



*"Stand in awe of the Lord."*

## **The Second Sunday After Pentecost**

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## **THE HOLY EUCHARIST SUNDAY 9:00 AM**

Please stand.

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*A brief silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

**C: Amen.**

### **GATHERING SONG**

*How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* Hymn # 620

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.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

P: O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9**

*The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.*

A: A reading from Isaiah—

<sup>1</sup>I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name.

<sup>2</sup>I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;

<sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks;

<sup>4</sup>who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

<sup>5</sup>who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.

<sup>6</sup>See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps

<sup>7</sup>their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions.

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.

<sup>9</sup>I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

The word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 22:19-28**

*"In the midst of the assembly I will praise you."*

P: <sup>19</sup>But you, O Lord, be not far away; O my help, hasten to my aid.

**C: <sup>20</sup>Deliver me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.**

P: <sup>21</sup>Save me from the lion's mouth! From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

**C: <sup>22</sup>I will declare your name to my people; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

P: <sup>23</sup>You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob's line, give glory. Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

**C: <sup>24</sup>For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.**

P: <sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

**C: <sup>26</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied, let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

P: <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

**C: <sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations.**

## **SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29**

*For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.*

A: A reading from Galatians—

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.

<sup>24</sup>Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith.

<sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian,

<sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith.

<sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

<sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

<sup>29</sup>And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs

according to the promise.

The word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as we welcome the Gospel.

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

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

**GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39**

*Jesus' mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus' work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God's mercy and power.*

<sup>26</sup>Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee.

<sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs.

<sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—

<sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds).

<sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him.

<sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission.

<sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country.

<sup>35</sup>Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

<sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed.

<sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.

<sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying,

<sup>39</sup>“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

## **SERMON**

Silence for reflection follows the Sermon.

## **MEDITATION**

*Faith of Our Fathers* by Frederick William Faber (**Featuring Bells and Adult Choir**)

Please stand.

## **CREED**

**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

Petition Response to “God of grace:” **Hear our prayer.**

### PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the Lord.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

The people may greet one another with a sign of the Lord’s peace, and may say, “Peace be with you,” or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

### OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the Church, including the care of those in need.

### OFFERTORY

*Where My Father Lives* by M.D. Ridge (**Featuring the Adult Choir**)

Please stand.

### OFFERING PRAYER

**C: Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (Pastor)

Please remain standing.

### LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

The assembly is seated.

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

All who believe in the real presence of Christ in the Sacrament are invited to come forward to receive. Follow the instructions of the ushers. Children who have not yet received First Communion instruction are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you are not comfortable receiving at this time, you are welcome to remain seated.

## **COMMUNION**

### **COMMUNION MEDITATION**

*Arioso* by J.S. Bach (Flute & Piano)

*One Bread, One Body* Hymn # 496

Please stand.

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: The God of peace, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**C: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* Hymn # 836

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## *We Welcome All Visitors to our Services!*

Please introduce yourself and sign our guest book on the desk in the Sanctuary. *Parents with Restless Children* may wish to move to the library, where a loudspeaker has been installed so that they may continue to follow the service in more comfortable surroundings.



## **Today's Altar Flowers Are Given**

In Memory of Their Fathers,  
John Henry Gross & Peter Geestmann  
*by Claudia & John Gross*

In Loving Memory of Al Grube, Ernest Grube, & Henry Mantay  
on Father's Day  
*By Norma Mantay*

In Loving Memory of Their Fathers and Brothers-in-Law  
*by Doris & Roger Ohlander*

In Loving Memory of Otto P. Roepke on Father's Day  
*by Barbara & Roy Stone*

In Memory of the Life and Ministry of Bishop James A. Graefe  
*by Hans Vogel*

## Serving Today

Presider: The Reverend Dennis O'Rourke

Lector: Roxanne Toomey

Altar Guild: Terry Ciro, Eileen Colton, Claudia Gross, Lilly Ann Munnich,  
Carol Shoemaker

Counters: Jan Eastlund, John Eastlund, Jerry Fitzgerald

Usher: Craig Sparke

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Nicole Nicholson: Director of Music

Kamelija Galijan-Curry: Organist

Roxanne Toomey: Deacon

Della Rao: Parish Administrator, Christian Education Coordinator

Dana Antonette: Nursery School Director

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## Weekly Announcements

- Today is Father's Day 2x4 Sunday. Our tribute is enclosed in your bulletin and displayed in the narthex. All proceeds from this collection will be lovingly donated to Habitat for Humanity. We thank God for all of the fathers and father figures who have touched our lives.
- We are disappointed to announce that Vacation Bible School has been **cancelled** this year due to low enrollment. We are looking ahead to next summer, and are confident it will be as successful as ever. We hope you will join us.
- Our Church security plan has been approved by Council and will take effect immediately. Please see a Council member for details.
- The Eastern Nassau Conference of WELCA will hold a Bible study in Cedar Creek Park on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 10AM-12PM. Please call the Church office if you would like more details. All ladies are welcome.
- Our Church clean-up is well underway, but much work needs to be done. Volunteers are welcome. Please contact the Church office if you are able to lend a hand.

- Volunteers are still welcome to join us for the Fourth of July Parade. We will be meeting on **Wednesday, 6/22 at 4:30 PM** to start setting up. Please speak with Della Rao if you are interested.
- The Lutheran Schools Association is holding a baseball fundraiser. **Yankees vs. Red Sox tickets are available!** Call the Church office for details if you'd like to attend.
- If you have a July birthday or anniversary that you would like listed in the upcoming Spire, please inform the Church office no later than **this Tuesday, 6/21**.
- The Christian Education Committee invites all families to register for the 2022-2023 school year. Stay tuned for updates this summer!

### **St. John's Food Pantry**

Your donations are appreciated. Thank you!

Campbell's Cream of Mushroom of Soup - Canned Fruit

Canned Chicken - Canned Salmon - Chili with Beans - Cooking Oil

Jell-O - Juice - Pudding Mix - Salad Dressing - Spaghetti

Please check the expiration dates on packaged foods before donating.

### **CLC This Week: June 19<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup>**

*Happy Summer! Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>*

4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Set-Up: Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4:30 PM

**Thrift Shop: Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM-3:00PM**

For a complete list of activities this month, please visit our website, or check your latest copy of the Spire.

### **The Liturgical Color**

The liturgical color of The Time After Pentecost is **green**. The color green indicates our growth in faith as we follow the teachings and ministry of Christ.



## **We Remember Especially Those On Our Prayer List**

Debbie Becker - Ellen Bello - Bud Bilewich - James Cathcart  
Danielle Chillemi - Eileen Colton - Sal Costanzo - Sue Costanzo  
Marge Dahlberg - Mike Dauth - Joan Drake - Charlie Fisher  
Travis Gentile - Betty Gibberman - Barbara Grieser - Joe Hanna  
Barbara Hess - Arnold Howard - Carolyn Howard - Suzanne Marshall  
Janet McShea - William McShea - Bill Miller - Marilyn Miller  
James Pallas - Roberta Pfister - Barbara Proce - Gary Proce  
Anthony Michael Rao IV - Catherine Rao - Bob Rath - Sheila Reeves  
Emmett Reilly - Rose Reilly - Ann Reimer - Barbara Reimer  
Della Dorn Rice - Helga Richert - Eunice Rischan - Natalie Stone  
James Toomey - Laura Vogel

*To add a name to our prayer list, contact the Church office.  
Names remain on the list for a period of six weeks per request.*



## **Christ Lutheran Church, Wantagh, New York**

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### **Congregational Council**

Hans Vogel, President - Nancy Pisani, Vice President  
Barbara Stone, Treasurer - Kirsten Duprez, Secretary  
The Rev. Dr. John Krahn - Regina Coons - Claudia Gross  
Jeri Hallgren - Bill Henderson - James Sheridan  
James Spiegle - Roxanne Toomey

### **Pastoral Call Committee**

Eric Juergens, Chair - Dee Bloomfield - Eileen Colton  
Bob Hasteadt - John Heron - Kay Riese