

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

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Wednesdays: 1:00 - 7:30

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Fridays: 9:00 - 2:00

Saturdays: As needed

Sundays: 7:30 - 11:30

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

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July 21, 2024

9th 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

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:

Oh, How I Love Jesus (AAH 291)

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: O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully

feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

Lessons in *Celebrate* Insert

First Reading	Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalmody	Psalm 23
Second Reading	Ephesians 2:11-22
Gospel	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

First Reading:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the “flock” of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David’s line to save Israel and Judah.

¹ Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. ² Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

⁵ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm:**Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (*Ps. 23:1*)

¹ The Lord [|] is my shepherd;
I shall not [|] be in want.

² **The Lord makes me lie down [|] in green pastures
and leads me be- [|] side still waters.**

³ You restore my [|] soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways [|] for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall [|] fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they [|] comfort me. R**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence [|] of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is [|] running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days [|] of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the [|] Lord forever. R**

Second Reading:**Ephesians 2:11-22**

The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

¹¹ Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵ He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the

foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel:

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they

laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

Children's Time

The Rev. Dr. Garrett Thomas

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

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Garrett Thomas

Please stand as you are comfortable.

Hymn of the Day

It Is Well With My Soul (AAH 377)

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: For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land: Through the One who is the cornerstone of a firm foundation, join us together and build us up as a temple of mercy and peace. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: For the creation: Cause new trees to be planted. Restrain the melting of polar ice caps. Save land from destruction. Like a shepherd tends her sheep, raise up from among us caretakers of all you have made. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: For the leaders of nations and heads of tribes (*especially*): Where peace seems far off, bring it near. Where justice seems fleeting, bring it to light. Where discord seems relentless, bring harmony. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: For the health and well-being of family, friends, and neighbors: Heal those who are sick (*especially*). Give courage to all who struggle with addiction. Touch with your tender care all who reach out to you in pain. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: For this assembly and for the faith communities represented this week at the ELCA Youth Gathering: Nurture the faith of young people as they encounter new experiences and people. Break down dividing walls and inspire collaboration among people of every age. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: In thanksgiving for those who have died (*especially*): Make us certain that in Christ we are no longer strangers and aliens but citizens with the saints in the household of God. 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:

Trust and Obey (AAH 380)

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

Blessed Quietness (AAH 374)

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:

James Gumbs	Jersey City, NJ	646-940-3464
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Kate Fauder	Jersey City, NJ	201-333-5752
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Rabone Goolsarran	Jersey City, NJ	201-432-8215
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Yvonne Grant	Jersey City, NJ	973-444-2266
Sylvena Davis	Jersey City, NJ	201-279-2002
Anna Yvonne Brooks	Jersey City, NJ	201-238-3034

Worship Participants

Ministers	The People of Christ Our Redeemer
Pastor	Reverend Kimberly Vaughn
Pianist	Kim Norton
Lector:	TBD
Counters:	Ed Price and Jameka Carter
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 nd
Shayla Green	8 th
Jayana Adams	10 th

July Baptism Anniversaries:

Zuri Hart	25 th
Grayson Chaitoo	31 st

Worship Assistants for 7/28/2024

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

Worship Assistants for 8/4/2024

Lector: Ed Price
Counters: TBD
Usher: TBD

Worship Assistants for 8/11/2024

Lector:
Counters:
Usher:

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Congregational:

- WELCOME AND THANK YOU to The Rev. Dr. Garrett Thomas for leading our worship this morning!
- WELCOME to Mr. Omar Richardson who will share more about our upcoming summer program after worship. Thank you!
- CROSS ROADS CAMP SUNDAY: Join us next Sunday, July 28th as we welcome staff from Cross Roads Camp who will join us in leading worship, then will be with us for the week leading our camp week!
- HOLIDAY AND SUMMER SAFETY: As temperatures continue to soar, please practice safety at all times, and hydrate!
- BIBLE STUDY: Bible study is on hiatus for the remainder of July and August. Look for future plans in the Fall.
- 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	7/15-19, 9-12 NOON
ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN 85 WAYNE	8/12-16 & 8/19-23 9-12 NOON

CROSS ROADS

TRINITY LUTHERAN 195 CLAREMONT	7/22-26, 9-12 NOON
CHRIST OUR REDEEMER 37 WARNER	7/29-8/2, 9-12 NOON

INTERFAITH

OLD BERGEN CHURCH 1 HIGHLAND	8/5-9, 9-12 NOON
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VBS

GRACE EPISCOPAL 39 ERIE	8/26-29, 5:30-8PM
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**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