

**Welcome!**

**Time after Pentecost**

**June 23, 2019**

**9:30 am**

**Christ Lutheran  
Family of Faith**

**Cottonwood, Minnesota**



*This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific – the demonic – nature of sin.*

*The church's repeated celebration of the holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus "until he comes."*

*It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you."*

*(Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress, 2018)*

## **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

Shailey Marczak

Call to Worship

Words of Welcome

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

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

Community Announcements and Opportunities to Offer Ourselves

*Please stand as you are able.*

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God of mercy,

**C: we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us + all our sins by taking them to the cross. For freedom Christ has set us free: Rejoice in this good news!

**C: Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn – “What Is This Place” ----- [524]**

Greeting

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

**C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

**P:** Let us pray. O Lord God,

**C: we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

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

### First Reading – Isaiah 65: 1-9

<sup>1</sup>I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, “Here I am, here I am,” to a nation that did not call on my name. <sup>2</sup>I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; <sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; <sup>4</sup>who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine’s flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; <sup>5</sup>who say, “Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.” These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. <sup>6</sup>See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps <sup>7</sup>their iniquities and their ancestors’ iniquities together, says the LORD; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. <sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, “Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,” so I will do for my servants’ sake, and not destroy them all. <sup>9</sup>I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

A: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading – Galatians 3: 23-29

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

A: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Gospel Acclamation – “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!” - - - - - [172]**

Gospel Reading

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the eighth chapter.

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

<sup>26</sup>Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”— <sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. <sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. <sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.

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

*Please be seated.*

Sermon

Pastoral Assistant Gwen Arneson

**Hymn of the Day – “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” - - - - - [843]**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Profession of Faith (*The Apostles' Creed is found inside the back cover of the hymnal.*)

Sharing of God's Peace

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

**C: And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of God's peace with your neighbors.*

*Please be seated.*

## THANKSGIVING

*We respond in gratitude for God's never-failing love and mercy.*

Offering

Shailey Marczak

*Please stand as you are able.*

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, for the greening earth given for all, for the talents we are given to share, and for all the gifts you have provided for our well-being. Transform us to be the body of Christ so that our lives may reflect your generosity; through Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

Prayers of God's People

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

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.**

## SENDING

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

### Blessing

L: The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

L: The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

L: The God of all grace + bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn – “On Our Way Rejoicing” ----- [537]**

A: Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### *Blessing for the Journey*

*Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him, and abound in thanksgiving; and the blessing of the holy Trinity, + one God, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.*

### — Thank You For Serving This Sunday, June 23, 2019 —

**Ushers:** Jon Brower, Chad Gregoire, Jon Hoehne, Kris Holm, Alton Huso, Marv Kremin, Erik Lundberg, Doug Warnke

**Worship Leader and Musician:** Gwen Arneson

**Lector and Assisting Minister:** Sarah Yotter

**Video Camera:** Bev Isaackson, Corey Moseng     **PA:** Larry Isaackson, Sid Olson

**Altar Care:** Tom and Pat Hinz, Anne Isaackson

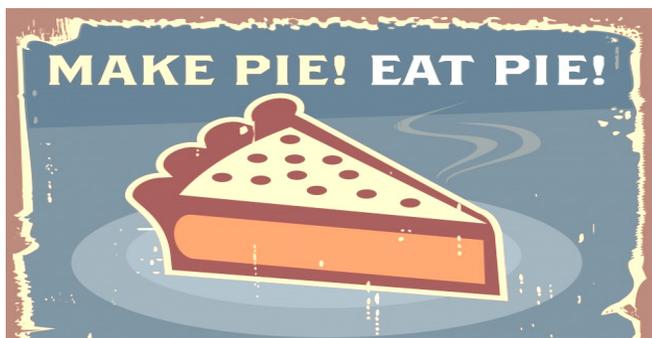
**Counters:** Wade Breyfogle, Michelle Moseng, Dave Neuman, Linda VanUden

**\*\* We thank the Sterner Family Luther Leaguers for serving refreshments after Worship today.**

Did you know that your church offers communion by request during the week too? This is great for those times you travel, but also for those who work on the weekends. We are more than happy to offer this on a need basis. Please call the church office to schedule, 507 423 5100.

We would love to hear you sing or play your instrument in worship this summer! Which Sunday will work for you?! Please let Gwen Arneson or Pastor Janel know of your interest or willingness to share your talents with the congregation during a worship service!

The Luther League students are looking to do some activities and need some people to help plan. You could take on one activity or several or plan with a group of friends. If this might be something you are interested in doing, let Pastor Janel know.



Our annual ***Pie Social*** during Cottonwood's *Coming Home Days* will be held at Christ Lutheran on Saturday, July 13, from 2:00-4:00 pm. We will also serve root beer floats in addition to pie and ice cream. *Yummm!*

***Ladies, Men, Families, are all welcome to help at this event. Here's what we need.***

1. Bring 1 or 2 pies by noon, on July 13, to the church kitchen.
2. Help with set up in early afternoon of July 13;
3. Help serve between 2:00 and 4:00;
4. Help with clean up after the parade (parade starts at 4:00).

Contact Bev Isaackson, 507 829 9445 or Rose Wisdorf 507 423 6603 . . . to indicate your willingness to help or if you have questions.

This is a fun event. Hope you join us! THANKS VERY MUCH!

## 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:**

Craig Ahmann	Elaine Elston	Adela Espinoza	Norm Evers
Gordy Geistfeld	Gail Gregoire	Sue Gropel	Jon Hakes
Bruce Hoffman	Lisa Jones	Bob Kaeter	Cole Louwagie
Pr. Curt Miller	Jori Ella Morrison	Gretchen Noon	Rodney Olson
Marilyn Smith (Allie Enga’s sister-in-law)		Harvey Suer	Gary Timmerman

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

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

Shi Aamodt, Arvilla Berg, Janyce Bouza, Darleen Cole, Michele Engholm, Irene Evers, Lavonne Fischer, Marge Gigstad, Janet Gniffke, Virginia Isaackson, Julie Jaeger, Marietta Jarcho, Betty Lovsness, Lila Mauland, Laurie Pickthorn, Donna Neuharth, Bobby Olson, Alnora Pederson, Margaret Rewerts, Louis Wood

**Families of our Congregation.** Gary and Darla Morken  
Corey and Michelle Moseng,  
Sammy Huizenga, Conner Moseng  
Heather and Clancy Murphy

**Youth Going to Summer Camp This Week.** Danica and Tucker Anderson  
Laia Javens  
Aubrey Pederson  
Mallory Pederson  
Morgan Velde

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

Students and Staff of Kikatiti Secondary School in Tanzania

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**Today, Sunday, June 23**

**9:00 am Fellowship/Refreshments; continues after Worship**

**9:30 Worship**

**10:30 Fellowship/Refreshments served by Sterner Luther Leaguers**

**10:45 (approx.) Worship on Cable 180**

**Monday, June 24**

**4:30 pm Worship on Cable 180**

**Next Sunday, June 30**

**9:00 am Fellowship/Refreshments; continues after Worship**

**9:30 Worship**

**10:30 Fellowship/Refreshments served by Luther Leaguers**

**10:45 (approx.) Worship on Cable 180**

The June 30th bulletin will be printed earlier than normal. Please provide announcements to Rhoda by noon on Monday, June 24th.  
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drop off at her office.

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