

Welcome!

**Holy Communion
God's Work. Our Hands. Day**

September 8, 2019

9:30 am

***Christ Lutheran
Community of Faith
Cottonwood, Minnesota***



Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship today, we remember what Jesus has said. He speaks frankly about the fearsome costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances. (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

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: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

**Gathering Hymn – “God’s Work, Our Hands” (stanzas 1 and 2;
tune: *Earth and All Stars*)***

**God’s work, our hands: working together, building a future, repairing the world,
Raising up homes, planting new gardens, feeding the hungry and shelt’ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name, sharing the good news of your Gospel.**

**God’s work, our feet: trav’ling together, following Jesus to places unknown,
Walking as friends, marching for freedom, running the race with God’s future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way, sharing the good news of your Gospel.**

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.

C: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

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

First Reading – Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L: 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

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.

²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Janel Kuester

The offering will be received during the singing of the hymn.

Hymn of the Day – “God’s Work, Our Hands” (stanzas 3 and 4)*

**God’s work, our voice: singing together, praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
Praying for peace, shouting for justice, claiming God’s love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name, sharing the good news of your Gospel.**

**God is at work in and around us: seedlings are sprouting and bread’s on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored, gifted by grace, we respond in God’s love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call, sharing the good news of your Gospel.**

MEAL

Please stand as you are able.

Offering Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Loving God, receive these gifts of our hands and with them our lives and the life of your church. Transform us in service to you and all you have made, and draw us always nearer to you through Jesus Christ, who leads us to new life.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: 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: The banquet is ready. Come, take your place at the feast.

Please be seated.

*Anyone who has communed elsewhere is welcome to commune here.
Those who do not yet commune are invited to come forward for a blessing.
Gluten free bread and grape juice are available upon request.*

Please come forward at the invitation of the ushers to receive communion in a continuous manner, then return to your seats via the side aisles.

If you prefer to have communion brought to you at your seat, please let the ushers know.

Communion Distribution

"Lamb of God" [336]

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" [803]

"O Master, Let Me Walk with You" [818]

Please stand as you are able.

Blessing after Communion

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

C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray.

God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

A: Our worship continues in our service to others.

C: Thanks be to God!

Please feel free to go to any of the activities that are planned and organized around the building or out into the community, and then return to conclude this worship service at 11:30 in the sanctuary.

If the activity you have selected is completed before this time, please join another that is still needing more willing hands and feet!

(*The hymn, "God's Work, Our Hands" was written by Wayne Wold for this year's God's Work. Our Hands. Day and many days into the future!)

At 11:30 – We gather once again in this sanctuary to conclude this morning's worship service

Reflections on Serving

Prayers of God's People

Blessing and Sending

P: May God our Creator transform your work and your lives through grace;
May Jesus lead us, his church, to follow in his path of love and sacrifice;
May the Holy Spirit keep you ever joyful and humble in service;
And may Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

A: Go in peace and follow where Jesus leads.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sending Hymn – "We All Are One in Mission"

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Thank You For Serving This Sunday, September 8, 2019 —

Ushers: Captain—Pete Lavin, Kevin Arneson, Bev Isaackson, Larry Isaackson, David Roe, Brian Velde, Heather Velde, Garrett Wee **Acolyte:** Braylon Breyfogle
Musician: Gwen Arneson **Lector and Assisting Minister:** Linda VanUden
PA: Jonathan Olson, Chad Gregoire **Video Camera:** Greg Isaackson,
Altar Care: Karen Berg, Sandy Boehne **Counters:** Jason Fischer, Linda VanUden
Communion Servers and Helpers: Breckin Marczak, Kiegan Marczak; Corey Moseng, David Roe, Shane Wee, Christine Wiatrowski

Today, St. Mary's Church invites us to its annual Turkey Dinner (along with games, raffle, silent auction), serving until 1 pm.

— This Week: September 8, 2019 —

**Today, Sunday, September 8
God's Work. Our Hands. Day**

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion, and then disperse to various parts of the building or beyond for GWOH.

At 11:30 we will gather once again in the sanctuary

10:45 (approx.) Worship on Cable 180

**Monday, September 9
4:30 pm Worship on Cable 180**

Wednesday, September 11

6:00 pm Mission Possible starts

**7:15 Confirmation Student and Parent/Guardian Meeting - Grades 7, 8, 9
7th Grade Acolyte Trng. during Parent/Student Meeting**

8th & 9th Grade Communion Assisting Trng. during Parent/Student Meeting

Next Sunday, September 15

9:00 am Fellowship/Refreshments; continues after Worship

**9:30 Worship with Holy Communion
Welcome of 3 Year Olds — Receive Prayer Pillow and Prayer Book
Teacher and Helper Installation**

Following Worship (approx. 10:45): Second Graders and Parents meet with PJ for Spark Bible Introduction Class 10:45 (approx.) Worship on Cable 180

The Lakeview Lakers FCA team (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) is having a **Walking Taco Fundraiser** at the homecoming football game against the Canby Lancers on **Friday, September 13th**. We will start serving walking tacos at 5:00, with kickoff at 7:00 to follow. Hope to see you there!

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	Bob Bode	Rodney Carlson	Darleen Cole
Elaine Elston	Norm Evers	Gordy Geistfeld	Gail Gregoire
Sue Gropel	Leo Haack	Bruce Hoffman	Lisa Jones
Bob Kaeter	Cole Louwagie	Pr. Curt Miller	Jori Ella Morrison
Gretchen Noon	Jake Rodriguez	Dave Schwarz	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.

Carl and Megan Sharkey, Jaxon, Cora Erv and June Schwartz

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

Cottonwood Food Pantry (located in south end of Senior Citizens Bldg., open 2nd & 4th Thursdays from 5 pm to 7 pm)