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Mission Statement

We are disciples of Jesus, Growing in faith, Serving our community, and Connecting others to Christ.

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST October 20, 2019

Worship with Holy Communion 8:30 a.m.

Christ Lutheran Church, ELCA

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Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church

If you are a visitor, please know of our delight in having you in our midst. Join with us in the praise of God and at the Lord's Table. We have a practice of open communion inviting all baptized Christians to share in Holy Communion. Children not yet prepared to receive this sacrament are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. If you are without a church home, please return and worship with us regularly.

Children are always welcome in our worship. A quiet room is available at the back of the

sanctuary if parents need a place to take their young children during the service.

Please take a moment to complete your attendance slip, -- to be placed in the offering plate. Visitors, please provide your mailing address so we can acknowledge your presence. Members, please provide any updates or changes to your contact information.

The Lord's Supper

We believe that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine in Holy Communion, and that through this gift we receive forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. We invite you to come to the Lord's Table to receive this gift. Both wine (dark) and grape juice (light) are offered as well as gluten free wafers (please ask the Pastor for one at communion). Those unable to come forward should mention this to an usher so the pastor may serve you in your pew.

Bring a Friend

INVITE someone to worship with you. Being a disciple is important! Someone you know needs the Lord's power and a place to worship and serve. In your circle of influence, be an influence for Jesus Christ. Your invitation can change a life! *Join Us:* Our CLC family of faith cordially invites to become a member (full, associate or seasonal). Become an integral part of our growing membership. Mark your attendance slip or call the office for more information. 843-785-5560.

Prayer Requests

Prayer request cards are located in the pew racks. You may include someone in today's prayers, by speaking the name as prompted during that portion of the service. You may also fill out a blue prayer card and place it in the offering plate for a name to be included in the prayer team's weekly prayers and/or the Sunday Bulletin -- Or email your request to our office at info@clchhi.com by Tuesday noon of that week.

Serving in Worship Today

Lector: Kathy Reynolds Sound: Joe Etter Floral Guild: Jackie Longo

Music: Alice Graeb, Helen Babbitts, David & Tami Kuhlmann, Kirk Taylor, Doug & Elsa Felten

Communion Assts: Kirk & Cherie Taylor Fellowship: Jennifer Brown

Ushers: Joe Etter, John Babbitts Altar Guild: Jo Ann Sebulsky, Jennifer Brown

In the event of a medical emergency, a defibrillator is located on the right side of the hallway wall leading from the sitting area into Heinrich Hall.

Please remember to turn off your cell phones.

THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO RESPOND WHERE PRINT IS IN BOLD AND MARKED WITH A C

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is the encouragement of the Christ of the gospel today. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

GATHERING (please join us in song) BETTER IS ONE DAY/ Redman

Vs. 1

How lovely is Your dwelling place
O Lord Almighty
My soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus*

Better is one day in Your courts Better is one day in Your house Better is one day in Your courts Than thousands elsewhere Better is one day in Your courts Better is one day in Your house Better is one day in Your courts Than thousands elsewhere

Vs. 2

One thing I ask, and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory
dwells
One thing I ask, and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory
dwells.

*Chorus

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

Wayne Sebulsky

FOCUS

As We Gather / Coomes

As we gather, may Your Spirit work within us As we gather, may we glorify Your name Knowing well that as our hearts begin to worship We'll be blessed because we came (repeat)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (please stand as you are able)

- P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.
- C Amen.
- P Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sin. Silence is kept for reflection.
- P God of mercy,
- C we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another, and against the earth entrusted to our care. We have failed to live as your disciples. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and turn away from our neighbors in need. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN.

- P When we were laid low by sin and guilt, God made us alive together with Christ, forgiving us all our trespasses by taking our sins to the cross. Put your trust in this promise: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.
- C AMEN.



THE GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.



THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (said in unison)

pray

let us

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. AMEN

let us

pray

to the Lord,

(please be seated)

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left

alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let

to the Lord.

me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said,

"Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

- R The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God

PSALM 121 (read responsively)

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

²My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;

5the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5

Paul continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

- R The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

Jesus tells a parable of a hateful judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me

out by continually coming." And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ. (please be seated)

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

THE SERMON

Pastor Mary Anderson Pastor Mary Anderson

THE CREED (sung in unison) This I Believe / arr: David Kuhlmann

Our Father everlasting, the all creating One, God Almighty Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior

I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in one I believe in the resurrection, That we will rise again For I believe in the name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified Forgiveness is in You Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life Forever seated high

Bridge

I believe in You, I believe You rose again I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord

Outro

I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth I believe in the saints' communion, and in Your holy Church I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again For I believe in the name of Jesus

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need...



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

After each portion of the prayers:

- P Lord, in your mercy, C hear our prayer.
 (REPEAT SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE BEFORE FINAL PRAYER)
- P Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C AMEN.

THE PEACE (We may greet one another in the name of the Lord)

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

THE RETURNING OF GIFTS (please be seated)

THE RETURNING OF GIFTS RESPONSE (please stand as you are able)



THE RETURNING of GIFTS PRAYER (said in unison)

God of abundance, we return to you from the gifts which you have first entrusted to us, and with them our very lives. Through these gifts, help us to bless the lives of others in the strength of your holy name. AMEN.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you.
- C and also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts
- C We lift them to you, Lord
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
- C It is right to praise you, Lord.
- P Blessed are you, Lord Christ! At the right time, you came to live among us, as one of us, bringing good news to the poor, healing the sick, raising the dead, sharing table with the unrighteous, and teaching the ways that leads to life.

By your incarnation, life, suffering, death, and resurrection you delivered us from slavery to sin and made a new covenant with us.

On the night of your betrayal, you took bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to your disciples and said, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

You did the same with the cup after the supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In response to all you have done to save us, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

- C Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
- P Pour out your Spirit on us. Pour out your Spirit on these gifts. Make these gifts the body and blood of Christ. Make us, through them, Christ's body alive in the world
- C AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (said in unison)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. AMEN.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

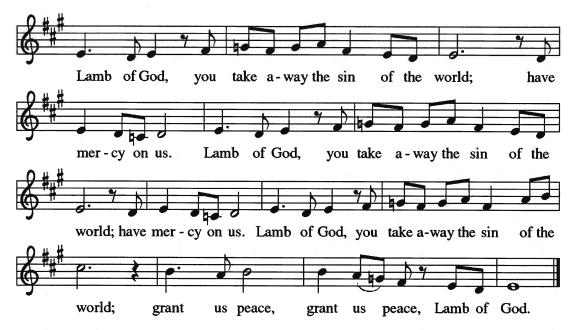
(please be seated)

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized persons who believe in the real presence of Christ in our Sacrament for the forgiveness of sins are welcomed to commune. The elements will be received by Intinction. You will receive the Host from the Pastor; move to the chalice bearer to dip a portion of the Host in the wine. Grape juice is available as an alternative to the wine in the second chalice. Children not yet prepared to receive this sacrament are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.

Let an usher know if you need the Pastor to serve you communion in your seat.



Chief of Sinners, Though I Be / McComb

Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed his blood for me, died that I might live on high, lives that I might never die. As the branch is to the vine, I am his, and he is mine.

Oh, the height of Jesus' love!
Higher than the heav'ns above,
deeper than the depths of sea,
lasting as eternity.
Love that found me—wondrous
thought—
found me when I sought him not.

Only Jesus can impart balm to heal the wounded heart, peace that flows from sin forgiv'n, joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, faith and hope to walk with God in the way that Enoch trod.

Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me; all my wants to him are known, all my sorrows are his own. He sustains the hidden life safe with him from earthly strife.

O my Savior, help afford by your Spirit and your word! When my wayward heart would stray, keep me in the narrow way; grace in time of need supply while I live and when I die.

I Will Not Leave You Comfortless / Phillips

I will not leave you comfortless
I will not leave you alone.
I am the air you breathe in
I'm the light of every star and every dawn.
(Repeat)

THE POST COMMUNION BLESSING (please stand as you are able)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

- P O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord.
- C AMEN

THE BLESSING

SENDING SONG O Love That Will Not Let Me Go / Matheson & Miner

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, That in thine ocean depths its flow May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee; My heart restores its borrowed ray, That in thy sunshine's blaze its day May brighter, fairer be. O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise is not vain, That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead, And from the ground there blossoms red Life that shall endless be.

THE DISMISSAL

- P Let us go with God and remember our mission...
- C We are disciples of Jesus,

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The altar flowers are given by Susie Fidler in memory of her sister, Pat Smollen

<u>SERMONS</u>: You may request a copy of today's sermon to be sent to you via email through the office (info@clchhi.com) or phone Barbara at 843-785-5560.

PRAYER CARES: Deidre Johns and Family² on the sudden loss of her grandfather,

Ellsworth C. Bush, Jr.; Joe Russel², undergoing chemo; Gloria Szymanski², (mother of Robin Baselice) stress of moving & physical ailments; Jesse Catapano², suffering with anxieties; Don Baker², melanoma which has gone to the liver; Nancy Catapano, (relative of Robin & Fran Baselice) over the sudden loss of her son; Steve Alfred* (husband of Rita Hungate) undergoing treatment for Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia; Jackie Young*, breast cancer; JoAnn Livingston*, undergoing treatment for multiple myeloma; Manfred Pyrlik*, recovering from surgery to remove pancreatic cancer mass; Steve Bassford*, hospitalized in Savannah; Sandy Shackelford*, Parkinson's Disease; Gary Gregory*, (son of Lois Gregory) healing; Donna Putrino*; Sandy & Herb Heins*. ALL service personnel; ALL those suffering from natural disasters. / *Ongoing prayer needed. Please use the Blue Cards in the Pew Racks to forward a prayer concern or update to the office

Pastor Anderson will be attending the annual Rostered Leaders Convocation at Lutheridge in Arden, NC, Monday through Wednesday. This is an annual gathering of pastors and deacons with the bishop's staff. It is both a continuing education event with great speakers and bible study leaders, a time of worship, and a time for conversation with Bishop Yoos and fellow colleagues. Pastor will be available to you during this time through text, phone or email as always.

Call/Text: 803.210.5757 or MWAnderson140@gmail.com

REMINDER: Barbara is in the office from 10-3, Mon – Thurs. Silke's schedule remains fluid right now. If you need to stop by for anything, please call ahead! 843-785-5560

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

MY NAME IS

AND MY MINISTRY IS

ST. JAMES SOUP KITCHEN: CLC is called to mission at the soup kitchen EVERY THURSDAY of the month! If you are interested in volunteering or simply want more information contact contact Alice Graeb -- 740-298-1086 or the church office

<u>Cookie Bakers</u>: Interested in baking cookies for the Soup Kitchen? Please bring your baked goods to the office by Wednesday noon for Alice to pick up and take to the Soup Kitchen. Need to drop them off sooner? — No Problem! We can place them in the freezer for pick up later in the week

OCTOBER Food Shopping List

"helping our island neighbors in need by providing basic assistance in emergency situations"

Peanut Butter Jelly Pasta Sauce

Rice Product Packages (like Rice A Roni, Uncle Ben's etc) Non-sweetened Cereal (like Cherrios, Rice Krispies) Canned Chicken, Tuna

Canned Unicken, Tuna Canned Vegetables Canned Baked Beans

Baby Wipes

For answers to questions or further information contact Chris Wilcox at 843-342-9711.

Dinners for Six Plus Two

REMINDER TO 2019, 6+2 DINNER GROUPS!

Many Snowbirds have now returned to Hilton Head so it is time to arrange for any unscheduled 6+2 Dinner gatherings. If you need any information regarding your group, please call Elsa Felten: 847-830-6348. Don't miss out on the fun and fellowship.



A TIME OF STEWARDSHIP 2020 @ CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE PRIVILEGE OF SHARING

¹We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; ²for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.

³For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, ⁴begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints — ⁵and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, ⁶so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. ⁷Now as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you — so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

Today, we will hear a brief temple talk from Wayne Sebulsky, chair of our Administration & Finance Ministry Team. On Oct. 27, we will hear from our flagship ministry, CLC Preschool.

Please be watching your mailbox for a stewardship letter of invitation with an enclosed commitment card. After prayerful consideration, please complete the commitment card and bring it to worship on Consecration Sunday, Nov. 10. You will be invited to bring your completed card to the altar during worship as a visible symbol of our coming together to offer our gifts to God.



CONNECTED - SPIRITED CONVERSATIONS

Join us on Wednesdays, in Heinrichs Hall at 6 pm with light supper treats and Spirited Conversations.



For this coming 2019/20 year the DIALOGUE IS ON!

> RACE: Oct. 16 & 30; & Nov 6, 13, & 20

Issues prominent in **Dialogues on Race** include environmental justice, immigration, and treaty rights for indigenous people of the Americas. Yet the unique features of anti-black racism remain central to the discussion.

Today, dialogues on race are as apt to occur in street protests as they are in church basements or coffee shops. Actions and words are not seen as separate encounters. There is an expectation that our personal life and our organization's structural reality are transforming and moving toward the justice that our values and faith call us to proclaim.

Dialogues On Race offers a range of perspectives! COME AND BE PART OF THE DIALOGUE!