**CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA**
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Worship Service – 9:30 AM Sundays (In-person & Online)

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**June 9, 2024**

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

We are delighted that you are worshipping today at Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. May your experience with God here be a blessing!

ACCESS FOR ALL: While we stand often during the service, please assume a posture of reverence which you are able or comfortable. An accessible restroom is located in the Parish Hall through the kitchen. If you’d like Communion brought to your seat, our Pastor will gladly assist you. Young worshippers may visit our COR-KIDS Playspace in the rear of the sanctuary. Activity bulletins are available for children.

***How do I find worship music?***

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (the red book in your pew)

AAH - African American Heritage (the beige book in your pew)

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**Website: https://www.christourredeemerjc.org**

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Have questions? Interested in baptism or membership? Please speak with our ***Pastor Kimberly Vaughn*** after service Or, call 201.433.1836.

P-Pastor **C-Congregation**

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**GATHERING**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God, our provider,

**C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**C: Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn:** When Morning Gilds the Skies (ELW 853)

**Apostolic 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.**

**Kyrie** *ELW p. 147 (in front of book)*

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A: For peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C**: **Lord have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen**

**Hymn of Praise** *ELW p. 149 (in front of book)*

A: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

**C: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia! Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever, Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Salutation**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day** Front page of the *Celebrate* Insert

P: All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**WORD**

**Lessons in *Celebrate* Insert**

First Reading Genesis 3:8-15

Psalmody Psalm 130

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

Gospel Mark 3:20-35

**First Reading: Genesis 3:8-15**

*Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve’s “offspring” with Christ.*

8[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.9But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” 10He said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.” 11He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” 12The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” 13Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.” 14The Lord God said to the serpent,
 “Because you have done this,
  cursed are you among all animals
  and among all wild creatures;
 upon your belly you shall go,
  and dust you shall eat
  all the days of your life.
 15I will put enmity between you and the woman,
  and between your offspring and hers;
 he will strike your head,
  and you will strike his heel.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 130**

*Wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is steadfast love. (Ps. 130:7)*

 1Out | of the depths
  I cry to | you, O Lord;
 2**O Lord, | hear my voice!**
  **Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.**
 3If you were to keep watch | over sins,
  O Lord, | who could stand?
 4**Yet with you | is forgiveness,**
  **in order that you | may be feared.** R
 5I wait for you, O Lord; | my soul waits;
  in your word | is my hope.
 6**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning,**
  **more than those who keep watch | for the morning.**
 7O Israel, wait for the Lord, for with the Lord there is | steadfast love;
  with the Lord there is plen- | teous redemption.
 8**For the Lord shall | redeem Israel**
  **from | all their sins.** R

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1**

*Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.*

13Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, 14because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. 15Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

 16So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. 17For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, 18because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.
 5:1For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(In honor of God’s Good News to us in Jesus, we stand or assume a posture of reverence to receive the reading of the Gospel.)*

**Gospel Acclamation** *ELW p. 151 (in front of book)*

**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 3rd chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Mark 3:20-35**

*In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.*

[Jesus went home;] 20and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. 21When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” 22And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” 23And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? 24If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. 26And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. 27But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.
 28“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; 29but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—30for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”
 31Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. 32A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” 33And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” 34And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! 35Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**Children’s Time** The Rev. Kimberly A. Vaughn

*(Children are welcome to come forward for a special message.*)

**Sermon** The Rev. Kimberly A. Vaughn

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

**Hymn of the Day** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (ELW 504)

**The Apostles’ Creed**

P: Let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles’ Creed.

**C: 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.**

**Prayers of Intercession** Back page of the *Celebrate* Insert

P: We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

*A brief silence.*

P: You reawaken our hearts to your mercy. We give you thanks for renewers of the church in every age (*especially Columba, Aiden, and Bede whom we commemorate today*). Enliven the creativity and persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of your beloved community. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Your presence is revealed in the shade of trees, the growth of seeds into flowers, and in the blessing of plants granting food in their right season. Heal lands scarred by deforestation, pollution, or infestation. Teach us to cultivate the earth with respect and reverence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Our nations and communities are divided, O God. Teach us again to listen with curiosity and mercy, even in disagreement. Grant us the humility to acknowledge our hardness of heart and make us bold in modeling cooperation for the sake of the common good. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you from the depths of fear, despair, or hopelessness (*especially*). With haste, rescue victims of trafficking, exploitation, and abuse, and bless organizations and individuals who work on their behalf. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Grant wisdom and clarity to all who are in seasons of discernment and transition: high school graduates preparing for first jobs or new educational journeys, those who are shifting careers, and those who are navigating changes in their relationships. Accompany them with your peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Praise to you for our ancestors in faith who believed, spoke, and lived in you (*especially*). Give us confidence that as Jesus was raised, so we too will be raised, with all the saints, into your everlasting presence. Merciful God,

P: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**MEAL**

**Greeting of Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*(We share a sign of Christ’s peace—a wave, handshake, smile, hug—however you are comfortable!)*

*Please be seated.*

**Offering & Offertory Music**

(*In response to hearing God’s Word, we respond with joy in our offering.)*

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

**Let The Vineyards** ELW 184

**C: Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all, unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

**Offertory Prayer**

P: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. **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 the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God**.**

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, Holy, Holy** *ELW p. 153 (in front of book)*

**C**: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might: Heav’n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Words of Institution**

P: 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**The Lord’s Prayer**

P: Let us pray as Jesus taught…

**C: 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**

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

*Please be seated.*

**Lamb of God** *ELW p. 154 (in front of book)*

**C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**Communion Hymn:** When Peace Like A River (ELW 785)

**Distribution of Communion**

*(Please bring the communion back to your seat to eat and drink. Someone will collect the cups afterwards.)*

*Please stand as able.*

**Post-Communion Canticle:** God is So Good

*GOD IS SO GOOD, GOD IS SO GOOD, GOD IS SO GOOD, HE’S SO GOOD TO ME.*

*HE CARES FOR ME, HE CARES FOR ME, HE CARES FOR ME, HE’S SO GOOD TO ME.*

*HE’S ALL I NEED, HE’S ALL I NEED, HE’S ALL I NEED, HE’S SO GOOD TO ME.*

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

**C: Amen**

*Please be seated.*

**Announcements**

*(Please see the last page.)*

**SENDING**

*Please stand as you are comfortable.*

**Benediction**

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn** I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me (ELW 860)

**Closing Anthem** Jesus Remember Me

**Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Please Remember Our Sick and Shut-Ins:**

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Ministers The People of Christ Our Redeemer

Pastor Reverend Kimberly Vaughn

Pianist Kim Norton

Lector: Ed Price

Counters: TBD

Usher: Corey Brooks and TBD

*Thank you to those who assisted in today’s worship.*

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**Our Parish Calendar**

**June Birthdays:**

Rabone Gulsarran 2nd

Bernice Hazel 8th

Gary Carter Sr. 11th

Baieyse Pugh 12th

Shawn Norton 16th

Jonathan Strong Sr. 27th

**June Baptism Anniversaries:**

Kyra Pugh 14th

Kathryn Daggs-Connolly 26th

**Worship Assistants for 6/16/2024**

Lector: TBD

Counters: TBD

Usher: Corey Brooks and TBD

**Worship Assistants for 6/23/2024**

Lector: TBD

Counters: TBD

Usher: Corey Brooks and TBD

**Worship Assistants for 6/30/2024**

Lector: Selena Carter

Counters: TBD

Usher: Corey Brooks and TBD

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Congregational**:

* HAPPY ANNIVERSARY, CHRIST OUR REDEEMER! We celebrate God’s work among us for many years, and for God’s continued work through us into the future!
* CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES! Many blessings to all who are graduating this year and to those who will be promoted to a new school next year. God bless your studies and your endeavors!
* COUNCIL MEETING: Church council will meet Wednesday, June 12th at 5:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars.
* SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS: The Emma & Anna Eckhardt Scholarship application is now open for college students. Please consider applying.
* BIBLE STUDY: Join us Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. for conversation on “Daily Discipleship”. Bible study is offered both in-person and on Zoom.
* HOLY BAPTISM/FIRST COMMUNION: If you have questions about receiving the Sacraments of Holy Baptism or First Communion, please see Pastor Kimberly.
* LOOSE CHANGE: Got any spare change? Drop it in the jar after worship—all monies go towards the building fund.
* Please see above for the list of upcoming worship assistants. We are in need of worship assistants for upcoming months.

**NJ Synod and Community:**

* CROSS ROADS CAMP: We are delighted to participate in an area-wide Summer of Children’s Events! We will host Cross Roads Camp the week of July 29 - August 2. Children ages 3 (pre-K) through grade 5 may sign up to participate in each week’s events. More details coming soon!



***126th YEAR OF WITNESS AND SERVICE TO CHRIST***

***THROUGH GOD’S WORD,***

***THE LIGHT AND THE TRUTH,***

***WE INVITE ALL TO GROW IN CHRIST***

*† Connected to Christ † Connected to Each Other † Connected to Community*