

Living Christ Lutheran Church (L.C.M.S.)

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The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - July 9, 2023



As We Gather

“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.” When we hear these words of the prophet Zechariah in the season of Advent, we are evermore ready to rejoice, especially as Christmas approaches. But to hear these words now in the middle of summer may strike us as a little more challenging. The pressures and doldrums of daily life can wear away momentary joys. In fact, the call to rejoice can seem pointless echoing against the hard walls of a prison of our own making. No matter how many Christmases we have celebrated, like the apostle Paul, we may continue to feel trapped by our unrelenting sinfulness. True joy comes only as we receive the comforting words of our Lord, “Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). Herein is the goal of Christmas. Here today by means of the Word of God and the receiving of His body and blood, God gives you faith to believe and to receive eternal salvation. By God’s Word, even today “it’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas.” For here is where true joy is found.

Living Christ for Kids

Christian educational childcare for infants thru 11 years - Mrs. Kim Maxwell, Director
317-837-9998

Visitors, we welcome you and thank you for being with us today. May we be a blessing to you and you to us. We pray you will be moved to come again soon to receive with us God's gifts of forgiveness, peace and life in the name of Jesus Christ.

Quietly prepare your hearts and minds to worship and approach the throne of our holy and almighty God.

The worship service is recorded and available by text and/or email. Please let us know if you (or someone you know) would also like to receive the service.

Worship each week 10:30 AM (Communion: 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays)

Growing in our Faith Walk -New series of Discussion Videos "Trite, not true"

This series looks at some cultural beliefs and trite statements inside Christianity that sound good, wise and helpful, but in the end might not be true biblically, could discourage people, could disrupt their faith and lead them further away from a true relationship with God.

"When God Closes a Door, He Opens a Window" – starts July 9th at 9:00 am

"You're Never More Safe than When You're in the Will of God"

"Let Go and Let God"

"Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin"

"I Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strengthens Me"

"Everything Happens for a Reason"

Door Offering Today for Military Bible Sticks

\$85 received last week.

If you are in need of pastoral services, please contact Pastor Latzke at (574) 261-4427 or Emmett Fuehrer (317-260-0821) or Evelyn Benning (317-292-3195).

Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 29 Brunch with Kathie – 10:00 am

Anyone wanting to help plan the Brunch will mee

t Saturday, July 16 – 9:30 am

Saturday, August 12 Indiana District LWML Treatshop – 9:30 – 3:30

Come along. Info on the table in the lobby and in the newsletter.

Opening Hymn *(Please rise for the last stanza.)*

349 Hark the Glad Sound



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

Text: Philip Doddridge, 1702-51

Tune: Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

Text and tune: Public domain

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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P With the apostle Paul today we admit, "I do not understand my own actions.

C **For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate."**

P At the invitation of God our Savior, let us bring our weariness and burdens to Him, that His forgiveness may rescue us and restore to us the joy of His salvation.

C **For if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and cannot free ourselves. Even though we rejoice at the joy of Christmas, daily our sins of thought, word, and deed cause us grief. We have forgotten You even when we needed You the most. Our love for our neighbors has faded. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, we come at His invitation seeking the true rest of the forgiveness of our sins. Amen.**
- P “Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 91:2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 1

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

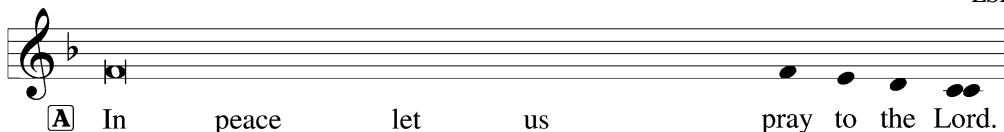
I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust.”

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—
the Most High, who is my refuge—
 no evil shall be allowed to befall you,
no plague come near your tent.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

Kyrie

LSB 204



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Refrain **☐** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

A For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

A For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

A For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

A For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

A For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.
Refrain

A For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

A For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord. **Refrain**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Refrain**

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

^t Old Testament Reading

(The coming of Zion's King)

Zechariah 9:9–12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 7:14–25a

(The Lord is near to all who call on Him.)

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual and Verse

P Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

C **How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!**

P For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.

C **To Him be glory forever. Amen.**

P Alleluia. Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

C **and I will give you rest. Alleluia.**

Alleluia

LSB 190



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

C **Glorify to You, O Lord.**

(The Father revealed in the Son)

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy Christian Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life T everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary



1 "Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."
 2 "Come un - to Me, ye wan - d'ers, And I will give you light."
 3 "Come un - to Me, ye faint - ing, And I will give you life."
 4 "And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op-pressed!
 O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!
 O cheer - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to aid our strife!
 O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,



It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par-don, grace, and peace,
 Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;
 The foe is stern and ea - ger, The fight is fierce and long;
 Which, though we be un - wor - thy Of love so great and free,



Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.
 But Thou hast brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.
 But Thou hast made us might - y And strong - er than the strong.
 In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

Sermon**WILL YOU HEAR?****Votum**

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

*Stand***Offering**

(Please place your offering in the offering plate in the back.)

Offertory Hymn (Presentation of Offerings)**LSB 481 We Give Thee** *ts. 1–2, 6*

1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive
 6 And we be - lieve Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
 And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!
 What - e'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it un - to Thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–97

Tune: William H. Monk, 1823–89

Text and tune: Public domain

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Following each petition: **P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer!**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer*LSB 162*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
C **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

966 Before You, Lord, We Bow



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove
 2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,
 3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,
 4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;
 5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



And rules the world be - low, Bound - less in pow'r and love. Our thanks
 From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this
 Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -
 Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor - ship Him a - lone. Cast down
 From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo - rious band, A count -

