

Christ Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod
Hillsboro, Texas



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CROSS
and follow me ...

Luke 14:27, NRSV

13th Sunday after Pentecost

EVERYTHING FOR JESUS

September 4, 2022

TODAY'S MESSAGE: EVERYTHING FOR JESUS

By growing in the instruction of God's Word, we are formed and strengthened to live as faithful disciples of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Being a disciple of Jesus (a Christian) is about knowing the cost – the cost of our salvation, namely the cross of Jesus, and the cost of putting everything in our life second to, and giving up everything that would lead us away from, following Jesus by listening to, learning from and living according to His Word. As Paul writes in his letter to the Philippians: "Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things."



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

Opening Hymn

“Drawn to the Cross”

LSB 560

**Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed, with healing gifts for souls distressed
To find in Thee my life, my rest, Christ crucified, I come.**

**Thou knowest all my griefs and fears, Thy grace abused, my misspent years.
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears, Christ crucified, I come.**

**Wash me and take away each stain. Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing, though it be through pain, Christ crucified, I come.**

**And then for work to do for Thee, which shall so sweet a service be,
That angels well might envy me, Christ crucified, I come.**

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 1

- P: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers.
- C: **But his delight is in the law of the LORD and on his law he meditates day and night.**
- P: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.
- C: **The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**
- P: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- C: **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**
- P: Blessed are they who delight in the law of the Lord.
- C: **They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in season.**
- 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)

Salutation

2 Timothy 4:22

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(sung)* And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Opening Prayer

ALL: Merciful Lord, by the power of your Spirit working through your holy Word, grant to us encouragement, wisdom and an ever-growing faith so that as both teachers and learners, we bear your cross and follow you as your disciples; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading [ESV]

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.** John 6:68

Epistle Reading [ESV]

Philippians 3:4-11

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith – that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

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Gospel Reading [ESV]

Luke 14:25-33

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter.

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

Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn

“‘Come, Follow Me,’ the Savior Spake”

LSB 688 (v.1-2, 4-5)

**“Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake, “all in My way abiding.
Deny yourselves, the world forsake. Obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate’er betide. Take My example for your guide.”**

**"I am the light, I light the way, a godly life displaying.
I bid you walk as in the day. I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show, how you must sojourn here below."**

**"I teach you how to shun and flee, what harms your soul's salvation.
Your heart from ev'ry guile to free, from sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul, and lead you to your heav'nly goal."**

**Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, and take the cross appointed.
And, firmly clinging to His Word, in suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain, the crown of heav'nly life obtain.**

Sermon

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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."*)

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 blestest us, to Thee our first-fruits give! Amen.**

Receiving of New Members

Dan and Pam Parker

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 . . .

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

"Jesus, I My Cross have Taken"

TLH 423

**Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my all shalt be.
Perish ev 'ry fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heav'n are still mine own.**

**Let the world despise and leave me. They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me. Thou art not, like them, untrue.
And while Thou shalt smile upon me, God of wisdom, love and might,
Foes may hate and friends my shun me. Show Thy face and all is bright.**

**Go, then, earthly fame and treasure! Come, disaster, scorn and pain!
In Thy service, pain is pleasure. With Thy favor, loss is gain.
I have called Thee Abba, Father! I have stayed my heart on Thee.
Storms may howl and clouds may gather. All must work for good to me.**

Man may trouble and distress me. 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me. Heav'n will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me, while Thy love is left to me.
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Take, my soul, thy full salvation. Rise o'er sin and fear and care.
Joy to find in every station. Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee. What a Father's smile is thine.
What a Savior died to win thee. Child of heaven, shouldst thou repine?

Haste, then, on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close the earthly mission. Swift shall pass thy pilgrim days.
Hope soon change to glad fruition. Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

LSB 425

When I survey the wondrous cross, on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a tribute far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

LSB 685

Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us, and to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading, pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, let us do the Father's bidding,
Faithful Lord, with me abide. I shall follow where You guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus, and with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness. Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, we shall reap celestial joy,
All discomforts that annoy, shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe. Help me there Your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus, since by death He conquered death.
He will free us from destruction, give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion, that would lead us into sin.
And the grave that shuts us in, shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here with You I die, there to live with You on high.

Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead,
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members. Where You live, there we shall be.
In Your presence constantly, living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be. Life eternal grant to me.

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

P: Let us pray.

ALL: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; 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.

**Take my life and let it be, consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move, at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be, swift and beautiful for Thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be, filled with messages from Thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use, ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will and make it Thine, it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own, it shall be Thy royal throne.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour, at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be, ever, only, all for Thee.**