

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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12th 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>

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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:

Standin' In the Need of Prayer (AAH 441)

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: Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread

that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

Lessons in *Celebrate* Insert

First Reading	1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalmody	Psalm 34:1-8
Second Reading	Ephesians 4:25—5:2
Gospel	John 6:35, 41-51

First Reading:

1 Kings 19:4-8

First Kings chapter 18 describes the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal. The contest proves that the Lord is God, and afterward Elijah orders the killing of the Baal prophets. Angered by the deaths of her prophets, Queen Jezebel threatens to kill Elijah. This reading finds Elijah fleeing, fatigued, and in utter despair.

⁴[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm:

Psalm 34:1-8

Taste and see that the Lord is good. (Ps. 34:8)

¹I will bless the Lord ¹ at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be ¹ in my mouth.

²**I will glory | in the Lord;**

let the lowly hear | and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness | of the Lord;

let us exalt God's | name together.

⁴**I sought the Lord, who | answered me**

and delivered me from | all my terrors. R

⁵Look upon the Lord | and be radiant,

and let not your faces | be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and | the Lord heard me**

and saved me from | all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the Lord encamps around those who | fear the Lord

and de- | livers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the | Lord is good;**

happy are they who take ref- | uge in God! R

Second Reading:

Ephesians 4:25—5:2

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to 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. John, the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel:

John 6:35, 41-51

After feeding more than five thousand people in the wilderness, Jesus teaches them regarding the true significance of this remarkable sign.

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (AAH 463)

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: Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: Reignite the prayer of the church. By your Spirit, (*and remembering Clare of San Damiano, who was known for her powerful prayer,*) root your church around the globe in prayer and spiritual practices. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: We rely on the goodness of your creation in everything we do. We pray for trees that offer shade and for our fellow creatures that depend on the trees for shelter and food. Sustain the work of all who advocate for forests and wilderness areas. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Guide our leaders and nations with a spirit of justice and mercy. Let no evil come out of our mouths, but rather let us extend grace. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: Sustain feeding ministries and organizations such as ELCA World Hunger and our local food pantries (*especially*). We work and pray for a day when hunger is no more. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: We pray for this congregation and for all who are gathered. Be present among anyone who cannot be with us today. Be with all who are hurting, grieving, or ill (*especially*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: We remember the saints who have gone before us in faith. Trusting in the promise of the resurrection, we find hope in your communion of saints of all times and all places. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P: We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

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:

I Must Tell Jesus (AAH 375)

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

This Little Light of Mine (AAH 549)

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:	Corey Brooks
Counters:	TBD
Usher:	Corey Brooks and TBD

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

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Our Parish Calendar

August Birthdays:

Rajnauth Persaud	4 th	Patricia Persaud	20 th
Sylvia Crosley	7 th	Gary Carter Jr.	23 rd
Joe Heard Sr.	10 th	Yvonne Brooks	30 th
Jameka Carter	12 th	Joyce Jackson	31 st
Ayden Persaud	15 th		

August Baptism Anniversaries:

Worship Assistants for 8/18/2024

Lector:	Selena Carter
Counters:	TBD
Usher:	Corey Brooks and TBD

Worship Assistants for 8/25/2024

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

Worship Assistants for 9/1/2024

Lector: TBD
Counters: TBD
Usher: TBD

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Congregational:

- **COUNCIL MEETING:** Church council meets Wednesday, August 14th at 5:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars.
- **BACKPACK GIVEAWAY:** On Saturday, August 24th from noon until 2 p.m. we will host our annual backpack and school supply giveaway ahead of the coming school year. Please contact the church office to donate backpacks or school supplies.
- **FAREWELL FOR PASTOR VAUGHN:** Pastor's last Sunday will be August 25th. Please join us in worship as we wish her farewell.
- **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:

- **GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS** is Sunday, September 8th.

**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

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CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

PRESENTS OUR 4TH ANNUAL

BACK TO SCHOOL

**BACKPACK AND
SCHOOL SUPPLY
GIVEAWAY**

One backpack per child (Ages 3 - 18)
Child must be present.
While supplies last.

Saturday, August 24, 2024

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

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