



*"You will show me the path of life."*

**The Third 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**

*O Jesus, I Have Promised* Hymn # 810

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: Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

**FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21**

*In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.*

A: A reading from Kings—

<sup>15</sup>Then the Lord said to [Elijah,] “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazeal as king over Aram.

<sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

<sup>19</sup>So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him.

<sup>20</sup>He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?”

<sup>21</sup>He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

The word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 16**

*“I have set the Lord always before me.”*

P: <sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

**C: <sup>2</sup>All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

P: <sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

**C: <sup>4</sup>I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names**

**upon my lips.**

P: <sup>5</sup>O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

C: <sup>6</sup>**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

P: <sup>7</sup>I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

C: <sup>8</sup>**I have set the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

P: <sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

C: <sup>10</sup>**For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

P: <sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## **SECOND READING: Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

*For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.*

A: A reading from Galatians—

<sup>1</sup>For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup>For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another.

<sup>14</sup>For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

<sup>15</sup>If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup>Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.

<sup>17</sup>For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want.

<sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law.

<sup>19</sup>Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness,  
<sup>20</sup>idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions,  
factions,

<sup>21</sup>envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I  
warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of  
God.

<sup>22</sup>By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
generosity, faithfulness,

<sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

<sup>24</sup>And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions  
and desires.

<sup>25</sup>If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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 9:51-62**

*Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not  
be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples  
to a similar single-mindedness.*

<sup>51</sup>When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to  
Jerusalem.

<sup>52</sup>And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of  
the Samaritans to make ready for him;

<sup>53</sup>but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

<sup>54</sup>When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to  
command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?”

<sup>55</sup>But he turned and rebuked them.

<sup>56</sup>Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup>As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you  
wherever you go.”

<sup>58</sup>And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but  
the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.”

<sup>59</sup>To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury

my father.”

<sup>60</sup>But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

<sup>61</sup>Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.”

<sup>62</sup>Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The assembly is seated.

## **SERMON**

Silence for reflection follows the Sermon.

## **MEDITATION**

*Alleluia* by Gould & Nethery (**Featuring the Bell Choir**)

## **THE RITE OF BAPTISM: RYAN ROBERT PAGE**

*In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.*

## **CREED: PLEASE RECITE AS DIRECTED BY THE PASTOR.**

**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**

*Table of Plenty* by Dan Schutte (**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**

*Rain Down* by Jaime Cortez

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**

*Just A Closer Walk With Thee* Hymn # 697

**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**

for the Glory of God.

**Serving Today**

President: The Reverend James Anderson

Lector: Roxanne Toomey

Altar Guild: Regina Coons, Joan Drake, Norma Mantay, Doris Ohlander

Counters: June Fahey, Bill Henderson, Doris & Roger Ohlander,

Mike Soethout

Usher: Robert Ahearn

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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, we celebrate the Baptism of Ryan Robert Page. Our congregation prays that he, his Sponsors, his parents, and all his loved ones continue to grow and thrive in the light of the Lord. May God bless them!
- Our Church security plan has been approved by Council. Enclosed in the July Spire is the full list of new protocols. Please see a Council member with any questions.
- The July Spire was sent out this week. Please inform the Church office if you do not receive a copy. The Spire is also available on our website.
- There will be **no Thrift Shop Saturday** on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, in observance of Independence Day.
- The Church office is **closed** on Independence Day, Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Volunteers are still welcome to join us for the Fourth of July Parade. We will be meeting **after service today** to start setting up. We welcome decorators and marchers of all ages.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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 26<sup>th</sup> through July 4<sup>th</sup>**

4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Set-Up: Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, following service

**Thrift Shop: Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00AM-3:00PM**

**There is NO Thrift Shop Saturday on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>: Independence Day, Church Office **Closed**

Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>: Independence Day Parade, 10:00 AM

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

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## **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.

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## **Support Our Local Churches!**

- **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Levittown** hosts “Food Truck Fridays” starting at 5PM, and their Farmers Market on Saturdays at 10AM (*weather permitting*).
- **St. Bernard’s R.C. Church in Levittown** will host their annual blood drive on Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, in their Parish Center. Call the rectory office at 516-731-4220 to make an appointment. Walk-ins are accepted. *A Special Note from Della:* This is the first time that the blood drive will go on without my dear friend and blood drive coordinator, Ernie Meditz, who passed away suddenly this year. I would be grateful if our congregation would honor his memory and the cause which was dear to his heart.
- **St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre** will host a Choir Festival Concert **tonight, June 26<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM**. Several choirs from Catholic and Lutheran Churches around Nassau County will perform.



## **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