

20th Sunday After Pentecost

October 18, 2020

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We offer our worship to God! Join in as you are able with all song and prayer, knowing that God hears us. Thank you for being a part of the virtual worship experience. If you are a Facebook user, "check in" and let your friends know you are here!

Offerings. Although we have moved to gathering 'in spirit' instead of 'in person,' the staff continue to ensure that our church ministry continues, and our regular bills continue to come in. Please mail your offering to at:

Christ Lutheran Church
ATTN: Cyndy Wedryk
60 55th Street
Clarendon Hills, IL 60514

St. James Lutheran Church
5129 Wolf Road
Western Springs, IL 60558

To make your CLC offering online, go to www.yourchrist.org and click on the "Give" button.
To make your St. James offering online, go to www.stjamesws.org and click the tithe.ly link.

Questions? If you have a question about the worship, life and ministry of this congregation, email Rachel Krohn, Pastoral Assistant at office@yourchrist.org for Christ Lutheran or Mellissa Lickteig, Office Manager stjames.ws@gmail.com for St. James or Pastor Erin at pastor@yourchrist.org. You may also call the church at 630-325-2220 for Christ Lutheran or (708) 246-6228 for St. James, or visit www.yourchrist.org or www.stjamesws.org for St. James

Need something? Social distancing and self isolation can be difficult for individuals and families for a variety of reasons. If you find that you are anxious, worried, feeling hopeless, or just need spiritual support, please give us a call. Pastor Erin will be happy to provide care via phone or a virtual platform. If you find that you need something else – groceries, help contacting medical professionals, etc., please also give us a call. The church's councils are committed to ensure that everyone in the congregation has what they need to weather this challenging time.

How long until we gather in person again? We invite you to meet in person outdoors at Christ Lutheran Church next Sunday, September 27th at 9:00 a.m. We will offer that service on Facebook Live, as well as our regularly scheduled noon service on Zoom.

Gathering/Welcome

Music for Meditation

“All Creatures of our God and King”

Recorded by the CLC Vocal Choir

Verse 1 All creatures of our God and King
 Lift up your voice with us and sing
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 O burning sun with golden beam
 And silver moon with softer gleam
 Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse 2 O rushing wind and breezes soft
 O clouds that ride the winds aloft
 Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
 O rising morn in praise rejoice
 O lights of evening, find a voice
 Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse 3 O flowing waters pure and clear
 Make music for your Lord to hear
 Oh, praise him! Alleluia!
 O fire so masterful and bright
 Providing us with warmth and light
 Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him!
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Confession

Led by Deacon Steven Dickens

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting,...

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God, Hear us as we confess:

For the times we do not trust your abundance, and we deny your presence in our lives...

For when we place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts...

For all the ways we abuse your good creation for our own benefit...

For every moment that we fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us...

For the brokenness we cause in thought, word, actions and inactions...

Merciful God, By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Music "Enough"

Recorded by the CLC Worship Band

Verse 1 You are my supply. My breath of life
Still more awesome than I know
You are my reward. Worth living for
Still more awesome than I know

Chorus And all of You is more than enough for
All of me. For every thirst and
Every need. You satisfy me
With Your love and all I have in You
Is more than enough.

Verse 2 You're my sacrifice of greatest price
Still more awesome than I know
You're my coming King. You are everything.
Still more awesome than I know.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge More than all I want
More than all I need
You are more than enough for me
More than all I know
More than all I can see
You are more than enough for me

And all of You is more than enough for
All of me. For every thirst and

Every need. You satisfy me
With Your love and all I have in You
And all I have in You
And all I have in You
Is more than enough.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Sovereign God,
All: raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image;
created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what
is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading:

Exodus 33:12-23

Read by Katelyn Lyon

¹²Moses said to the LORD, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ ¹³Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” ¹⁴He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” ¹⁵And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. ¹⁶For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

¹⁷The LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” ¹⁸Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” ¹⁹And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” ²¹And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; ²²and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

Gospel:

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him

a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Sermon

Pastor Erin Clausen

Music

“This Is My Father’s World”

Recorded by CLC Vocal Choir

Verse 1 This is my Father’s world,
 and to my list’ning ears
 all nature sings, and round me rings
 the music of the spheres.
 This is my Father’s world;
 I rest me in the thought
 of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
 his hand the wonders wrought.

Verse 2 This is my Father’s world;
 the birds their carols raise;
 the morning light, the lily white,
 declare their maker’s praise.
 This is my Father’s world;
 he shines in all that’s fair.
 In the rustling grass I hear him pass;
 he speaks to me ev’rywhere.

Verse 3 This is my Father’s world;
 oh, let me not forget
 that, though the wrong seems oft so strong,
 God is the ruler yet.
 This is my Father’s world;
 why should my heart be sad?
 The Lord is king, let the heavens ring;
 God reigns, let the earth be glad!

Prayers of Intercession

Led by Debra Joslin

Leader: Expansive God, you bring diverse voices together to form your church. Open our hearts and minds as we pray for:
All who share the good news of your grace around the world.,,
The land, air, waterways, and creatures of your creation, especially those managing wildfires, flooding, and other natural disasters...
Leaders of our nation and communities, and those around the world...
Communities across the United States as they prepare to vote in the upcoming election...
Peace among nations...
The disenfranchised ...
Our enemies, and those whom we cause to suffer...
Those who are sick, suffering, despairing, or heartbroken...
Those who grieve...
Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: Amen

Sharing of the Peace

Moment for offering/ Offering Prayer

Pastor: As we turn to the table, we offer our gifts of praise, time, and talents to God. We also set aside a part of our finances to support the ministry of the church. You may give your financial gift online through the church's website, or mail your check to the church.

I invite you to uncover the bread and drink, as we pray:

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.

Communion

Pastor: As we do this together, we recognize that we are in community, gathered together in spirit even as we are scattered in body. May Christ be present with us now.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

Pastor: Friends of Jesus, come to the table. Receive nourishment for your journey. All of God's children are welcome at God's table, spread out before us. If you are with others, you may pass the bread and drink to one another, saying 'this is *for you*.'

This is the body of Christ, given for you.

This is the blood of Christ, shed for you.

Communion Music/Slide Show

Prayer after Communion

Led by Anya Clausen

Leader: God who invites everyone to come,
thank you for feeding us with your love.
Thank you for loving the world.
Thank you for being good to us.
Thank you for keeping us together
Thank you for being with us.
Help us remember
when we help our world
we help you too.
Help us to love like you love. Amen.

All: Amen.

Benediction

Pastor: 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.

All: Amen.

Music "My Sweet Lord"

Recorded by CLC Worship Band

Chorus My sweet Lord, hm, my Lord
Hm my Lord

Verse 1 I really want to see you.
Really want to be with you
Really want to see you Lord
But it takes so long, my Lord
My sweet Lord, hm, my Lord
Hm my Lord

Verse 2 I really want to know you
Really want to go with you
Really want to show you Lord
That it won't take long, My Lord
My sweet Lord, hm, my Lord
Hm my Lord

Pastor: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

All: Thanks be to God.