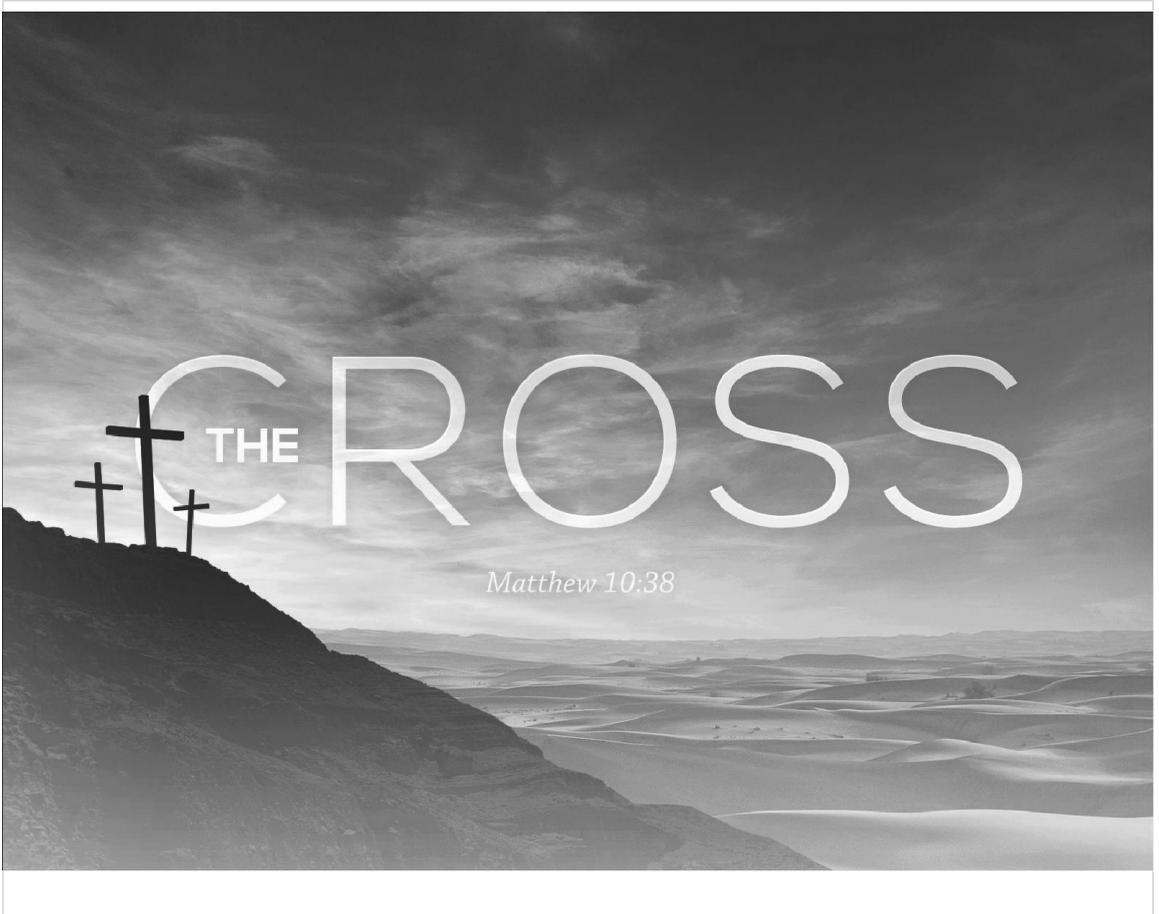


Pentecost 6

The Church Grows as the Christian Grows



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CHRIST Lutheran Church

“Our hope in Jesus is an anchor for the soul.” Hebrews 6:19

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Mission Statement

With the help of the Triune God, our mission is to gladly nurture the spiritual and physical needs of our congregation, to train our children in the knowledge of the Lord, to reach out to others with the saving message of Jesus' love and forgiveness.

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word.

∞ Prayer before worship

Almighty God, merciful Father, who creates and completes all things, I ask you on this day when my work begins anew, that you would create its beginning, direct its continuance, and bless its end, that all my doing may be preserved from sin, my life hallowed and my work in this week be pleasing to you. Amen.

THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

After reliving the great events of the life of Christ, the worshipping Church spends half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ. The Church wears green during the season of Pentecost as the Spirit uses those teachings of Jesus to grow the faith of believers.

Our Worship Series: THE CHURCH GROWS as the Christian Grows!

Pentecost 6	The Christian loves God above all things.
Pentecost 7	The Christian finds rest in Jesus.
Pentecost 8	The Christian is planted by the Word.
Pentecost 9	The Christian lives as wheat among weeds.
Pentecost 10	The Christians seeks spiritual wealth.
Pentecost 11	The Christian trusts God to provide
Pentecost 12	The Christian answers doubt with faith.
<i>Pentecost 13-17</i>	<i>The Church Grows as we Learn what the Church is.</i>
<i>Pentecost 18-24</i>	<i>The Church Grows as the Christian lives.</i>

OUR THEME FOR TODAY: THE CHURCH GROWS AS THE CHRISTIAN LOVES GOD ABOVE ALL THINGS.

Today the Christian prays for the love of God that we might love him above all things. We pray for total commitment to Christ even as we carry the cross. There will be ramifications of such love on this earth, but the Word keeps us focused on our heavenly reward.

OPENING HYMN 736

BAPTISM

736 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized



1 All Chris - tians who have been bap - tized, Who
 2 You were be - fore your day of birth, In -
 3 But all of that was washed a - way— Im -
 4 In Bap - tism we now put on Christ— Our
 5 O Chris - tian, firm - ly hold this gift And
 6 So use it well! You are made new— In



know the God of heav - en, And
 deed, from your con - cep - tion, Con -
 mersed and drowned for - ev - er. The
 shame is ful - ly cov - ered With
 give God thanks for - ev - er! It
 Christ a new cre - a - tion! As



in whose dai - ly life is prized The
 demned and lost with all the earth, None
 wa - ter of your bap - tism day Re -
 all that he once sac - ri - ficed And
 gives the pow - er to up - lift In
 faith - ful Chris - tians live and do With -



name of Christ once giv - en: Con -
 good, with - out ex - cep - tion. For
 stored a - gain what - ev - er Old
 free - ly for us suf - fered. For
 all that you en - deav - or. When
 in your own vo - ca - tion, Un -



si - der now what God has done, The
like your par - ents' flesh and blood, Turned
A - dam and his sin de - stroyed And
here the flood of his own blood Now
noth - ing else re - vives your soul, Your
til that day when you pos - sess His



gifts he gives to ev - 'ry - one Bap -
in - ward from the high - est good, You
all our sin - ful selves em - ployed Ac -
makes us ho - ly, right, and good Be -
bap - tism stands and makes you whole And
glo - rious robe of right - eous - ness Be -



tized in - to Christ Je - sus!
con - stant - ly de - nied him.
cord - ing to our na - ture.
fore our heav'n - ly Fa - ther.
then in death com - pletes you.
stowed on you for ev - er!

This hymn calls to mind the gifts of Holy Baptism—new life, forgiveness, and the divine inspiration to offer our lives in service to God and others.

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STAND

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

The minister says the Prayer of the Day.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD



FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah replied to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD. ⁶He said, "Amen! May the LORD do so! May the LORD fulfill the words you have prophesied and bring back the vessels of the LORD's house, and may he bring back all the exiles from Babylon to this place. ⁷Nevertheless, listen now to what I have to say in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets from ancient times who came before you and me prophesied war, famine, and plague against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, only when the word of that prophet actually happens will that prophet become known as someone whom the Lord has truly sent."

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 89

verses spoken responsively

M: I will sing of the LORD'S great love forever;

C: **I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.**

M: I will declare that your love stands firm forever,

C: **that you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.**

M: The heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,

C: **your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.**

M: O LORD God Almighty, who is like you?

C: **You are mighty, O LORD, and your faithfulness surrounds you.**

M: Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,

C: **who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.**

M: They rejoice in your name all day long;

C: **they exult in your righteousness.**

M: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

C: **and to the Holy Spirit,**

M: as it was in the beginning,

C: **is now, and will be forever. Amen.**



Shall we keep on sinning so that grace may increase? ²Absolutely not! We died to sin. How can we go on living in it any longer? ³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him by this baptism into his death, so that just as he was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too would also walk in a new life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be united with him in the likeness of his resurrection. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him, to make our sinful body powerless, so that we would not continue to serve sin. ⁷For the person who has died has been declared free from sin. ⁸And since we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that since Christ has been raised from the dead, he will never die again. Death no longer has control over him. ¹⁰For the death he died, he died to sin once and for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹In the same way also consider yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

VERSE OF THE DAY

**“If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross,
and follow me.” Alleluia.**

(Mark 8:34b, EHV)



³⁴“Do not think that I came to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I came to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶A man’s enemies will be the members of his own household. ³⁷“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. ³⁸Whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward. Whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man’s reward. ⁴²Whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink because he is my disciple—Amen I tell you—he will never lose his reward.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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HYMN OF THE DAY

453 **Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke**



1 "Come, fol - low me," the Sav - ior spoke, "All in my
 2 "I am the light; I light the way, A god - ly
 3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
 4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your
 5 Then let us fol - low Christ our Lord And take the



way a - bid - ing. De - ny your - selves; the
 life dis - play - ing. I bid you walk as
 love is glow - ing, And gra - cious words my
 souls' sal - va - tion, Your hearts from ev - 'ry
 cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing



world for - sake; O - bey my call and guid - ing.
 in the day; I keep your feet from stray - ing.
 lips ex - press, With meek - ness o - ver - stray - ing.
 guile to free, From sin and its temp - ta - tion.
 to his Word, In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed.



Oh, bear the cross, what - e'er be - tide; Take
 I am the way, and well I show How
 My heart, my mind, my strength, my all To
 I am the ref - uge of the soul And
 For those who bear the bat - tle's strain The



my ex - am - ple for your guide.
 you should jour - ney here be - low.
 God I yield; on him I call.
 lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."
 crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

SERMON: Matthew 10:34-42

The Peace That Caused the War

STAND

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

BE SEATED

Thank you for Respecting our Communion Practice. The Bible teaches that partaking of the body and blood of Christ is a special assurance of forgiveness to penitent believers in Christ. It is also an expression of our oneness in the doctrines we teach and believe. Christ wants us to administer this blessed sacrament responsibly. We would ask that if you are not a communicant member of Christ Lutheran and desire the sacrament, please kindly speak with one of the pastors before the service. Pamphlets are available in the narthex which explain our communion practice according to the Holy Scriptures.



DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

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O Lord, We Praise You



1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you, In thanks-
2 Your ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en, Life to
3 May God be - stow on us his grace and fa - vor To please



giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your bod - y
win for us in heav - en. No great - er love than
him with our be - hav - ior And live to - geth - er



and your blood you nour - ish Our weak souls that they may
this to you could bind us; May this feast of that re -
here in love and u - nion, Cher - ish - ing our blest com -



flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy! May your bod - y,
mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy! Lord, your love and
mu - nion. O Lord, have mer - cy! Let not your good



Lord, born of Mar - y, That our sins and sor - rows
kind - ness did move you; Let your sup - per move us
Spir - it for - sake us; Grant that heav'n - ly - mind - ed



did car - ry, And your blood for us plead In all
to love you. All our debt you have paid; Peace with
he make us. Give your Church, Lord, to see Days of



tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
God once more is made. O Lord, have mer - cy!
peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

STAND

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: Amen.