The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 2, 2023

As We Gather - In the popular show *Dirty Jobs*, host Mike Rowe would involve himself for a time with a job that would be considered dirty and often downright messy. It was entertaining for the viewer to watch but also caused the audience to wonder if they could do a job like that. As people called, gathered, and enlightened by the Holy Spirit and made God's own, He has given us a job. It may not be considered dirty, but it is difficult. The job is to live as His people, to serve as His witnesses, to testify to His truth, and to follow Him where He leads. As hearers, we then wonder, "Can I do a job like that?" It would be tough for His disciples then, and remains tough for us today. But even in those jobs we are privileged to have as His people, we don't go it alone. Jesus has done the dirty work in this world for us through His perfect life and sacrificial death on the cross leading to His victorious resurrection. Because of that, He goes with us wherever He places us to do His work for the sake of others now and for the sake of His kingdom to come.

Offering and Registry of Worship Cards: Please fill out a Registry of Worship Card found in the pew racks. We ask that you print the names of every person in your family, indicating if they take communion. One side of the card is for members and the other side for guests. As the offering is collected, pass the cards to the center aisle so our ushers can gather them.

Saturday Worship: Offerings and Worship Cards will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

About Protecting the Healthy: To protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms of an infectious illness are highly encouraged to stay home. Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God's gifts in worship.

GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.

Prelude and Meditation: Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

Prelude:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Greeting and Sharing of Peace (stand)

Confession and Absolution





Come, humanity, sing along,
 Sing, you people of God, a song;
 Priests and servants, your Lord now bless,
 Join, you spirits and souls at rest: Refrain

Stand

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Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart; All you humble, His praise impart; God the Father and Son adore,

Bless the Spirit forevermore! Refrain

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Remain Standing

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
 Amen.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

- I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
- Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face, who exult in your name all the day and in your righteousness are exalted.
- For you are the glory of their strength; by your favor our horn is exalted.
 For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also

Jeremiah 28:5–9

for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:34-42

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁴[Jesus said:] "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother

more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Sit



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Sermon:

"Becoming Eager Conversationalist" Ephesians 6:10-20

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings (Sunday Only)

Registry of Worship Cards (Sunday Only) – Please pass your completed cards to the

center aisle.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

Stand

P The Lord be with you.

- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



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Distribution:

Distribution Hymns (Sunday Only)

LSB 964 Lift Every Voice and Sing LSB 965 God Bless Our Native Land LSB 717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save





Post-Communion Collect

(Saturday)

- **P** Let us pray together.
- ☑ I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

(Sunday)

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

Benediction

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.



Postlude:

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LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor Organist	
Saturday	
Elder	Lee Crapo
Lector	Rick Smith/Gerie Slaten
Audio	Lee Crapo/Robin Fox
Sunday	
Elder	Carlos Orellana
Lector	George Czanko
Greeter	
Audio	
Video	Video TD: Kris Welch
	GFX/ Stream: Robin Fox
Altar Guild	Sandy Spanier and Dawn Peters

LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP <u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist	Pat Calhoon
Elder	Lee Crapo
Lector	Pierre Alexis
Greeter	
Audio	Kyle Welch
Video	
	GFX: / Stream: Robin Fox
Altar Guild	Sandy Spanier and Dawn Peters

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship Attendance	27
Sunday Worship Attendance	
Envelope and Loose Plate Offerings	\$0
Simply Giving/Vanco	
Paypal Offerings	
Website (ShareFaith)	
Total of Offerings Received	
Misc. Income, Memorials and Special Gifts	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH- Pentecost V – Far from freedom and the opposite of autonomy, death-dealing measures like abortion and assisted suicide hold hearts captive to sinful passions (Romans 7:5-6) such as pride and lust. The sanctity of life Gospel brings the sword that truly liberates (Matthew 10:34) "so that you may belong to another" (Romans 7:4). The Heavenly Father holds every human life as His own precious treasure.

FLOWER SPONSOR– No Flower Sponsor this week.

BULLETIN SPONSOR – No Bulletin Sponsor this week.

ELDERS MEETING – The Elders will meet today, Sunday, July 2nd, after service.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED – The Church Office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, July 3rd and 4th. It will reopen Wednesday, July 5th.

UNDIES SUNDAY'S - August will be our collection month for "Undie Sunday's." We will be collecting new undies for all sizes - children through adult, however, an urgent need has been given to us by both the Talbot House and Central American Missions for toddler sizes - boys and girls- undies and socks as well. A box is available in the narthex. These can be brought in at any time, but August will be our drive!

MARY MARTHA QUILTERS – No Quilting during the months of July and August. Quilting will resume in September.

DREAM CENTER VOLUNTEERS – Volunteers are needed to help check- in and sort items here at Christ Lutheran for the Dream Center. Please see or contact Robin Fox at 863-513-4774 to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

RECIPES WANTED - Mary Martha is collecting favorite recipes for the Church Cookbook. If you have a favorite recipe and would be willing to share it, please write it legibly, sign your name on it and put it in the box located in the Narthex. There is no limit to number of recipes you can submit.

CHURCH DIRECTORY – For those that are not aware, our church member directory is now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the narthex for more information or email Kim Kaniecki at stewardship@clclakeland.org.

TRUSTEE VOLUNTEER DAY – Every Tuesday from 9 am – 1 pm. If you would like to help with the various needs of the church, come join us. A job, whether large or small can be found to help with. If you notice something you think needs attention, come let us know. Thanks for helping.

GREETERS NEEDED – Volunteers are needed to be Greeters in the Narthex to welcome guest and members as they enter for service. If you are interested, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board.

NAMETAGS – We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Mark 10:42 – "And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward." The tithes and offerings you give to the Lord's work in His church go toward supporting all manner of discipleship. They provide for a minister of the Gospel to preach, teach and conduct the Sacraments; they provide for our missionaries and ministries of mercy here and abroad; and they make sure that the folks in your area have a place to go to worship the Lord. The Lord is pleased with this work, and He wants to bless you through your support of it.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Church Office Closed
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Dream Center @ Christ Lutheran
Bible Study @ Noon
Private Communion @ 1:30 – 2:30 pm
Youth @ 6:30 pm
Church Office closed, Pastor's Day Off
Bible Study @ 4 pm
Worship @ 5:30 pm
Bible Study @ 8:30 am
Worship Service @ 10 am
Bible Study @ 11:15 am