

# Christ Lutheran Church & The Bridge Campus Ministry

## July 3, 2022 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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### INTRODUCTION

God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

**WELCOME AND PRELUDE**     *(PLEASE POWER OFF OR AIRPLANE MODE YOUR DEVICES)*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

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

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves**

**and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

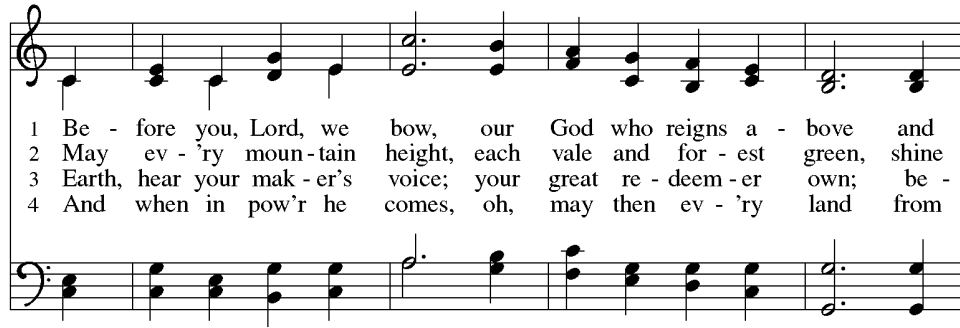
In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

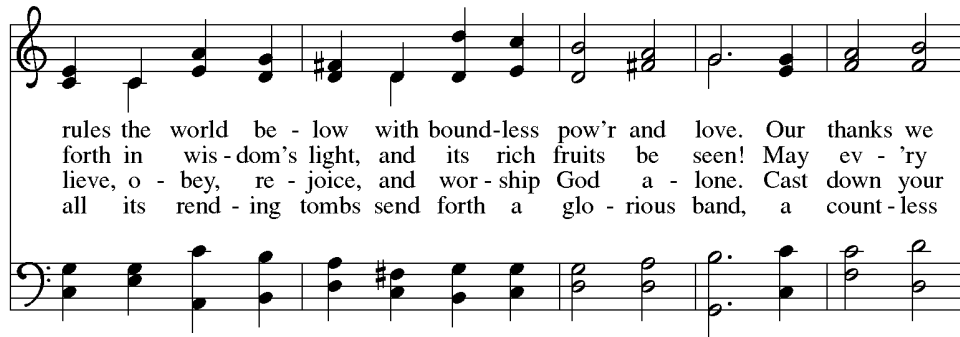
**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

### *Before You, Lord, We Bow (ELW 893)*



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and  
2 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine  
3 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice; your great re - deem - er own; be -  
4 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may then ev - 'ry land from



rules the world be - low with bound - less pow'r and love. Our thanks we  
forth in wis - dom's light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry  
lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship God a - lone. Cast down your  
all its rend - ing toms send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise, to you we sing!  
tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.  
pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.  
throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king sal - va - tion's song!

Text: Francis Scott Key, 1779–1843, alt.  
Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

## 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.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14**

A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>10</sup>Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,  
all you who love her;  
rejoice with her in joy,  
all you who mourn over her—  
<sup>11</sup>that you may nurse and be satisfied  
from her consoling breast;  
that you may drink deeply with delight  
from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup>For thus says the LORD:  
I will extend prosperity to her like a river,  
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;  
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,  
and dandled on her knees.  
<sup>13</sup>As a mother comforts her child,  
so I will comfort you;  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup>You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;  
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;  
and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants,  
and his indignation is against his enemies.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 66:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Be joyful in God, all you lands;  
be joyful, all the earth.  
<sup>2</sup>**Sing the glory of God's name;  
sing the glory of God's praise.**  
<sup>3</sup>Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!  
Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you."  
<sup>4</sup>**All the earth bows down before you,  
sings to you, sings out your name."**  
<sup>5</sup>Come now and see the works of God,  
how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.  
<sup>6</sup>**God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot,  
and there we rejoiced in God.**  
<sup>7</sup>Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;  
let no rebels exalt themselves.  
<sup>8</sup>**Bless our God, you peoples;**

**let the sound of praise be heard.**

<sup>9</sup>Our God has kept us among the living  
and has not allowed our feet to slip.

**SECOND READING: Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16**

A reading from Galatians.

[<sup>1</sup>My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted.

<sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup>All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup>For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>6</sup>Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup>See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup>It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup>Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup>May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

<sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.

<sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' <sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say,

<sup>11</sup>“Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.”

<sup>16</sup>“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!”

<sup>18</sup>He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

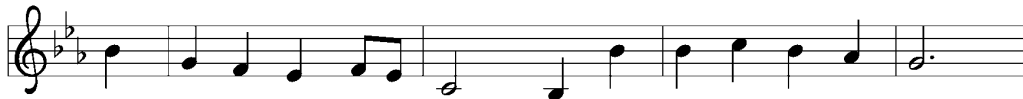
The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

### *We All Are One in Mission (ELW 576)*



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.  
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,  
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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## **CREED**

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all people according to their needs...

O Faithful God, as we celebrate Independence Day, we pray for our democracy that all citizens may truly take part. Grant wisdom and integrity to our president, vice-president, and all elected officials so they will make decisions to promote equity, justice, and peace. Help us be grateful for the freedoms we enjoy, especially the ability to worship without persecution. We pray for those who don't have basic freedoms. Keep them safe and help them gain the rights to speak and worship freely. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Savior Christ, you have set us free. Lead us to turn away from our selfishness and instead focus on serving our neighbors regardless of race, economic class, sexual orientation, age, or gender. Your Word reminds us that You made us all in Your image. Help us to love and respect all our brothers and sisters as we strive to reflect your grace. Bless all pastors, bishops, and lay church leaders. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Creator God, thank you for all the ways you bless us with bountiful gifts: safety, family, friends, work, food, and shelter. Show us to how to share our abundance with those in need. Inspire us to be careful stewards of your beautiful world. Teach us to care for everything in the Earth, and to use your resources wisely. Empower us to identify and use our talents to the fullest. We also rejoice with those who are celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, and other happy occasions. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Loving Father, we pray that your Spirit of Peace will spread throughout our broken world. Bring your blessed serenity to places where chaos and violence reign, so that your peace may prevail instead. Bestow the spirit of compromise and tolerance on all leaders, so they will end war, torture, and revenge. Protect and comfort all who serve in the military, veterans, and their families. We also pray for the millions of refugees who are desperate to find safety, shelter, food, and dignity. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Healer, pour soothing on all who are ill in mind, body, or spirit and restore them to wholeness. Support everyone dealing with long-term diagnoses, such as depression, addiction, and dementia. Bless all medical researchers with the wisdom to find cures. Grant patience and strength to all caregivers, so they may provide the best care and compassion. Bring joy and comfort to our elderly loved ones and shut-ins. Remind us that you know our suffering and are always with us. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God of compassion, listen now as we offer other prayers, either silently or aloud..... Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Comforter, we pray for those to whom death draws near and those who have died. Rest your peace, strength, and hope on their family and friends who mourn. Remind us all of the promise of eternal life with you. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

#### **PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE**

Please continue your prayers for Jacky Brown as she is once again going to receive chemotherapy for recurrent endometrial cancer, and for Nancy as they continue this journey together. Pray for strength, encouragement, and peace.

Mary Andrews called and asked us to please pray for 10 year old Cora Bartoc. She has a large tumor in the abdomen.

## PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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

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## OFFERTORY

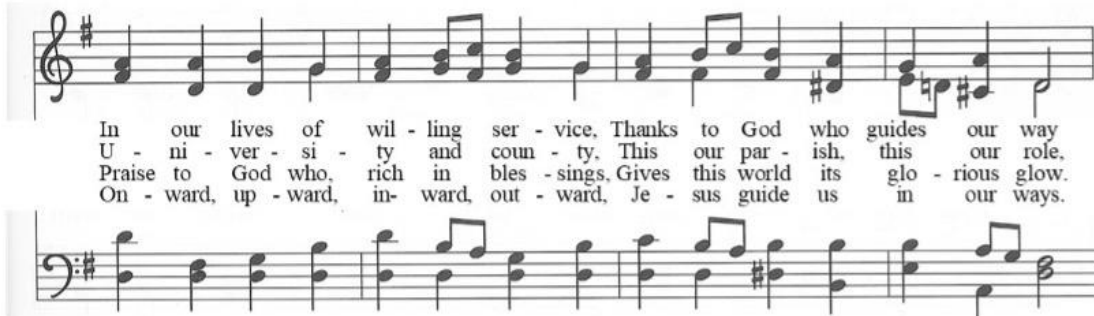
### *Rich in Blessings*



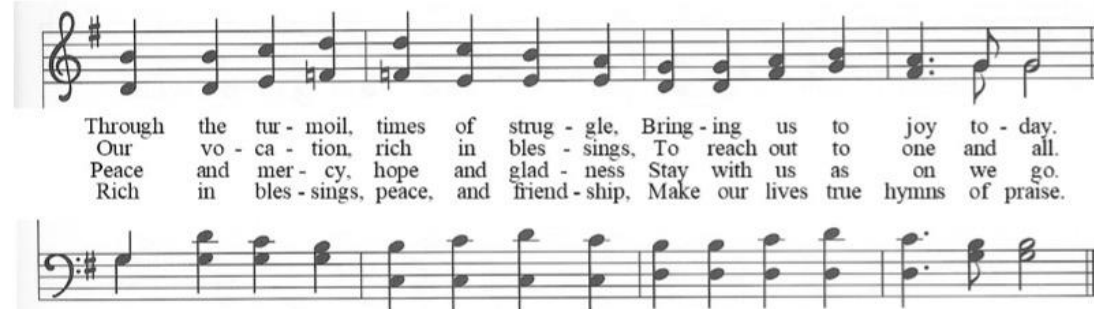
1. Man - y years of faith - ful wor - ship, Rich in bles - sings from a - bove,  
2. Here in A - thens our good ci - ty, Here we keep our wit - ness clear,  
3. Hear our pipes and hear our voic - es, As we con - tem - plate our place,  
4. True to Lu - ther and Mel - anch - thon, Set for what the fu - ture brings.



Man - y years of deep re - flec - tion On the Gos - pel's Word of love.  
Here in Ap - pal - a - chian foot - hills We preach Je - sus with - out fear.  
Lis - ten while we tune our hearts to hear God's words of love and grace,  
Hap - py in our past tra - di - tions, O - pen to our world's new things



In our lives of wil - ling ser - vice, Thanks to God who guides our way  
U - ni - ver - si - ty and coun - ty, This our par - ish, this our role,  
Praise to God who, rich in bles - sings, Gives this world its glo - rious glow.  
On - ward, up - ward, in - ward, out - ward, Je - sus guide us in our ways.



Through the tur - moil, times of strug - gle, Bring - ing us to joy to - day.  
Our vo - ca - tion, rich in bles - sings, To reach out to one and all.  
Peace and mer - cy, hope and glad - ness Stay with us as on we go.  
Rich in bles - sings, peace, and friend - ship, Make our lives true hymns of praise.

Text: George Weckman, 2019  
Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.

HYMN TO JOY  
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### OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance:  
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.  
As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,  
in the name of Jesus.

**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, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,  
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,  
in the harmonious world of your creation,  
the plants and animals,  
the seas and stars  
were whole and well in your praise.  
When sin had scarred the world,  
you sent your Son to heal our ills  
and to form us again into one.  
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.  
Remembering, therefore,  
his acts of healing,  
his body given up,  
and his victory over death,  
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth  
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.  
Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:  
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,  
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,  
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever. **Amen**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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**

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.  
Come to the banquet.

#### **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Life-giving God,  
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds  
and fed us with your mercy.  
Now send us forth to live for others,  
both friend and stranger,  
that all may come to know your love.  
This we pray in the name of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BLESSING**

The God of peace,  
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.  
**Amen.**

SENDING SONG

*God Bless Our Native Land (ELW 891)*

1 God bless our na - tive land; firm may it ev - er stand  
2 So shall our prayers a - rise to God a - bove the skies,

through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of  
on whom we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, guard - ing with

wind and wave, do thou our coun - try save by thy great might.  
watch - ful eye, to thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

Text: Charles T. Brooks, 1812–1883; John S. Dwight, 1813–1893  
Music: NATIONAL ANTHEM, *Thesaurus Musicus*, London, 1744

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERVING TODAY:** *Presider/Preacher: Chad Huebner; Organist: George Weckman; Asst/Lector: Jane Unger; Livestream: Doug Debrick; Greeter: Tammy Thompson; Time with Children: Katie Beth Miksa; Acolyte: Dessa Thompson-Kelleher; Ushers: Rod Sauer, John Deno*