

Christ Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
Hillsboro, Texas



**Mary ... sat at the Lord's feet and
listened to what he was saying.**

Luke 10:39

6th Sunday after Pentecost

THE WORD IS HERE!

July 17, 2022

TODAY'S MESSAGE: THE WORD IS HERE!

Today the Lord speaks to us once again through His Word. We are easily distracted by all of the things that we want to do and all of the things that we think we need to do. But today, the Lord reminds us that there is nothing more important (nothing that we need more) than to sit at His feet and listen to His Word. Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we listen to His Word, we know that He is here with us. Through His Word, Jesus gives us what we need to be renewed and strengthened for life in this world and He gives us everything that we need to be prepared for eternal life in the world to come. "Speak, O Lord, your servant listens."



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 who are not confirmed are welcome to come to the altar, cross your arms 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 also 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 One” from LSB p.151]

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

Welcome

Announcements

Presentation by The Gideons

Opening Hymn

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

LSB 904

**Blessed Jesus, at Your Word, we are gathered all to hear You.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred, now to seek and love and fear You,
By Your teachings, sweet and holy, drawn from earth to love You solely.**

**All our knowledge, sense, and sight, lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
Till Your Spirit breaks our night, with the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us. You must work all good within us.**

**Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light of Light, from God proceeding.
Open now our heart and mind. Help us by Your Spirit’s pleading.
Hear the cry Your Church now raises. Hear and bless our prayers and praises.**

**Father, Son and Spirit, Lord, praise to You and adoration!
Grant that we may trust Your Word, confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander, till we sing Your praises yonder.**

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

1 John 1:8-9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But 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.

ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

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

Entrance Psalm [ESV]

Psalm 119:105-112

P: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

C: **I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to keep your righteous rules.**

P: I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word!

C: **Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your rules.**

P: I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

C: **The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.**

P: Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart.

C: **I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.**

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

“Thy Word is a Lamp”

[AGPS 247]

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2X)

**When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way, still you’re there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.**

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2X)

**I will not forget your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end.**

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2X)

Opening Prayer

P: Let us pray.

ALL: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading [ESV]

Genesis 18:1-14

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as Abraham sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on – since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said."

And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son."

And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Your Word (O Lord) is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Psalm 119:105

You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Your Word (O Lord) is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.** Psalm 119:105

Gospel Reading [ESV]

Luke 10:38-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.

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

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's Message

**Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens, let Your Word to me come near.
Newborn life and spirit give me, let each promise still my fear.
Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife, wars against Your Word of life.
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor, that I cling to You forever!**

**Oh, what blessing to be near You, and to listen to Your voice.
Let me ever love and hear You, let Your Word be now my choice!
Many hardened sinners, Lord, flee in terror at Your Word.
But to all who feel sin's burden, You give words of peace and pardon.**

**Lord, Your words are waters living, when my thirsting spirit pleads.
Lord, Your words are bread life-giving, on Your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, Your words will be my light, through death's cold and dreary night.
Yes, they are my sword prevailing, and my cup of joy unfailing!**

**As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me, let Your words in me take root.
May Your Spirit e'er be near me, that I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing Your praise, from my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given, in the endless joy of heaven.**

Sermon

THE WORD IS HERE!

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Offertory (*sung*)

Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,

In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

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

[If you are a guest, please feel under no obligation to give anything, but receive this worship service as our gift to you. For the members and friends of this congregation, our mission and ministry is dependent upon your generous giving, a significant act of our worship.]

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 also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

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

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

Psalm 136

C: *(sung)* **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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 pow'r and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. 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 . . .

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

John 20:19

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

Agnus Dei *(sung)*

John 1:29

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace.**

Distribution Hymns **"Word of God, Come Down on Earth"**

LSB 545

**Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heav'n descending.
Touch our hearts and bring to birth, faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere You. Word made flesh, we long to hear You.**

**Word eternal, throned on high. Word that brought to life creation.
Word that came from heav'n to die, crucified for our salvation.
Saving Word, the world restoring, speak to us, Your love outpouring.**

**Word that caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our mortal blindness.
Deaf we are – our healer be. Loose our tongues to tell Your kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken. Heal the world, by sin now broken.**

**Word that speaks God's tender love, one with God beyond all telling.
Word that sends us from above, God the Spirit, with us dwelling.
Word of truth, to all truth lead us. Word of life, with one bread feed us.**

"O Word of God Incarnate"

LSB 523

**O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky:
We praise You for the radiance, that from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, shines on from age to age.**

**The Church from You, dear Master, received the gift divine.
And still that light is lifted, o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass, that all life's voyage through,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands, still guides, O Christ, to You.**

**O make Your Church, dear Savior, a lamp of burnished gold,
To bear before the nations, Your true light as of old!
O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims, by this their path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended, they see You face to face!**

"Christ, the Word of God Incarnate"

LSB 540

**Christ, the Word of God incarnate, Lord and Son of Abraham.
Christ, the radiance of the Father, perfect God, the great I AM.
Christ, the light, You shine unvanquished, Light of life You bring to all.
Light our path with Your own presence, grant us grace to heed Your call.**

**Christ, the living bread from heaven, food for body, food for soul.
Christ, the manna daily given, nourish, strengthen, make us whole.
Feed us with the food of heaven, foretaste of the feast to be.
Quench our thirst with living water, springing up eternally.**

**Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant, from the stump of Jesse's tree.
Christ, true vine, You nurture branches, to bear fruit abundantly.
Graft us into You, O Savior. Prune our hearts so we remain
Fruitful branches in Your vineyard, till eternal life we gain.**

**Christ, our good and faithful shepherd, watching all Your lambs and sheep.
Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold, never failing vigil keep.
When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us, find us, lift us, bear us home.
Lamb of God, our shepherd, keep us. Let us hear Your voice alone.**

**Christ, the way that leads unfailing, to the Father's home on high.
Christ the truth that frees the captive. Christ, the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father, Sacrifice and great High Priest:
Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions, there to share Your wedding feast.**

**Christ, the Alpha and Omega. Christ, the firstborn from the dead.
Christ, the life and resurrection. Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration, and unending worship be,
To the Father and the Spirit, and to You eternally.**

Song of Thanksgiving

"Thank the Lord"

Psalm 100

**Thank the Lord and sing His praise. Tell everyone what He has done. Let all
who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises
and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

**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.**

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.

Closing Hymn

“Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

LSB 919

**Abide, O dearest Jesus, among us with Your grace,
That Satan may not harm us, nor we to sin give place.**

**Abide, O dear Redeemer, among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter, true peace and joy afford.**

**Abide with heav’nly brightness, among us, precious Light.
Your truth direct and keep us, from error’s gloomy night.**

**Abide with richest blessings, among us, bounteous Lord.
Let us in grace and wisdom, grow daily through Your Word.**

**Abide with Your protection, among us, Lord, our strength,
Lest world and Satan fell us, and overcome at length.**

**Abide, O faithful Savior, among us with Your love.
Grant steadfastness and help us, to reach our home above.**

TO OUR VISITORS

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We hope and pray that you have been comforted and strengthened in your faith by the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please fill out a *Welcome to Worship* card (w/ address) and place it in the offering or give it to an usher. The peace of Jesus be with you always and come again!

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