



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
A SERVICE OF WORD AND MEAL
INCLUDING INSTALLATION OF THE CALL COMMITTEE

JULY 12, 2020
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC

✝ This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here. ✝

God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.

✝ GATHERING ✝

Gathering Music *Lord, Let my Heart be Good Soil* Instrumental

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-l2HJMdwWng>

Welcome + Announcements

Video on the Abundancia Appeal:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cTddCMhexQ4>

We Prepare our Hearts for Worship *Down by the Riverside*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gAFgreGN8rg>

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water--
the mighty Atlantic Ocean,
the many rivers of South Carolina nourishing the land:
the Broad, Enoree, Tyger, Saluda, Congaree, Santee, PeeDee, Wando, Cooper,
Ashley, Edisto, Savannah and Catawba,
for the rain that nourishes animals and plants,
the water for drinking and bathing.
We praise you, O God, for water:
We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for our water stories--
a flood that cleansed the earth,
the sea that drowned the enemy,
a river that healed leprosy.
We praise you, O God, for water:
We praise you, O God, for water.

We remember the waters of Jesus--
baptized in the Jordan River,
calming the Sea of Galilee,
drinking from Jacob's Well,
healing at the pool of Bethesda,
washing the disciples' feet.
We praise you, O God, for water:
We praise you, O God, for water.

We praise you, O God, for this font,
for you breathe into this water
to wash away our sin
and birth us each day into your peace and joy.
We praise you, O God, for baptism:
We praise you, O God, for baptism.

O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.
O God, you are the River, saving us from death.
O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being.
We praise you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
today, tomorrow, forever.
Amen, and amen:
Amen, and amen.

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Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

The First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil.

⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Just As I Am

Choir Masters' Association, Chennai, India

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKw7Hq8Go4U>

Installation of Christ Lutheran's Call Committee

The following members have been elected by the Church Council to serve as the Call Committee for Christ Lutheran Church: Wayne Sebulsky, Sarah DeMaria, Doris Stickel, Joe Etter, Carol Benton and Marajeane Zodtner. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are all welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our search for a new pastor to serve among us .

The presiding minister addresses those being installed.

A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (*1 Corinthians 12:4-7*)

The presiding minister continues.

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. You have been chosen to shepherd this congregation in its search for a new shepherd of this flock. This is a high calling and requires faithfulness, confidentiality, collaboration, and deep listening to candidates, to one another, and to the Holy Spirit. You will be the face of this congregation to potential candidates and you will be our voice in this process with the Bishop of the South Carolina Synod.

The presiding minister addresses those being installed.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:
Will you accept and faithfully carry out these responsibilities
to which you have been elected?

Response: I will, and I ask God to help me.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, I ask you:
Will you support this Call Committee
and will you honor their work, pray for them, for our pastoral
candidates, and for our congregation?
Will you share in the mutual ministry
that Christ has given to all who are baptized?
We will, and we ask God to help us.

The presiding minister, addresses the Call Committee.

Wayne, Sarah, Doris, Joe, Marajeane, and Carol, I now declare you installed as the
Call Committee of this congregation. Your work will be completed on the day the
new pastor is installed here in this place.
Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace,
that you may be faithful servants of Christ.
Amen.

The Prayers of Intercession

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our
shared world.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, your word has been sown in many ways and places. We pray for
missionaries and newly planted congregations around the world. We especially
give thanks for the Latino ministries like Cristo Rey around our synod. Inspire us
by their witness to the faith we share. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, the mountains and hills burst into song and the trees and fields clap
their hands in praise. We pray for the nesting turtles on our island and for all the
wildlife around us. Empower us to sustainably use what you have given. Hear us,
O God.

Your mercy is great.

Reigning God, we pray for our nation's leaders. Increase their desire for justice and equality. We pray for our enemies. Bridge the chasms that divide us and guide authorities to a deep and lasting peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abiding God, care for all who are in need especially for John and others undergoing medical treatments, for those like Herb who are grieving the loss of loved ones, for newborns like Harrison and for those whose birth is near. For those who are doubting, renew faith. For those who are worrying, provide release. For those who are struggling, ease burdens. For those in fear, give hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Renewing God, revive your church in this place. Nourish and nurture the seeds you have planted, that we might grow as disciples. Replace what has been depleted. Sustain our ministries especially the work of our Call Committee, our Thursday Soup Kitchen, our Renovation Team, the Little Food Pantry, the Administration and Finance Committee, and deepen relationships with the wider community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal God, we give thanks for all who have died especially Sandy Heins. Comfort us in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offering

While we are in these Zoom meetings, we will provide a time for worshipers to prepare an offering to be mailed in, to go to our website to make a contribution, or take time to pray and consider how God is calling each of us to share our resources with the church and the world.

To make contributions to the Cristo Rey “Abundancia Appeal” go to the Tithe.ly app on the website, mail it in your regular offering envelope and mark it for this appeal, or bring it by the church office Monday-Thursday between 9am and Noon.

Visitors in our worship today are encouraged to go to our website <https://clchhi.org/> and send us an email letting us know you were worshipping with us today. If we can support you in any way, please share your need with us.

If you have not already done so, use this time to finish setting your home table for communion.

Offering Anthem: *Here Is Bread*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ioUFCECriLo>

Offering Prayer

God of goodness and growth,
all creation is yours,
and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.
Water and word, wine and bread:
these are signs of your abundant grace.
Nourish us through these gifts,
that we might proclaim your steadfast love
in our communities and in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.
Amen.

Dialog

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer for Pentecost

Thanks be to you, O God, for the power of your loving Spirit.
We worship you for your Spirit, who forms life out of chaos and dust.
We bless you for your Spirit, who ignites the words of the prophets.
We praise you for your Spirit, who carries your people together in unity.

Glory be to you, O God, for the comfort of your creative Spirit.
By your Spirit your Son preached and healed, rebuked and forgave.
Dying on the cross for a wounded world, he gave over his Spirit.
Risen from death, he pours out your Spirit on all who believe.

On the night before he died, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup 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.

On this bread and wine, on this altar and in our homes, come, Holy Spirit:
Come, Holy Spirit.

On your people separated from worship, yet still one in you, come Holy
Spirit:
Come, Holy Spirit.

On new mission congregations and on renewed mission everywhere, come,
Holy Spirit:
Come, Holy Spirit.

On all longing for justice and peace, come, Holy Spirit:
Come, Holy Spirit.

We plead for your Spirit, to cry aloud in us, with us, and for us.
Breathe your life into our bones.
Anoint us for service with your oil of gladness.
Translate our speech into tongues of wisdom.
Shower on us your gifts:
 love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
 generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.
Sanctify the whole earth with your truth.
Bring us at the end with all your needy children into your homeland of
mercy.

Once more we praise and worship and bless you,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
God of supreme mercy and might,
God of the cross and the empty tomb,
God of the power of justice and peace,
now and forever.
Amen.

Amen.

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The 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.**

Invitation to the Table

Friends of Jesus, join at the table.
Receive nourishment for your journey.

Thanks be to God!

Distribution of Communion

After the pastor says: “The body of Christ given for you, all at home may commune those in their household. Then the pastor will say, “The blood of Christ shed for you” and all may share the wine at home.

✠ SENDING ✠

Prayer after Communion

God of the welcome table,
in this meal we have feasted on your goodness
and have been united by your presence among us.
Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts
so that we may share your neighborly love with all,
through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.
Amen.

Blessing

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.
God, the creator, ✠ Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Sending Song

Mighty to Save

Hillsong Worship

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qt4_fxU94xA&list=RDQt4_fxU94xA&start_radio=1&t=29

Well, everyone needs compassion
A love that's never failing
But let mercy fall on me
Well everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

My Savior
He can move the mountains
My God is Mighty to save
He is Mighty to save
Forever
Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
And fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
And now I surrender
(I surrender)

Savior
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He is Mighty to save
Forever
Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Savior
He can move the mountains

My God is Mighty to save
He is Mighty to save
Forever
Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King
Jesus

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