



THE 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
A SERVICE OF WORD AND MEAL
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GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC

*We are Disciples of Jesus.
Growing in Faith, Serving our Community and Connecting Others to Christ.*

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

✝ GATHERING ✝

Gathering Music

Forgiveness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h1Lu5udXEZI>

Welcome + Announcements

A Video from the ELCA on "God Work. Our Hands."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0BAefsb-0U4&feature=youtu.be>

We Prepare our Heart for Worship

As the Deer Longs for the Water

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v4-Fdj8ZAg0>

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,
have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you**

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.
Hear the truth that God proclaims:
Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✝ Jesus Christ.
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.
Amen.

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

O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

✝ WORD ✝

The First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God

intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

The Second Reading: **Romans 14:7-12**

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Words are provided for you to sing!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VBZqV_aGfeA

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

God's Work. Our Hands.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=47&v=WkUINcJ3KXA&feature=emb_logo

God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

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The Prayers of Intercession

With open hands and open hearts, let us pray for the needs of all the world.

A brief silence is kept.

Generous Provider, renew the strength, energy and courage of your church.
Through our acts of service, may your love overflow and your grace be
proclaimed for us, for our neighbors and for all the world. God of abundant
grace,

Open your healing hands.

Generous Provider, we celebrate the earth that yields its fruit in due season. Make us good neighbors to every corner of creation. Save us from our desire to hoard abundant resources for ourselves at the expense of other people and of the earth itself. Surround with mercy all in the midst of wildfires this day. God of abundant grace,

Open your healing hands.

Generous Provider, guide leaders who set economic policy. Set free those burdened by debt. Provide assistance to those who cannot make ends meet. Teach us to steward our gifts with a culture of generosity and with concern for the whole community. God of abundant grace,

Open your healing hands.

Generous Provider, you heal all diseases, comfort all sorrows, restore all things. Make our hands, our feet, our mouths and our hearts agents of that healing in the world. Especially today we pray for all the people and projects we are supporting through “God’s Work. Our Hands.” and all helped by the many programs of this congregation. Bring healing to those suffering from the coronavirus and lead researchers to a vaccine. God of abundant grace,

Open your healing hands.

Generous Provider, we lift up all celebrating birthdays this week: Michael Morton, Dennis Bayer, Deanna Coyne, Jim Fritz, John Garnjost and Suzanne Gerhart. We give thanks for Alex and Barbara celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary. May all the milestones of our living fill us with gratitude for all good gifts and remind us that you go with us every step of the way. God of abundant grace,

Open your healing hands.

Generous Provider, your love holds us in life and in death. Thank you for the faithful witness of those who have died, especially Rita Hungate and Sandy Shackelford. Direct our vision to the time when every knee shall bow, every tongue confess, and every hand reach out to serve in praise of you. God of abundant grace,

Open your healing hands.

We commend these and all things to your gracious care, trusting in Christ Jesus, our Savior. **Amen.**

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.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Relief may be made on our website using the GIVE button and selecting it under the “options” feature. These gifts will go to aid in wildfire and hurricane relief. You will also find an option for the Adopt-A-Child effort.

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: *Be Still, My Soul*

In memory of Rita Hungate

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kqKVFYD8Obc>

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.
Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,
nourish us with this rich food and drink,
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
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

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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 the Table

Come to the banquet table
where Christ gives himself as food and drink.
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

We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.
Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Blessing

The God of compassion, hope and joy,
Our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,
Bless your feet to carry you into places of need.
Bless your lips to proclaim love and mercy.
Bless your heart to love and listen to those you encounter.
Bless your hands to care for the needs of your neighbors.
Bless you to be a blessing to others.
Now and always.
Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.
Thanks be to God.

Sending Song

At Your Name

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9eYj5cBXtRM>

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