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## **The Tenth 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**

*Faith of Our Fathers*    Hymn # 812

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 God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

### **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29**

*Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people through dreams. One is like wheat; the other like worthless straw.*

A: A reading from Jeremiah—

<sup>23</sup>Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off?

<sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord.

<sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!"

<sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart?

<sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal.

<sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord.

<sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

The word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: Psalm 82**

*"Arise, O God, and rule the earth."*

P: <sup>1</sup>God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgement in the midst of the gods:

**C: <sup>2</sup>"How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?"**

P: <sup>3</sup>"Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

**C: <sup>4</sup>"rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the**

**wicked.**

P: <sup>5</sup>“They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

C: <sup>6</sup>“**Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;**

P: <sup>7</sup>“nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.””  
your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

C: <sup>8</sup>**Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29--12:2**

*The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.*

A: A reading from Hebrews—

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned.

<sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days.

<sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—

<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions,

<sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

<sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection.

<sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.

<sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—

<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised,

<sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,

<sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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 12:49-56**

*Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.*

<sup>49</sup>[Jesus said:] "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!

<sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed!

<sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!

<sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three;

<sup>53</sup>they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens.

<sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens.

<sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky,

but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The assembly is seated.

## **SERMON**

Silence for reflection follows the Sermon.

## **MEDITATION**

*Abide With Me* Hymn # 629

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 "Merciful God:" **Receive 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. Our offering baskets are located at the back of the Sanctuary.

## **OFFERTORY**

*How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord* Hymn # 580 (Flute & Piano)

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.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC 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

*Table of Plenty* by Dan Schutte

*On Eagles Wings* by Michael Joncas (Piano)

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

*Lead On, O King Eternal* Hymn # 805

## 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 Thanksgiving to God

***by John and Janice Eastlund***

## **Serving Today**

Presider: The Reverend Dennis O'Rourke

Lector: Roxanne Toomey

Altar Guild: Elaine DiChiara, June Fahey, Emmy Grenzig, Barbara Rath

Counters: Jerry Fitzgerald, John and Janice Eastlund

Usher: Eric Juergens

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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

- This past week, Christ Lutheran lost two longtime, devoted members. We mourn the losses of **Henry Schlobohm and Renate Walter**, who both passed away on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. We pray that God has welcomed them with open arms into the Church Triumphant.
- **Rally Day is nearly here!** Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Rally Day is also the kickoff for our 2022-2023 Christian Education Program! If you'd like to enroll your child as a **new student** in Sunday School or Confirmation classes, please speak with Della Rao. Registration is always free!
- The 2022-2023 Confirmation Program Orientation will be held **this Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, at 5PM** in the Sanctuary. If you have not yet RSVP'd, please speak with Della Rao right away. If you cannot make the Orientation date, alternate arrangements will be made.
- WELCA is currently collecting donations for Layettes. **Items especially needed are:** bath soap, safety or diaper pins, and T-shirts (new or gently used). Please consider lending a hand!
- The Eastern Nassau Conference of WELCA will hold their next Bible Study on **Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, from 10AM-12PM** at the field five picnic area of Cedar Creek Park. In attendance will be the Synodical WELCA President, Evie Buhner. If you need to reach attendees at the park, please call Carol Scheurer at 516-672-634.
- Preparations have begun for this fall's Country Fair! If you or someone you know is affiliated with a business that would like to contribute to our raffle baskets, please speak with Regina Coons, Lilly Ann Munnich, or Della Rao.

## 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: August 14<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>**

Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>: September Spire Submission Deadline

Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup>: Confirmation Program Orientation, 5:00PM

**Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>: Thrift Shop, 9:00AM-3:00PM**

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*).
- **Grace Lutheran Church in North Bellmore** will host their Annual Yard Sale on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:00AM-4:00PM. There is a rain date of August 27<sup>th</sup>. Street parking will be available; the sale will be held in the Church parking lot. All are welcome!
- **St. David’s Lutheran Church in Massapequa Park** will be hosting a special community service project with their August Mission, Project S.P.L.A.S.H. (Stop Polluting/Littering and Save Lives). The date is TBD and will be posted soon. Please contact the St. David’s Church office if you’d like to attend.
- **The Lutheran New Life Center** thanks all who participated in their School Supply Appeal. As we prepare for the fall, the Center is accepting donations of: backpacks, macaroni and cheese, pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, beans, soup, cereal, canned spaghetti and ravioli, canned vegetables (peas or mixed), and canned fruit (mandarin oranges, pineapple, or peaches).



## **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  
Bob Freyer - Travis Gentile - Betty Gibberman - Barbara Grieser  
Joe Hanna - Barbara Hess - Arnold Howard - Carolyn Howard  
Elaine Quigley Levano - Suzanne Marshall - Janet McShea  
William McShea - Bill Miller - Marilyn Miller - James Pallas  
Roberta Pfister - Barbara Proce - Gary Proce - Catherine Rao  
Bob Rath - Sheila Reeves - Emmett Reilly - Rose Reilly - Ann Reimer  
Barbara Reimer - Della Dorn Rice - Helga Richert - Eunice Rischon  
Christopher Schwarz - 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