

**CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA**

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Saturdays: As needed

Sundays: 7:30 - 11:30

Worship Service – 9:30 AM Sundays (In-person & Online)

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**July 7, 2024**

7<sup>th</sup> 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)

Find us online at:

**Website:** <https://www.christouredeemerjc.org>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/ChristOurRedeemerJerseyCity>

**Instagram:** [www.instagram.com/cor.jc](http://www.instagram.com/cor.jc)

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:**

To God Be the Glory (AAH 157)

### **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: God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully

witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## WORD

### Lessons in *Celebrate* Insert

First Reading	Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalmody	Psalm 123
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Gospel	Mark 6:1-13

#### First Reading:

#### Ezekiel 2:1-5

*In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.*

<sup>1</sup> [A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.<sup>2</sup> And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup> The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." <sup>5</sup> Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### Psalm:

#### Psalm 123

Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy. (Ps. 123:2)

<sup>1</sup> To you I lift <sup>l</sup> up my eyes,  
to you enthroned <sup>l</sup> in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand <sup>l</sup> of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show <sup>l</sup> us your mercy. R**

<sup>3</sup> Have mercy upon us, O <sup>1</sup> Lord, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough <sup>1</sup> of contempt,  
<sup>4</sup> **too much of the scorn of the in- <sup>1</sup> dolent rich,  
and of the derision <sup>1</sup> of the proud. R**

**Second Reading:**

**2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

*Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.*

<sup>2</sup> I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup> was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup> On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup> But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup> even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup> Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup> but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**Gospel:**

**Mark 6:1-13**

*At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.*

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.<sup>2</sup> On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." <sup>5</sup> And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup> He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup> He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup> If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

Faith of Our Fathers (AAH 409)

### 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: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

P: Glorious God, you bend down to wash the feet of your disciples. Let the servant church arise in our teaching, our praying, our healing, and our doing. Make all your faithful people powerful in weakness and strong in grace. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Life-giving God, your fingers trace the heavens and your hands mold the earth. Where there is drought, bring nourishing rain. Where there is devastation from fire or flood, bring relief. Sustain the well-being of every living thing. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Merciful God, you speak and the nations listen. Open those who govern to the cries of all who journey with no food or shelter, particularly people fleeing violence, those seeking freedom, and those in search of community. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Gracious God, your embrace brings wholeness to those who are troubled. Anoint (*names and*) all who suffer in any way with the oil of healing and grant them renewal. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Welcoming God, in your presence strangers become companions and enemies become neighbors. Open our doors to those we have so easily shut out, particularly people who are different from us or who are marginalized by church or society. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Eternal God, you gather us into your house of many dwelling places. We give you thanks for our faithful departed (*especially*). Inspire us by their lives of faith until, with them, we rest forever at our journey's end. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**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:**

Just A Closer Walk With Thee (AAH 455)

## **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.*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**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**

We Shall Overcome (AAH 542)

**Closing Anthem**

Jesus Remember Me

**Dismissal**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

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### **Worship Participants**

Ministers            The People of Christ Our Redeemer  
Pastor                Reverend Kimberly Vaughn  
Pianist                Kim Norton  
Lector:                TBD  
Counters:            TBD  
Usher:                Cathy Wade and TBD

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

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### **Our Parish Calendar**

#### **July Birthdays:**

Karen Persaud            2<sup>nd</sup>  
Shayla Green             8<sup>th</sup>  
Jayana Adams            10<sup>th</sup>

#### **July Baptism Anniversaries:**

Zuri Hart                 25<sup>th</sup>  
Grayson Chaitoo        31<sup>st</sup>

#### **Worship Assistants for 7/14/2024**

Lector:                Ed Price  
Counters:            TBD  
Usher:                Cathy Wade and TBD

#### **Worship Assistants for 7/21/2024**

Lector:                TBD  
Counters:            Ed Price and Jameka Carter  
Usher:                Cathy Wade and TBD

## **Worship Assistants for 7/28/2024**

Lector: TBD  
Counters: TBD  
Usher: Cathy Wade 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!
- HOLIDAY AND SUMMER SAFETY: As we continue to celebrate the July 4th holiday and as temperatures continue to soar, please practice safety at all times, and hydrate!
- COUNCIL MEETING: Church council will meet on Wednesday, July 10th at 5:30 p.m. 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. Pick up registration forms TODAY.

# SUMMER CAMP(S) jersey city TOUR 2024

## MARTIAL ARTS

TRINITY LUTHERAN 195 CLAREMONT  
ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN 85 WAYNE

7/15-19, 9-12 NOON  
8/12-16 & 8/19-23  
9-12 NOON

## CROSS ROADS

TRINITY LUTHERAN 195 CLAREMONT  
CHRIST OUR REDEEMER 37 WARNER

7/22-26, 9-12 NOON  
7/29-8/2, 9-12 NOON

## INTERFAITH

OLD BERGEN CHURCH 1 HIGHLAND

8/5-9, 9-12 NOON

## VBS

GRACE EPISCOPAL 39 ERIE

8/26-29, 5:30-8PM

**126<sup>th</sup> 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*