

**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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**June 2, 2024**

2<sup>nd</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:**

This Is the Day (AAH 108)

### **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**

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**

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**

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P: Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**WORD**

**Lessons in *Celebrate* Insert**

First Reading	Deuteronomy 5:12-15
Psalmody	Psalm 81:1-10
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Gospel	Mark 2:23—3:6

**First Reading:**

**Deuteronomy 5:12-15**

*This portion of the Ten Commandments instructs the Israelites to keep the sabbath. The Israelites are to rest, and they are to allow their slaves, their livestock, and the foreigners living among them to do the same. They were once slaves, and so they are to treat their own slaves justly.*

<sup>12</sup>Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: Psalm 81:1-10**

*Raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob. (Ps. 81:1)*

<sup>1</sup>Sing with joy to | God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the | God of Jacob.

<sup>2</sup>**Raise a song and | sound the timbrel,  
the merry harp, | and the lyre. R**

<sup>3</sup>Blow the ram's horn at | the new moon,  
and at the full moon, the day | of our feast;

<sup>4</sup>**for this is a stat- | ute for Israel,  
a law of the | God of Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup>God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the | land of Egypt,  
where I heard a voice | I did not know:

<sup>6</sup>**"I eased your shoulder | from the burden;  
your hands were set free from the grave- | digger's basket. R**

<sup>7</sup>You called on me in trouble, and I de- | livered you;  
I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the wa- |  
ters of Meribah.

<sup>8</sup>**Hear, O my people, and I will ad- | monish you:  
O Israel, if you would but lis- | ten to me!**

<sup>9</sup>There shall be no strange | god among you;  
you shall not worship a | foreign god.

<sup>10</sup>**I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the | land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide, and | I will fill it. R**

**Second Reading:**

**2 Corinthians 4:5-12**

*When we carry out God's ministry we do so not for our glory but for the sake of Jesus Christ whom we proclaim as Lord. The power for ministry comes from God, not us, so that we persevere no matter what, trusting in God's power and promises at work through us.*

<sup>5</sup>We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are afflicted

in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; <sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

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**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

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

**Gospel:**

**Mark 2:23—3:6**

*Jesus challenges the prevailing interpretation of what is lawful on the sabbath and tells his critics that the sabbath was made for humankind, not the other way around. Healing the man with the withered hand is work that cannot wait until the next day.*

<sup>23</sup>One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

<sup>3:1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so

that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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**

There Is a Balm in Gilead (AAH 524)

**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: Guide your church to expressions of faith that bring rest and release. Teach your faithful people to be attentive to the spiritual, physical, and societal weariness of our neighbors, that we proclaim your grace through tangible acts of mercy and justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- P: Keep us mindful of the rhythms of nature as the days lengthen and the seasons shift toward summer. Grant relief to areas facing flooding or drought and bring favorable weather for the flourishing of crops, gardens, and orchards. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- P: Where there is affliction in our world, bring healing. Where world leaders are perplexed, bring clarity of vision. Give a spirit of discernment to political advisors, institutional researchers, economic analysts, and all vocations that inform the work of governments and policymakers (*especially*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- P: Provide wholeness and respite to all who are weary: those who struggle in any way and those who care for them (*especially*). Strengthen first responders and health care workers in their times of exhaustion or frustration. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**
- P: Stir our hearts toward abundant generosity among neighbors who experience hunger and food insecurity. Bless feeding ministries and community food efforts, especially community gardens, farmers markets, food pantries and Little Free Pantries. Open both our hearts and our tables. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

- P: We remember the communion of saints whose lives made visible the saving life of Jesus Christ. Guide us by their example to embody the treasure of your love for the sake of our world, until we come to our final rest in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**



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.*

**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:

**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.*

**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:**

Let Us Break Bread Together (AAH 686)

### **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**

Abide With Me (AAH 459)

**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:**

James Gumbs	Jersey City, NJ	646-940-3464
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### **Worship Participants**

Ministers	The People of Christ Our Redeemer
Pastor	Reverend Kimberly Vaughn
Pianist	Kim Norton
Lector:	Jameka Carter
Counters:	Selena Carter and Timekia Carter
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	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Bernice Hazel	8 <sup>th</sup>
Gary Carter Sr.	11 <sup>th</sup>
Baieyse Pugh	12 <sup>th</sup>
Shawn Norton	16 <sup>th</sup>
Jonathan Strong Sr.	27 <sup>th</sup>

#### **June Baptism Anniversaries:**

Kyra Pugh	14 <sup>th</sup>
Kathryn Daggs-Connolly	26 <sup>th</sup>

### **Worship Assistants for 6/9/2024**

Lector: Ed Price  
Counters: TBD  
Usher: Corey Brooks and TBD

### **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

## **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!



The poster features a vibrant, multi-colored background with diagonal stripes in shades of orange, red, yellow, green, and blue. At the top, the text "SUMMER CAMP(S) jersey city TOUR 2024" is written in a bold, stylized font. Below this, the poster is divided into sections for different camp activities: MARTIAL ARTS, CROSS ROADS, INTERFAITH, and VBS. Each section lists the participating church and the dates and times for the camp.

Activity	Church	Dates and Times
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
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*