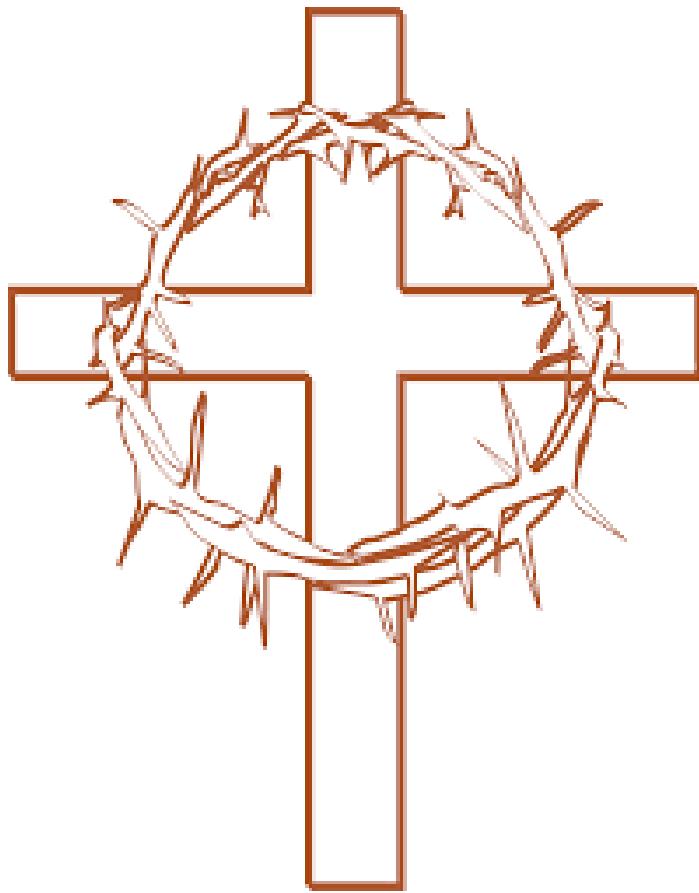


Pentecost 15

The Church Is Militant: First The Cross, Then The Crown.



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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 we Learn what the Church is.

Pentecost 13	The Church is meant for all people.
Pentecost 14	The Church will stand forever.
Pentecost 15	The Church is militant: first the cross, then the crown.
Pentecost 16	The Church fulfills her role as her brother's keeper.
Pentecost 17	The Church forgives as God forgives
Pentecost 18-21	<i>The Church Grows when we know our God.</i>

OUR THEME FOR TODAY: THE CHURCH IS MILITANT: FIRST THE CROSS, THEN THE CROWN.

The Church knows that going God's way means death must come before life. He calls on us to deny ourselves and follow him on the way of the cross.



GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD

CWS — 11

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and

hear you.
fear you. By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,

Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

M: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

M: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: for they are ever with me.

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: for I meditate on your statutes.

M: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: sweeter than honey to my mouth.

All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark-ness
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un-

shroud - ed
cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;

You must work all good with - in us.

M: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

(2 Timothy 3:16, 17)

M: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it.
For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

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.

Gra-cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro-
 O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir - it's
 ceed - ing.
 plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;
 Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

M: God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o -
 Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal -
 ra - tion!
 va - - tion, While we here be - low must wan - der,
 Till we sing your prais - es yon - - der.

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 15:15-21

¹⁵O LORD, you understand. Remember me and care for me. Take vengeance for me on those who persecute me. You are slow to anger. Do not take me away. Keep in mind that for your sake I bear disgrace. ¹⁶Your words came to me, and I devoured them. Your words became my joy, the delight of my heart, because I bear your name, O LORD God of Armies. ¹⁷I did not sit with the band of partygoers, nor did I celebrate with them. I sat alone, because your hand was upon me. You filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unending? Why is my wound incurable, refusing to heal? Will you be as deceptive as an intermittent stream to me, like a source of water that a person can't depend on? ¹⁹Therefore this is what the LORD says. If you repent, I will take you back, so that you may stand before me. If what you say is worthwhile and not worthless, you will be my spokesman. They must turn to you, but you must not turn to them. ²⁰I will make you like a bronze wall to this people. They will fight against you, but they will not overcome you, because I am with you to save you and to rescue you, declares the LORD. ²¹I will rescue you from the hand of the wicked, and I will deliver you from the grasp of the ruthless.

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 121

Refrain

Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.
Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

Where does my help come from?

*My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.*

*He will not let your foot slip,
he who watches over you will not slumber;*

*indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.*

*The LORD watches over you,
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.*

*The LORD will keep you from all harm,
he will watch over your life;*

*the LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.*

*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.*

Refrain



SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:1-8

Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice—holier and pleasing to God—which is your appropriate worship.² Also, do not continue to conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you test and approve what is the will of God—what is good, pleasing, and perfect.³ So by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought, but think in a way that results in sound judgment, as God distributed a measure of faith to each of you.⁴ For we have many members in one body, and not all the members have the same function.⁵ In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace God has given us. If the gift is prophecy, do it in complete agreement with the faith.⁷ If it is serving, then serve. If it is teaching, then teach.⁸ If it is encouraging, then encourage. If it is contributing, be generous. If it is leadership, be diligent. If it is showing mercy, do it cheerfully.

HMYN

How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts..... 509 vs.1,2

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509 How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts

1 How shall the young se - cure their hearts And
2 Your Word is like a heav'n - ly light That
3 The star - ry heav'ns your rule o - bey; The
4 But still your law and gos - pel, Lord, Have
5 Your Word is ev - er - last - ing truth; How

guard their lives from sin? Your Word, O Lord, the
guides us all the day, And through the dan - gers
earth main - tains its place; And these your ser - vants
les - sons more di - vine; Not earth stands firm - er
pure is ev - 'ry page! That ho - ly Book will

truth im - parts To keep the con - science clean.
of the night A lamp to lead our way.
night and day Your skill and pow'r ex - press.
than your Word Nor stars so no - bly shine.
guide our youth And well sup - port our age.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: ST. PETER (CM) Alexander R. Reinagle, 1799–1877.



²¹From that time, Jesus began to show his disciples that he had to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and experts in the law, and be killed, and on the third day be raised again. ²²Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "May you receive mercy, Lord! This will never happen to you." ²³But Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a snare to me because you are not thinking the things of God, but the things of men." ²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. ²⁵In fact whoever wants to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶After all, what will it benefit a person if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul? Or what can a person give in exchange for his soul?"

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HMYN

How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts..... 509 vs.4,5

BE SEATED

SERMON: Matthew 16:21-26

THE CHURCH IS BUILT ON CHRIST

IV. Nothing “easier”

V. Nothing better

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 (*INSERT*)

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.

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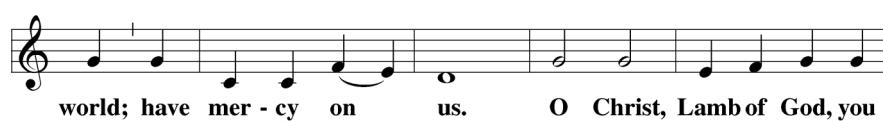
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*



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

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Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

1 Je - sus, I world my cross have tak - en,
 2 Let the world de - spise and leave me;
 3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure!
 4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry,

All to leave and fol - low you. Des - ti -
 They have left my Sav - ior, too. Hu - man
 Come, dis - as - ter, scorn, and pain! In your
 Armed by faith and winged by prayer. All but

tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, You on
 hearts and looks de - ceive me; You are
 ser - vice pain is plea - sure; With your
 heav'n is tran - si - to - ry; God's own

earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry
 not, like them, un - true. And - since you have
 fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you
 hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this

fond am - bi - tion, All I've ev - er
 smiled up - on me, God of wis - dom,
 Ab - ba, Fa - ther! You my all in
 earth ly sto - ry; Swift shall pass the

hoped or known; Yet how rich is my con -
 love, and might, Foes may hate and friends may
 all shall be. Storms may howl, and clouds may
 pil - grim days, Hope soon change to heav'n - ly

di - tion! God and heav'n are still my own.
 shun me - Show your face, and all is bright.
 gath - er; All must work for good to me.
 glo - ry, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

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.

CLOSING HYMN

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I Pray You, Dear Lord Jesus



I pray you, dear Lord Je - sus, My heart to keep and train



That I your ho - ly tem - ple From youth to age re - main.



Oh, turn my thoughts for - ev - er From world-ly wis-dom's lore;



If I but learn to know you, I shall not want for more.