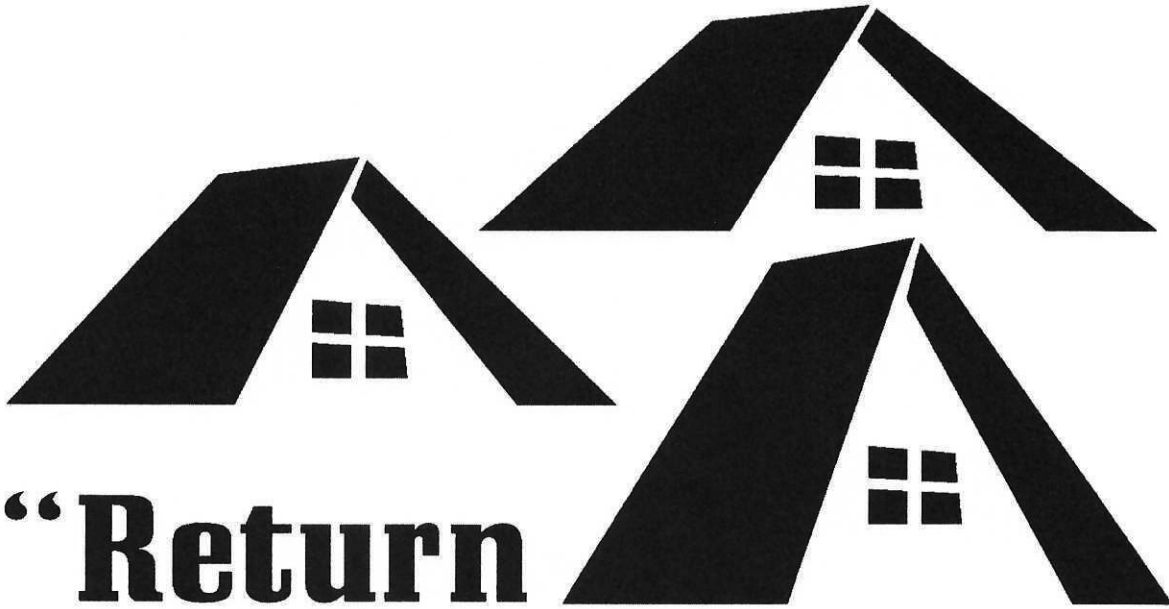


# Christ Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod  
Hillsboro, Texas



**“Return**  
to your **home,**  
and **declare** how  
much **God** has  
done **for you.”**

Luke 8:39

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

CHILDREN OF GOD

June 22, 2025



## TODAY'S MESSAGE: CHILDREN OF GOD

Through His prophet Isaiah, God's Word reveals the sins of His people and the punishment they deserve. His Word also reveals how He would call together a new people through them (through the promised "Messiah") and gather all of His chosen people, from all nations, to be a part of His family. Paul writes in Galatians: "You are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ... If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise." And in today's Gospel Reading, we are reminded that we have been rescued from the power of Satan (also, sin and death). By grace through faith in Christ, we are children of God!



In the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives us His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. The Lord's Supper is also a very sacred and intimate proclamation of fellowship among those who confess the same faith (doctrine, teachings) concerning God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ. Therefore, we practice close communion and ask that those who are not confirmed members of an LC-MS congregation receive instruction prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

*Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.*

1 Corinthians 11:27-29

Before receiving the Lord's Supper, we need to examine ourselves in the following way:

(1) Am I truly repentant (sorry) for all of my sins and do I truthfully desire to change my sinful life? (2) Do I believe that Jesus is my Lord and Savior and that in the Lord's Supper I receive His body and His blood for the forgiveness of all my sins? And (3) Have I been instructed in the Scriptures and have I publicly confessed my belief that the teachings of this church and the LC-MS are faithful to God's Word and the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ?

If you have questions about what God's Word says concerning the Lord's Supper, please speak with the pastor and/or pick up our brochure titled "Fellowship in the Lord's Supper".

Those not confirmed are welcome to come to the altar, keep your hands down and folded and receive a blessing. For those who will be communing: **Non-alcoholic** wine is located in the center of each tray for those who have concerns with alcohol. We offer the **chalice** as well as individual cups. If you desire the chalice, do not take an individual cup from the tray and the pastor will serve you from the chalice. Christ is present in both to grant you forgiveness.



## **✚ ORDER OF SERVICE WITH COMMUNION ✚**

[“Divine Service: Setting Three” from LSB p.184]

*Please silence – or turn off – all phones and electronic devices before and during the service.*

Welcome

Opening Hymn

“Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

LSB 915

**Today Your mercy calls us, to wash away our sin.  
However great our trespass, whatever we have been.  
However long from mercy, our hearts have turned away,  
Your precious blood can wash us, and make us clean today.**

**Today Your gate is open, and all who enter in  
Shall find a Father’s welcome, and pardon for their sin.  
The past shall be forgotten, a present joy be giv’n.  
A future grace be promised, a glorious crown in heav’n.**

**Today our Father calls us. His Holy Spirit waits.  
His blessed angels gather, around the heav’nly gates.  
No question will be asked us, how often we have come.  
Although we oft have wandered, it is our Father’s home.**

**O all embracing Mercy. O ever-open Door.  
What should we do without You, when heart and eye run o’er?  
When all things seem against us, to drive us to despair,  
We know one gate is open, one ear will hear our prayer.**

Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b*

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(sung)* **A - - - men**

Confession of Sins

*Hebrews 10:22; 1 John 1:8-9*

P: Beloved in the Lord. Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, imploring him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

*Psalms 124:8*

C: *(sung)* **Who made heaven and earth.**



P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.  
C: *(sung)* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

*Psalm 32:5*

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by thought, word, and deed; therefore we flee for refuge to your boundless mercy, seeking and imploring your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**ALL: O most merciful God, since you have given your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy on us and for his sake grant us forgiveness of all our sins; and by your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of you and of your will and true obedience to your Word, to the end that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on his name, he has called them the children of God and has promised them his Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

*John 1:12; Mark 16:16*

**ALL: Grant this, Lord, to us all.**

**ALL: *(sung)* A - - - men.**

Entrance Psalm [ESV]

*Psalm 103:8-13*

P: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**C: He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

P: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

**C: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

“Brothers and Sisters in Christ”

[AGPS 78]

**Sing Alleluia! Amen! Let your prayers and your praises ascend.  
Lift up your voices and sing, to our Lord God, our Savior and King!  
Here brought together by grace, we are gathered as friends in this place.**



**REFRAIN**      **And assembled as one, in the name of the Son,  
Lifting hearts, lifting hands, celebrating as friends.  
And proclaiming the Lord, all our praises afford.  
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.**

**Man walked alone and in need, without faith, hope or promise or creed.  
Wandering aimlessly lost, unaware of the staggering cost.  
That God in His mercy would save, all His people from death and the grave.**

**REFRAIN**

**Lord, teach us how to proclaim, all your goodness, your love and your name!  
Lord, teach us how to forgive, and in love, teach us Lord, how to live.  
Raising our voices in song, help us tell all the world we belong.**

**REFRAIN**

**Salutation**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P:**      The Lord be with you.

**C:**      *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

**Opening Prayer**

**P:**      Let us pray.

**ALL:** **Lord Jesus Christ, healer of division and foundation of the Christian family.  
Give us grace by your Holy Spirit to see all people through your eyes, that we  
may forgive them, love them and gladly accept them as people whom you desire  
to receive as brothers and sisters in your eternal family; for you live and reign  
with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading [ESV]**

*Isaiah 65:1-9*

I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that was not called by my name. I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; 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 the day.



Behold, it is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their lap both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their lap payment for their former deeds."

Thus says the LORD: "As the new 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. I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Epistle Reading [ESV]

Galatians 3:23 – 4:7

Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading [ESV]

Luke 8:26-39

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: *(sung)* **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**



[Jesus and his disciples] sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time 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 desert.)

Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned.

When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and 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. And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.

The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

"Our Father, by Whose Name"

LSB 863

**Our Father, by whose name, all fatherhood is known,  
Who dost in love proclaim, each family Thine own.  
Bless Thou all parents, guarding well, with constant love as sentinel,  
The homes in which Thy people dwell.**



**O Christ, Thyself a child, within an earthly home,  
With heart still undefiled, Thou didst to manhood come.  
Our children bless in ev'ry place, that they may all behold thy face,  
And knowing Thee may grow in grace.**

**O Spirit, who dost bind, our hearts in unity,  
Who teachest us to find, the love from self set free,  
In all our hearts such love increase, that ev'ry home by this release,  
May be the dwelling place of peace.**

Sermon

CHILDREN OF GOD

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

**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 everlasting.**

**Amen.**

Offertory (*sung*)

*Psalm 51:10-12*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Offering (*Greet those seated near you. You may say, "The peace of the Lord be with you."*)

Offering Prayer

[LSB 781 (v.1-2)]

**P: We give Thee but Thine own, whatever the gift may be. All that we have is Thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**C: May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive. And gladly, as Thou blessest us, to Thee our first-fruits give! Amen.**



Prayers

**✚ THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION ✚**

*VISITORS and MEMBERS*

*Please read the message inside the first page of this bulletin re: participation in the Lord's Supper.*

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

C: *(sung)* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. *Psalm 136*

C: *(sung)* **It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus *(sung)* *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He. Blessed is He. Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord's Prayer

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**ALL: 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.**



## Words of Our Lord

*Mt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my  $\text{\textcircled{A}}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is my  $\text{\textcircled{A}}$  blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*John 20:19*

**C:** *(sung)* A - - - - - men.

## Agnus Dei *(sung)*

*John 1:29*

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.... A - - - - - men.**

## Distribution Hymns "The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace"

LSB 580

**The Gospel shows the Father's grace, who sent His Son to save our race.  
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died, that we might thus be justified.**

**It sets the Lamb before our eyes, who made the atoning sacrifice,  
And calls the souls with guilt oppressed, to come and find eternal rest.**

**It brings the Savior's righteousness, to robe our souls in royal dress.  
From all our guilt it brings release, and gives the troubled conscience peace.**

**It is the pow'r of God to save, from sin and Satan and the grave.  
It works the faith which firmly clings, to all the treasures which it brings.**

**It bears to all the tidings glad, and bids their hearts no more be sad.  
The weary, burdened souls it cheers, and banishes their guilty fears.**

**May we in faith its message learn, nor thanklessly its blessings spurn.  
May we in faith its truth confess, and praise the Lord, our righteousness.**



**Children of the heav’nly Father, safely in His bosom gather.  
Nestling bird nor star in heaven, such a refuge e’er was given.**

**God His own doth tend and nourish. In His holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things He spares them. In His mighty arms He bears them.**

**Neither life nor death shall ever, from the Lord His children sever.  
Unto them His grace He showeth, and their sorrows all He knoweth.**

**Though He giveth or He taketh, God His children ne’er forsaketh.  
His the loving purpose solely, to preserve them pure and holy.**

**Our Father, who from heav’n above, bids all of us to live in love,  
As members of one family, and pray to You in unity.  
Teach us no thoughtless words to say, but from our inmost hearts to pray.**

**Your name be hallowed. Help us, Lord, in purity to keep Your Word,  
That to the glory of Your name, we walk before You free from blame.  
Let no false teaching us pervert. All poor deluded souls convert.**

**Your kingdom come. Guard Your domain, and Your eternal righteous reign.  
The Holy Ghost enrich our day, with gifts attendant on our way.  
Break Satan’s pow’r, defeat his rage. Preserve Your Church from age to age.**

**Your gracious will on earth be done, as it is done before Your throne,  
That patiently we may obey, throughout our lives all that You say.  
Curb flesh and blood and ev’ry ill, that sets itself against Your will.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, and let us all be clothed and fed.  
Save us from hardship, war and strife. In plague and famine, spare our life.  
That we in honest peace may live, to care and greed no entrance give.**

**Forgive our sins, Lord, we implore, that they may trouble us no more.  
We, too, will gladly those forgive, who hurt us by the way they live.  
Help us in our community, to serve each other willingly.**



**Lead not into temptation, Lord, where our grim foe and all his horde,  
Would vex our souls on ev'ry hand. Help us resist. Help us to stand.  
Firm in the faith, a mighty host, through comfort of the Holy Ghost.**

**From evil, Lord, deliver us. The times and days are perilous.  
Redeem us from eternal death, and when we yield our dying breath,  
Console us, grant us calm release, and take our souls to You in peace.**

**Amen, that is, so shall it be. Make strong our faith in You, that we,  
May doubt not but with trust believe, that what we ask we shall receive.  
Thus in Your name and at Your Word, we say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"**

**Song of Thanksgiving    "Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy"**

**LSB 774**

**Feed Thy children, God most holy. Comfort sinners poor and lowly.  
O Thou Bread of Life from heaven, bless the food Thou here hast given!  
As these gifts the body nourish, may our souls in graces flourish.  
Till with saints in heav'nly splendor, at Thy feast due thanks we render.**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P:**     Let us pray.

**ALL:** **God our Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness  
sent your Son into the flesh, we thank you that for his sake you have given us  
pardon and peace in this sacrament and we ask you not to forsake your children  
but always to rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we be enabled  
to serve you constantly; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**P:**     The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C:**     *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.**

**P:**     Bless we the Lord.

*Psalms 103:1*

**C:**     *(sung)* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Benediction**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

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

**C:**     *(sung)* **A - men, A - men, A - - men.**



**Go, My children, with My blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you. You are My own.  
In My love's baptismal river, I have made you Mine forever.  
Go, My children, with My blessing. You are My Own.**

**Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard My dear Son's story. Here you touched Him, saw His glory.  
Go, My children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

**Go, My children, fed and nourished, closer to Me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here My Spirit's power filled you. Here His tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, My children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

**I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.  
I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.  
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother.  
Go, My children, I will keep you, and give you peace.**

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