

**Christ Lutheran Church &
The Bridge Campus Ministry
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Connecting people to people • people to faith • faith to life

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INTRODUCTION

In God's Boundless Diversity, we are all Made in God's Image! We gather together in this time and space, breathing in the Spirit's invitation to connect and learn, and answer Jesus' call to justice and action.

I PLEDGE TO

To be an advocate for our LGBTQIA+ siblings, and other siblings from God's diverse Kin-dom, we commit to daily bettering ourselves and being active in our advocacy. We dedicate ourselves to staying informed, speaking up, being honest, and supporting justice work everyday.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Holy Parent,
And of the + Child,
And of the Holy Spirit, ever-present in our lives.

Amen.

Your people, Lord, long to feel seen, named, and cared for.
The church has excluded and pushed away people, calling them “other” and “different”
And waits for those harmed to lead the work of reconciliation.

Today we worship, with open hearts and minds, readying ourselves for the holy ministry
of justice and equity work.

As your people, we know God is with us
And that your Holy Spirit makes reconciliation possible.

As we learn how to make the church a safer space

We trust in the Spirit’s guidance.

As we seek to be an advocate for our LGBTQIA+ siblings and all who are told they are
“other”

We trust in the Spirit’s guidance.

As we seek to learn more about the intersectionality of ministry

We trust in the Spirit’s guidance.

It is with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and grace of Jesus, we confess and ask
forgiveness. We proclaim with joy and love that people of all sexual orientations,
gender identities, and gender expressions matter; that Black, Indigenous, and People
of Color (BIPOC) matter; that neuro-diversity and differing abilities of bodies are
sacred; and that we as a church stand firmly against racism, homophobia, transphobia,
and any other sin that makes people feel less than because of who God lovingly made
them to be. We commit our words and action to be ones of advocacy for all of the
people in your Kin-Dom. Holy Creator, we celebrate your boundless diversity, and see
the ways we are made in Your image.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Arise, Your Light Has Come! (ELW 314)*

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893
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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Mighty God, soften our hearts this day as we seek to hear your words and commands. In a world where we are daily confronted with ways we are different, told to make ourselves smaller for the convenience of others, teach us as your people how to celebrate your boundless diversity reflected in every person who is made in your image! To have safe spaces is to experience your saving grace. Guide us to be people of faith who are committed to learning and re-learning what it means to welcome, include, celebrate, and advocate for all you call Beloved. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10

A reading from Jeremiah.

⁴Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;

I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” ⁷But the Lord said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’;
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

⁸Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
says the Lord.”

⁹Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,
“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to pull down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL: Luke 4:21-30

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” ²⁴And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON



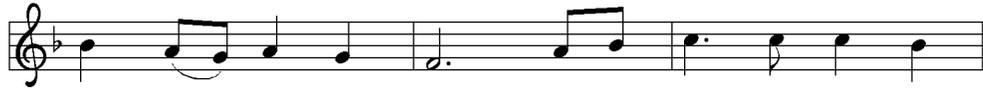
HYMN OF THE DAY *All Are Welcome (ELW 641)*



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

2022 Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Sunday Prayers of the People are written by Sofia A. (she/her), a youth volunteer from a Reconciling in Christ Partner in New York.

With the whole earth, let us lift our hearts and voices in prayer.

God, today we pray for anyone suffering from depression, anxiety, eating disorders, PTSD, schizophrenia, or any other mental illness. We ask you to guide them, and us, to assist them in getting the help that they need.

God in your mercy. **Hear our Prayers.**

God, we think of women and female-identifying people as we continue to fight for gender equity. Assist us in this fight, so that one day, we may all be seen as equals in the eyes of the law.

God in your mercy. **Hear our Prayers.**

Jesus we ask that you help us to become better allies. Guide those who are learning more about their sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, those who have been victims of hate, those who have not been accepted, and those who are not able to be open about who they are.

God in your mercy. **Hear our Prayers.**

Creator in Heaven, teach us how to be better advocates for our Black, Brown, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) siblings, and help them to be treated equally as they should have been from the start.

God in your mercy. **Hear our Prayers.**

God, we pray for those who have been wrongfully convicted of a crime, those who have not gotten the justice that they deserve, and all those whose voices are being ignored by the criminal justice system.

We pray that the true wrong-doers are held accountable.

God in your mercy. **Hear our Prayers.**

God, since March of 2020, we have battled the devastating COVID-19 pandemic. Bless everyone who has been negatively affected by this virus. We pray that it will soon be over.

God in your mercy. **Hear our Prayers.**

Teacher in Heaven, we pray for those who are struggling to learn due to learning disabilities, lack of resources, and difficult learning environments. We ask that you help us to ensure everyone has access to a good education.

God in your mercy. **Hear our Prayers.**

God, we pray for the sick and especially for the sick who cannot get help. We hope that one day, everyone will have access to adequate healthcare.

God in your mercy. **Hear our Prayers.**

Spirit, we think of anyone who is suffering with the loss of a loved one, and we ask you to guide them through the process of grieving. We pray that they will find your comfort and peace.

God in your mercy. **Hear our Prayers.**

Trusting in the One who made us, dwells in us, and calls us, we lift up these prayers, and all

AMEN.

Prayer Chain Update – Please keep Mike Cleland’s mother and sisters in your prayers as they recover from Covid-19.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING – THANK YOU! YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES OUR MINISTRY POSSIBLE.

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God,
Sovereign of the universe.
You offer us new beginnings
and guide us on our journey.
Lead us to your table,
nourish us with this heavenly food,
and prepare us to carry your love
to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light.
Amen.

DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you,

God of justice and accompaniment,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You made us all in your image;

in the Spirit of abounding love and creativity you formed us.

You sent us your Advocate

so that we can know how to advocate for our beloveds

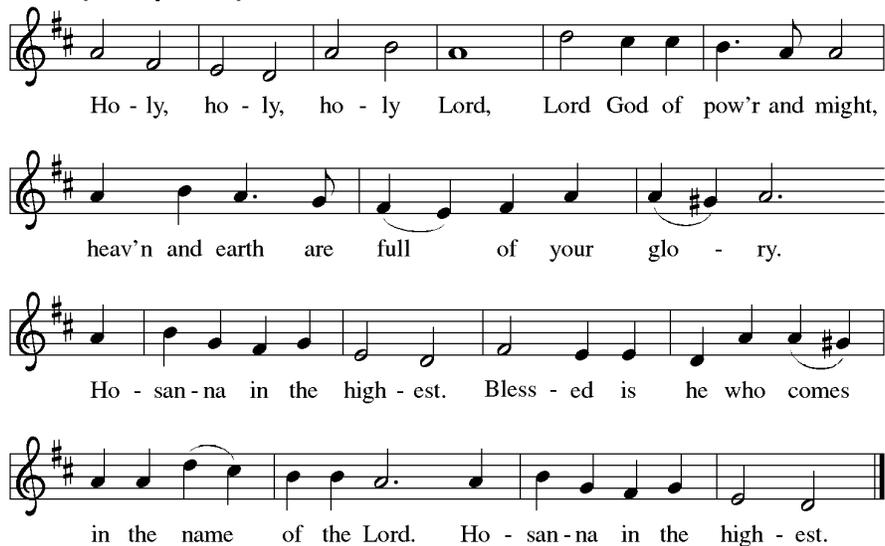
as you strengthen us to love and uphold one another.

And so, with the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn!

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 153)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

At this table make us your body.

Form us to be a people of justice and peace.

Fill us with gratitude and generosity
that we may bear the fruit of love in word
and deed.

Come, Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit.

Nourish our bodies so that we may be fed.

Teach us to see You, Christ, in those around
us. As we prepare this table for you, we
prepare our hearts for your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit. Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r,
and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to God's table.

There is a place for you and enough for all.

COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, gracious God,
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.
Send us to bring good news
and to proclaim your favor to all,
strengthened with the richness of your grace
in your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,
today and forever.

Amen.



SENDING SONG

Brightest and Best of the Stars (ELW 303)



1 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;
3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,
5 Bright-est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,



dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
Shall we bring in - cense and of - f'rings di - vine,
vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;
dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.



Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,
an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,
gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,
rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,
Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,



guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.
mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.
myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?
dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.
guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
Music: MORNING STAR, James P. Harding, 1850–1911, adapt.

DISMISSAL

Siblings in Christ, let us go out into the world in peace;
take up the pledge to be an advocate for our LGBTQIA+ siblings and all those in need
of inclusion and advocacy, and leave this space with a fervent passion for welcome.

Gathered into one by the Spirit, we go in peace to serve the Creator.
Seek God' s boundless diversity in all you see,
and know you are made in Gods image!

Thanks be to God.

SERVING TODAY: Presider/Preacher: Pastor Chad Huebner; Organist: George Weckman;
Assisting Minister: Michael Stephens