

A black and white photograph of a path of stepping stones across a body of water. The stones are rectangular and arranged in a line that recedes into the distance. The water is calm, and the sky is overcast.

I AM

*the way,
the truth,
and
the life*

TODAY'S MESSAGE: WITH GOD . . .

During today's service, one of our youth will be confirmed in his Christian faith. He has finished two years of instruction in the history of God's plan of salvation as revealed in the Bible and in the fundamental teachings of the Christian faith (as revealed in God's Word and taught/explained in Luther's Small Catechism). He has grown in his understanding of God's Word and in his relationship with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Our greatest desire and prayer for him is that he would continue to grow in his faith as he continues to follow Jesus, ever listening to His Word, receiving His body and His blood in holy communion, and living in His love, in His forgiveness, in His peace, in His joy and in His promise of eternal life.



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.

✚ CONFIRMATION SERVICE WITH COMMUNION ✚

Christ Lutheran Church, Hillsboro, Texas

June 1, 2025

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

Welcome

Opening Hymn

“Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear”

LSB 908

**Lord, open now my heart to hear, and through Your Word to me draw near.
Let me Your Word e'er pure retain. Let me Your child and heir remain.**

**Your Word inspires my heart within. Your Word grants healing from my sin.
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless. Your Word brings peace and happiness.**

**To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Shall glory, praise and honor be, now and throughout eternity.**

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 of 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 119:9-16

P: How can a young man keep his way pure?

C: **By guarding it according to your word.**

ALL: With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you. Blessed are you, O Lord; teach me your statutes! With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth. In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word.

Hymn of Praise

“Thy Word is a Lamp”

[LSB 973]

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

ALL: Heavenly Father, in baptism and through your Word you have given us forgiveness for our sins and a new life in your Son Jesus Christ. Continue to teach us with your Word and strengthen us by your Spirit, so that we continue to follow Jesus and grow in our faith; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

To whom will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

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

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died – more than that, who was raised – who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 19th chapter.

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

A man came up to Jesus, saying, "Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?" And he said to him, "Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments." He said to him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself." The young man said to him, "All these I have kept. What do I still lack?" Jesus said to him, "If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

And Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly, I say to you, only with difficulty will a rich person enter the kingdom of heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?" But Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn

"Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"

LSB 589

**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

WITH GOD . . .

Confirmation 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.**

Rite of Confirmation

LSB 272

(The Apostles’ Creed will be spoken by all during the Rite of Confirmation.)

Hagen Pederson

Jesus looked at them and said,

“With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Matthew 19:26

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!**

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.

Psalms 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

"I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus"

LSB 729

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, trusting only Thee.
Trusting Thee for full salvation, great and free.

I am trusting Thee for pardon, at Thy feet I bow.
For Thy grace and tender mercy, trusting now.

I am trusting Thee for cleansing, in the crimson flood.
Trusting Thee to make me holy, by Thy blood.

I am trusting Thee to guide me. Thou alone shalt lead.
Ev'ry day and hour supplying, all my need.

I am trusting Thee for power. Thine can never fail.
Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me, must prevail.

I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus. Never let me fall.
I am trusting Thee forever, and for all.

**Lord, take my hand and lead me, upon life's way.
Direct, protect and feed me, from day to day.
Without Your grace and favor, I go astray.
So take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.**

**Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages, are always near.
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding, in peace I go.**

**Lord, when the shadows lengthen, and night has come,
I know that You will strengthen, my steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend.
So take my hand and lead me, unto the end.**

**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.**

“How Firm a Foundation”

LSB 728

**How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

**“Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid.
I’ll strengthen you, help you and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”**

**“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes.
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake!”**

**“When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you, I only design,
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”**

**“Throughout all their lifetime, My people will prove,
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love.
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”**

Song of Thanksgiving “O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”

LSB 632

**O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee, my heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed, on me Thy body and Thy blood.**

**Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart: How blest am I! How good Thou art!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

Closing Hymn

“Christ be My Leader”

LSB 861

**Christ be my Leader by night as by day,
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future His care.
Darkness is daylight, when Jesus is there.**

**Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.
Grant me to trust Him, though shifting as sand,
Doubt cannot daunt me, in Jesus I stand.**

**Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife.
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain,
Can touch my salvation, with Jesus I reign.**

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