

# Christ Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod  
Hillsboro, Texas

*Those who find their life will  
lose it, and those who lose their  
life for my sake will find it.*



*Matthew 10:39*

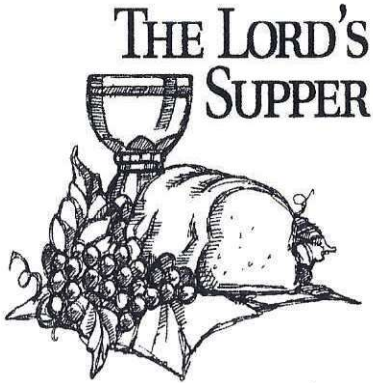
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

READY TO FOLLOW

June 28, 2026

## TODAY'S MESSAGE: READY TO FOLLOW

Today's message is about discipleship; about taking up our cross and following Jesus. Many false prophets and preachers proclaim peace, but Jesus tells His disciples that following Him and proclaiming and living according to His Word in this sinful and unbelieving world will often cause a response that is anything but peaceful. Having received true peace through the cross and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we should always be ready to give our life for Jesus and for His Gospel, and we should always be ready to welcome and serve people in His name. Today, Jesus gives us His peace and He reminds us what it truly means to die to sin, live for Him, and be ready to follow Him through this life and into the next.



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 – your phones and refrain from using them during the service.*

Welcome

Announcements

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

*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.

*Psalm 124:8*

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

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

*Psalm 32:5*

C: *(sung)* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

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 119:153-160

P: Look on my affliction (O LORD) and deliver me, for I do not forget your law.

**C: Plead my cause and redeem me; give me life according to your promise!**

P: Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek your statutes.

**C: Great is your mercy, O LORD; give me life according to your rules. Many are my persecutors and my adversaries, but I do not swerve from your testimonies.**

P: I look at the faithless with disgust, because they do not keep your commands.

**C: Consider how I love your precepts! Give me life according to your steadfast love.**

**ALL: The sum of your word is truth (O LORD), and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.**

Gloria Patri (sung)

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Kyrie (sung)

*Mark 10:47*

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis (*sung*)

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

**Glory be to God on high; and on earth peace, good will toward men.  
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give  
thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the  
Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God,  
Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the world, have  
mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.  
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with  
the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P:** The Lord be with you.

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

**P:** Let us pray.

Opening Prayer

**ALL:** Lord Jesus, by whose death and resurrection eternal life is guaranteed to all believers, give us the wisdom, the courage and the strength necessary to follow, honor and serve you above all things; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading [ESV]

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

**R:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be God.**

Do you not know, brothers – for I am speaking to those who know the law – that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. For apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So the law is holy and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading [ESV]

Matthew 10:34-42

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

[Jesus said to his disciples:] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”



**Little children, come to Me, for My kingdom is of these.  
Life and love I have to give, mercy for your sin.**

REFRAIN

**Father welcomes all His children, to His fam'ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation. Life forever has been won.**

**In the water, in the Word, in His promise, be assured:  
Those who are baptized and believe, shall be born again.**

REFRAIN

**Father welcomes all His children, to His fam'ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation. Life forever has been won.**

**Let us daily die to sin. Let us daily rise with Him.  
Walk in the love of Christ our Lord. Live in the peace of God.**

REFRAIN

**Father welcomes all His children, to His fam'ly through His Son.  
Father giving His salvation. Life forever has been won.**

Baptism of Nicholas Joseph Davis

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

P: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

C: **I do renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

C: **Yes, I believe 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.**

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C: Yes, 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.**

## Baptism Blessing, Candle and Prayer

### Welcome to the Newly Baptized

**P:** Through baptism, God has added Nicholas Joseph Davis to his own people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of the darkness and into his marvelous light.

**C:** **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, as a child of the same Heavenly Father, to work with us in his kingdom.**

### Welcoming of New Members

Scott and Marianne Davis, Noah and Nicholas

**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 Christ, the mission and ministry of this congregation 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 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 . . .

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 . . .

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

“Jesus, Lead Thou On”

LSB 718

**Jesus, lead Thou on, till our rest is won.  
And although the way be cheerless, we will follow calm and fearless.  
Guide us by Thy hand, to our fatherland.**

**If the way be drear, if the foe be near,  
Let not faithless fears o'er take us. Let not faith and hope forsake us.  
For through many a woe, to our home we go.**

**When we seek relief, from a long felt grief,  
When temptations come alluring, make us patient and enduring.  
Show us that bright shore, where we weep no more.**

**Jesus, lead Thou on, till our rest is won.  
Heav'nly leader, still direct us, still support, console, protect us,  
Till we safely stand, in our fatherland.**

**"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.**

**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 unending, 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.**

*(STAND)* **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.**

**Nunc Dimittis** *(sung)*

*Luke 2:29-32*

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word.  
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation which Thou hast prepared before the face  
of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the  
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

*Psalm 107:1*

C: *(sung)* **And His mercy endureth forever.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Let us pray.

**ALL: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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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