



*Built on a Rock the church shall stand,  
even when steeples are falling.  
[Ruins of Coventry Cathedral, England]*

REFORMATION SUNDAY  
*47<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN*  
A SERVICE OF WORD AND MEAL  
OCTOBER 25, 2020

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. ✝

*Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.*

### ***It's Our Anniversary Week!***

*On October 28, 1973 (Reformation Sunday that year), the Lutheran Church in America mission start on Hilton Head Island officially became an organized congregation of the SC Synod, named Christ Lutheran Church. Today we commemorate the beginning of the Protestant Reformation (October 31, 1517) and the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this congregation. Christ continues to make disciples and continues to call us to do the same. Grateful hearts become generous hearts.*

### ***Building a Culture of Generosity ✝ Our 2020 Stewardship Campaign***

*Our Stewardship Campaign is reaching its final weeks. This year, this unusual year when it seems scarcity is everywhere, we focus on God's amazing abundance and our generous response to that gift. We are reflecting this season on Jesus' teaching, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."  
(Matthew 6:21)*

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## ✝ GATHERING ✝

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### **Gathering Presentation**

*Celebrating our Congregation's History*

The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Video

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/#inbox/FMfcgxwJWriVvgBxqlRjCvShDCrtXzMT?projector=1>

### **Welcome + Announcements**

*Stewardship Mission Moment: Our Worship Ministry*

### **We Prepare our Hearts for Worship**

*Return*

Tami and David Kuhlmann

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cp74Wfxpp6E>

## 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.**

### Opening Hymn

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*  
performed by Veritas

Martin Luther

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JhU2PB7jdZ0>

### 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, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

## The First Reading: Psalm 46

- <sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.
- <sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,  
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
- <sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- <sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the High.
- <sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;  
God shall help it at the break of day.
- <sup>6</sup>The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;  
God speaks, and the earth melts away.
- <sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- <sup>8</sup>Come now, regard the works of the LORD,  
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;
- <sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;  
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- <sup>10</sup>“Be still, then, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”
- <sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the [those] who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

## **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*  
offered by Tami & David Kuhlmann

Chris Tomlin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cp74Wfxpp6E>

## **Apostles’ Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,**



**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **The Prayers of Intercession**

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Renew and inspire the church in the freedom of the gospel, O God. Where the church is in error, reform it. Where the church speaks your truth, strengthen it. Where the church is divided, unify it. Ignite in us the working of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

As the earth changes, as mountains shake and the waters roar, may we care for this planet as a holy habitation for all living things. Sustain all peoples and lands recovering from natural disasters of any kind especially those destroyed by fires and floods. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Guide areas of the world divided or traumatized by conflict, especially in our own land. Free all from slavery and human trafficking, and protect all in harm's way. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Release those living in bondage to debts, chronic pain, or addiction. Grant healing touch to those who are ill, recovering or in life's transitions, especially: Susie's brother, Bill, and for Connie, Dan, Sarah's friend, Jackie; for Leora, and Cyndie, and all others we name before you... Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

In this family of faith we give thanks for courageous voices that have remained firm in their commitment to the one who frees us from sin and death. On this anniversary of our congregation, we give thanks for our mission developer, Pastor Boyd Cook, for our founding members, for all the members and friends of this mission post throughout the decades. Continue to keep us centered in your grace, unify us in the hope of the gospel, and keep us faithful as we seek to be your faithful people. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

God of life, we lift up all celebrating birthdays, especially Grace Stump, Paulette Stefanik, and Robin Smucker, and all those celebrating wedding anniversaries, and baptismal anniversaries this week. 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. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Even in death, you free us and give us a place in your house. We give thanks for our ancestors who have shown us truth and freedom, especially Martin Luther, those who work for the renewal of the church, and those faithful stewards at Christ Lutheran who have gone before us. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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.*

**Thank You!** *for all your offerings and gifts given to CLC and to the wider church this week. Your generosity is the fuel for our ministry in this place.*

*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 Presentation**    *Building a Culture of Generosity*

Joyce and John Prange, Stewardship Team Co-Chairs

### **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**

May the God of abundance and generosity  
bless you to be a blessing, and may  
God the creator, Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit  
the fire, be with you and in you, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

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

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

- 1 Built on a rock the church shall stand,  
even when steeples are falling;  
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,  
bells still are chiming and calling—  
calling the young and old to rest,  
calling the souls of those distressed,  
longing for life everlasting.
- 2 Surely, in temples made with hands  
God the Most High is not dwelling—  
high in the heav'ns his temple stands,  
all earthly temples excelling.  
Yet he who dwells in heav'n above  
deigns to abide with us in love,  
making our bodies his temple.
- 3 Christ builds a house of living stones:  
we are his own habitation;  
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,  
granting us life and salvation.  
Where two or three will seek his face,  
he in their midst will show his grace,  
blessings upon them bestowing.
- 4 Yet in this house, an earthly frame,  
Jesus the children is blessing;  
hither we come to praise his name,  
faith in our Savior confessing.  
Jesus to us his Spirit sent,  
making with us his covenant,  
granting his children the kingdom.
- 5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,  
grant that, when church bells are ringing,

many may come to hear your Word,  
who here this promise is bringing:  
"I know my own, my own know me;  
you, not the world, my face shall see;  
my peace I leave with you. Amen."

The photo on the cover was taken by Pastor Mary, July 2019

# BUILDING A CULTURE OF GENEROSITY

## Growing in Generosity

As you will learn from the video that we taped for presentation during today's Zoom worship service, the church will be mailing our 2021 Stewardship Campaign Statement of Intent letters to all of our church members, associates and friends tomorrow (Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>). We are asking that your completed Statement of Intent cards be returned by next Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup> when all the cards that have been received will be dedicated during that Sunday's Zoom Worship service.

As you consider your giving to the church next year, think back on all of the stewardship videos that you have seen in October and all of the CLC Bridge Newsletter articles and bulletin inserts that you have read, and remember all of the Mission Impact stories that these videos and articles have shared. Then prayerfully consider how you might grow in generosity in 2021. If we all do our part, Christ Lutheran Church can grow its worship and faith formation opportunities and its support of its social ministries and outreach programs. There is much more that we can do together if we all grow in generosity! So how might we grow in generosity?

*An idea for someone whose income has gone down in the last year:*

Everyone can grow in generosity, even if that means the overall dollars given decreases. Perhaps, if before your income decreased you were giving away 2% of your income, now with income being less, can you find a way to grow the percentage of giving to say 2½% or 3%. So, while the total dollars amount might decrease your percentage of giving could still increase.

*Other ideas:*

1. Systematic giving leads to generosity: For most people, we can grow significantly in our giving just by giving on a regular basis. Consider signing up for automatic giving or adding an amount each week or month. Growing giving by \$1 per day equates to significant growth over the course of the year.
2. Consider giving an extra gift or two during the year: During the current pandemic crisis, a story was shared about someone who said, "I'm not sure what the future holds for me, but for now I am doing okay, so I will double my giving during the current month". Well, what if we decided to double our giving one month or even two months next year?
3. Grow by a percentage each year: For some, the idea of a tithe is unachievable in a single year, but something people would like to reach someday. By growing giving by a percentage each year, it is achievable over the long-term. If you currently give away 2% of income, perhaps you can reach 2½% or 3% next year with a similar increase the year after. This takes discipline, but over the long-term is effective for some.

You may have your own ideas for growing in generosity. As a church family, as we each grow in our generosity, it will have a tremendous overall impact.

Yours in Christ.

Joyce and John Prange  
2021 Stewardship Campaign Co-Chairs

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Baker of the Communion Bread – Paulette Stefanik  
Altar Guild for October – Joanne Sebulsky

## **Upcoming Commemorations**

### **James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62**

#### **Friday, October 23, 2020**

One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a blood brother. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.

### **Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters**

#### **Monday, October 26, 2020**

These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying." Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith. Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymnwriter, was a pastor in Berlin.

### **Simon and Jude, Apostles**

#### **Wednesday, October 28, 2020**

We know little about these apostles. Simon is listed as "the zealot" or Cananean in New Testament lists. Jude, also called Thaddeus, asked Jesus at the last supper why he had revealed himself to the disciples but not to the world.

### **Reformation Day**

#### **Saturday, October 31, 2020**



By the end of the seventeenth century, many Lutheran churches celebrated a festival commemorating Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, a summary of abuses in the church of his time. At the heart of the reform movement was the gospel, the good news that it is by grace through faith that we are justified and set free.

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