blessing

P: God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love.

All: Amen.

Sending Words

L: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Worship Assistants, Thank You For Serving This Sunday, September 6, 2020
Ushers: Parry Bossuyt, Chuck Broberg, Josh Fragodt, Tom Hinz, Mike Lee, Jeff Varpness
Musician: Amy Jo Remmele **Lector and Assisting Minister:** Susanne Lee
PA Operator: Shawn Myers **Video Camera Op:** Greg Isaackson

Worship Service on Cable:
Cable Station Channel 180 - Sundays at 10:45 am
Cable Station Channel 180 - Mondays at 4:30 pm

Help Needed

There is a great need across the United States right now that our ELCA partner, Lutheran Disaster Response group, is working with areas affected by disasters of wildfires, tornadoes and severe storms, flooding, and hurricanes. They are in it for the long haul. See the links below for ways we can help in these situations.

[Lutheran Disaster Response](#) brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

Lutheran Disaster Response would not exist if it were not for the thousands, if not millions, of people who make an impact by getting involved. Whether efforts are financial support, volunteering or helping to prepare communities for disasters, lives and livelihoods are improved.

At the Lutheran Disaster Response website, you can find links for the following:
<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response>

- Hurricane Response
- U.S. Severe Storms
- U.S. Wildfires
- U.S. Tornadoes
- U.S. Flooding

You can also give by phone by calling: 800-638-3522. If you would prefer, you can also add a check into the offering plate at the church clearly marked for Lutheran Disaster Response, and we will help it get sent on.

St. Mary's Church, Cottonwood, will hold its annual Fall Festival on September 13. Turkey Dinner: Take-Out and Delivery Only. Dinner sales begin at 9:30; meals available from 11:00 to 1:00. 507 423 5220
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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:

Landyn Berends	Norm Evers	Gordy Geistfeld	Gail Gregoire
Jake Gregoire	Grant Johnson	Bob Kaeter	Teri Kemmer
Cole Louwagie	Pr. Curt Miller	Jori Ella Morrison	Gretchen Noon
Ione Olson	Savannah Rausch	Joyce St. Pierre	Kelsey Sullivan
Gary Vossen			

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

Sympathy—Death: Rosie Varpness, mother of Jeff (Lisa) Varpness

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

Shi Aamodt, Arvilla Berg, Bob Bode, Darleen Cole, Michele Engholm, Elaine Elston, Irene Evers, Norm Evers, Marge Gigstad, Janet Gniffke, Adrian Golberg, Julie Jaeger, Marietta Jarcho, Betty Lovsness, Lila Mauland, Laurie Pickthorn, Donna Neuharth, Bobby Olson, Alnora Pederson, Margaret Rewerts, Marge Seitz

Families of our Congregation.

Gary and Darla Morken
Corey and Michelle Moseng,
Conner Moseng, Sammy Huizenga

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

Cottonwood Food Pantry
Kitchen Table food shelf (United Community Action)
ELCA World Hunger Appeal

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