

Sunday - July 5, 2026
6th Sunday after Pentecost



OUR MISSION: God calls us to live and share the amazing love and grace of Jesus Christ with all people.

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. Christ Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation that welcomes all. May God bless us in Word and Sacrament, music and community in our worship today. The service is complete in this bulletin. The spoken responses are bolded text.

We acknowledge that our building of worship is built upon the territory of xučyun (Huichin), the unceded land stewarded by the Ohlone people who speak to their Creator and loved ones in the language of Chochenyo.

INTRODUCTION

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

GATHERING-ELW 611: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

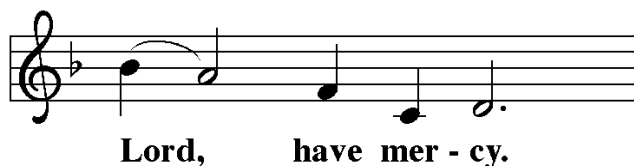
- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

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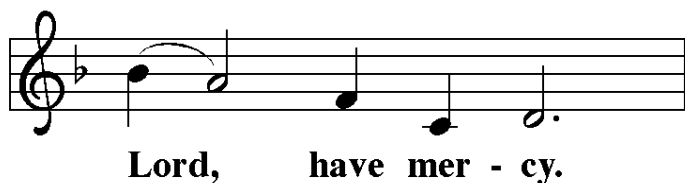
*In peace, let us pray to the
Lord.*



*For the peace from above,
and for our salvation, let us
pray to the Lord.*

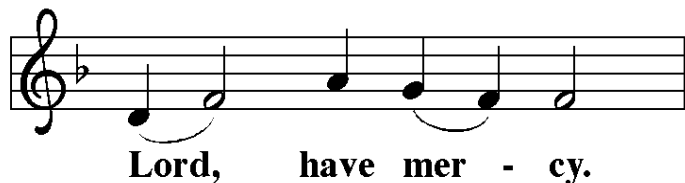


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



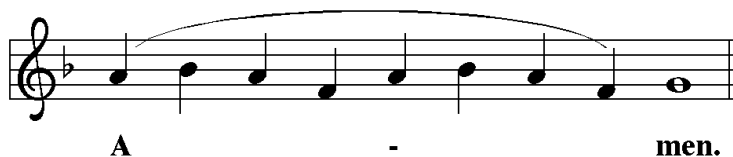
Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

GLORIA



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



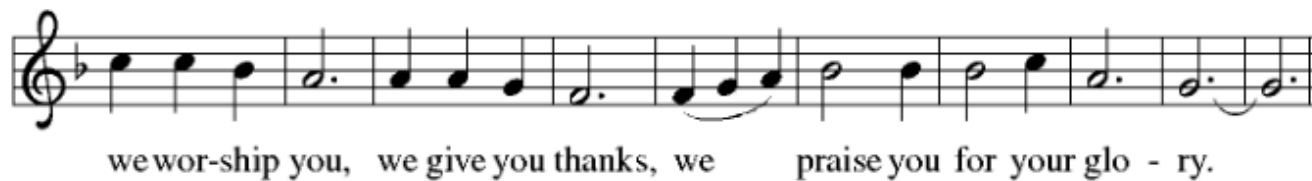
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - mighty God and Fa-ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right



hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

A - men, a - men.

FIRST READING: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

[Laban received a visitor who said,] 34 “I am Abraham’s servant. 35 The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. 36 And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old, and he has given him all that he has. 37 My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites in whose land I live, 38 but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’

42 “I came today to the spring and said, ‘O LORD, God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! 43 I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” 44 and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also”—let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master’s son.’

45 “Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ 46 She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. 47 Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms.

48 Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. 49 Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

58 And they called Rebekah and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." 59 So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. 60 And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

"May you, our sister, become
thousands of myriads;
may your offspring gain possession
of the gates of their foes."

61 Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man, and the servant took Rebekah and went his way.

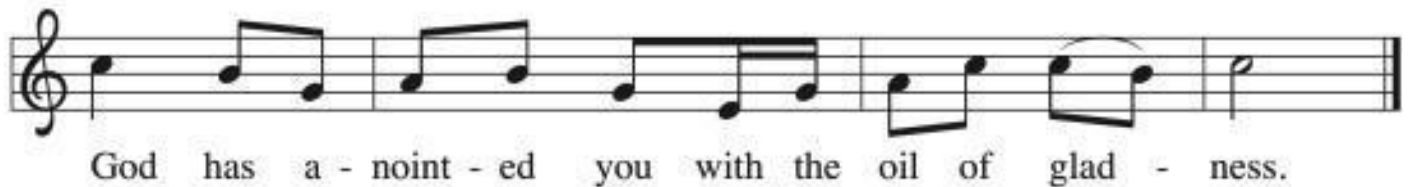
62 Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi and was settled in the Negeb. 63 Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field, and, looking up, he saw camels coming.

64 And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel 65 and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself.

66 And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. 67 Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 45



¹⁰ "Hear, O daughter; consider and | listen closely;

forget your people and your | father's house.

¹¹ The king will de- | sire your beauty;

he is your master, so | bow before him.

- ¹² The city of **I** Tyre brings tribute;
the wealthiest of the people **I** seek your favor.”
- ¹³ All glorious is the princess **I** as she enters;
her gown is **I** cloth-of-gold. **R**
- ¹⁴ In embroidered apparel she is brought **I** to the king;
after her the bridesmaids follow **I** in procession.
- ¹⁵ With joy and gladness **I** they are brought,
and enter into the palace **I** of the king.
- ¹⁶ “In place of ancestors, O king, you **I** shall have sons;
you shall make them princes over **I** all the earth.
- ¹⁷ I will make your name to be remembered from one generation **I** to another;
therefore nations will praise you forev- **I** er and ever.” **R**

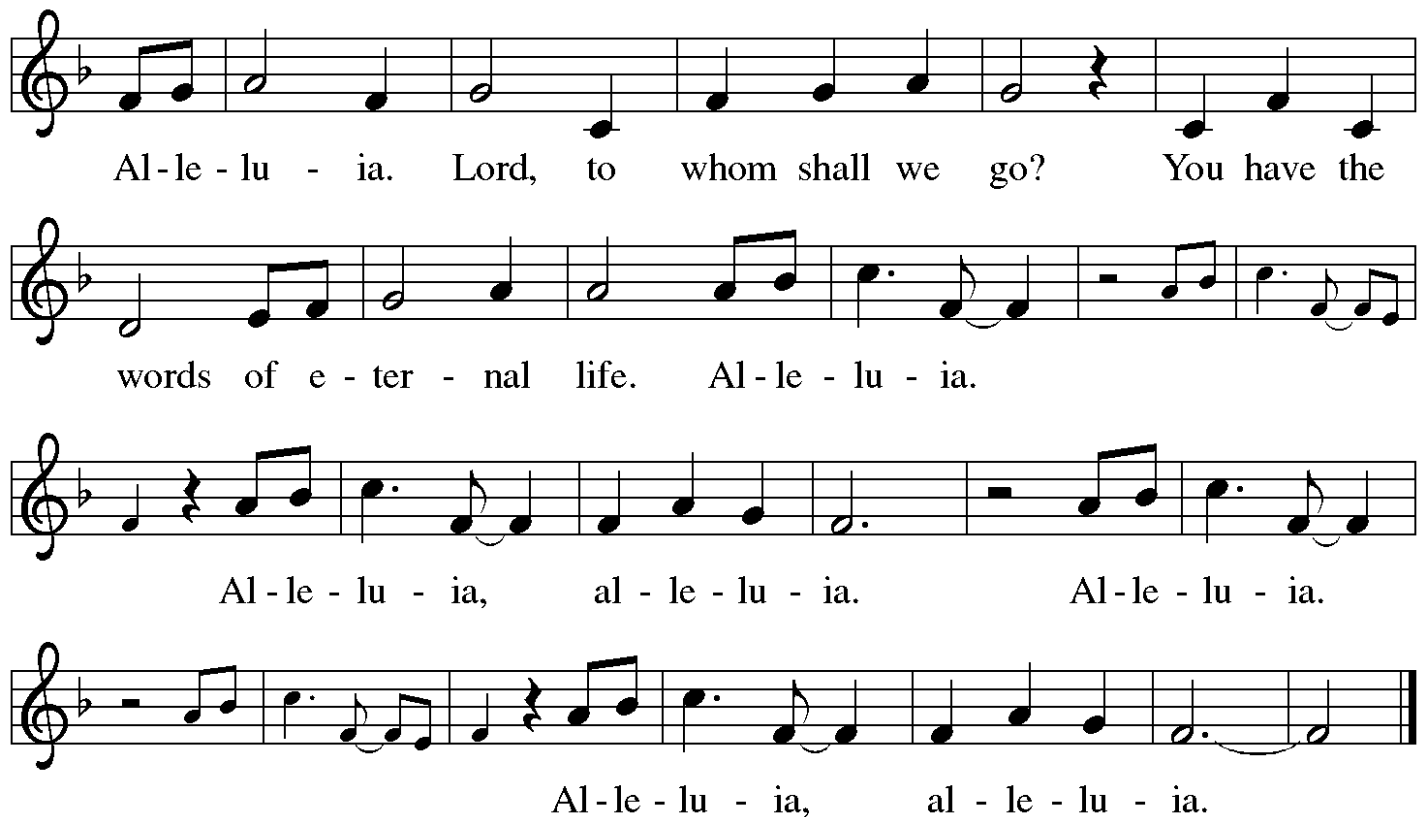
SECOND READING: 7:15-25a

¹⁵ I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³ but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a} Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O God.**

Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] 16 “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

17 ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

18 “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; 19 the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

25 At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; 26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

28 “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON Dee Andrews

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 742: What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's steadfast love for all God has made, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God our unity, your church flourishes in different languages, cultures, and movements. Grant us wisdom to discern when our yokes are too heavy, that we may live and serve in the freedom of your rest. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God our life-giver, we grieve the pains placed upon our common home through war and neglect. What you have lovingly crafted, guide us to lovingly tend. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God our freedom, you are no tyrant but bring peace. As this nation marks its declaration

of independence, teach us our part in announcing peace for future generations. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God our comfort, liberate all in our community who are captive to fear, who have become isolated or ill, or who are in any need especially for Karen, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., Scott F., Kim M., and the family and friends of Julie D. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

God our guide, we do not always have the strength to do the good we wish to do. Free us from the cycles of violence that bind us, that all know your liberation. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

What else do the people of God pray for?

God our home, you model freedom through the love shared across communities of trust and goodwill. As we remember those now gone to eternal rest, we thank you for the gifts of life together. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Grateful for your abundant provision and trusting in your goodness, we cast all our cares upon you, through the abundant grace of Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY- You've Got A Friend - Carole King

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD AND BLESSING

Presider: Gracious Jesus, You are present with your people in every time and place. You come to us with healing in your touch, cleansing waters and life-giving Word. You restore us in body, mind, and spirit, and awaken in us hearts of thankfulness and praise.

All: Be with us, Lord.

Presider: Always your Spirit gathers us and nourishes us with grace. You draw us together as one body in your love. Make your home within our hearts and kindle faith that bears good fruit.

All: Dwell within us, Lord.

Presider: Strengthen us to be your body in the world, serving with compassion, forgiving as we have been forgiven, loving as have first loved us.

All: Send us, Lord.

Presider: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO RECEIVE A BLESSING

SENDING HYMN- *I Danced in the Morning*



1. I danced in the morn-ing when the world was be-gun, And I
2. I danced for the scribe and the phar-i-see, But
3. I danced on the Sab-bath and I cured the lame; The
4. I danced on a Fri-day when the sky turned black; It's
5. They cut me down and I leapt up high; †



danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I
they would not dance, and they would-n't fol-low me; I
ho-ly peo-ple said it was a shame. They
hard to dance with the dev-il on your back. They
I am the life that-'ll nev-er, nev-er die; I'll



came down from heav-en and I danced on the earth; At
danced for the fish-er-men, for James and John; They
whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, And
bur-ied my bod-y and they thought I'd gone; But
live in you if you'll live in me: †



Beth - le - hem I had my birth.
came with me and the dance went on.
left me there on a Cross to die.
I am the dance and I still go on.
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.



Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be; I am the



Lord of the Dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wher -



ev - er you may be, And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Participating in Worship

Presiding/Preaching: Dee Andrews

Minister of Music: Daniel Alley

Guitarists: George Fosselius &
Randy Mayer

Lector: Amy T.

Communion Set-up/Clean-up:

Worship Assistant: Pete F.

Flowers:

Coffee Hour: Carla L., Lsyle P., Laurie P.

Happening This Week at CLC

Today

10 AM CLC Worship

Monday

9 AM- 3:00 PM Senior Center

7 PM- 8:30 PM The Scouts

Tuesday

7 PM Lady AA Meeting

Saturday

6 PM Millennium AA Meeting

Next Sunday

10 AM CLC Worship

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

Diane L.
Lysle P.
Mike S.
The Vale Community
Robin & Wendy
George F.
Louise O., Lucas, and
El Cerrito High School
Jimmy D.
Vince

Laurie P.
Carolina S.
Karen H.
Fred W.
Chad B.
TJ B.
Carla L.
Mark
Thelma & Mike G.

Chris
Phil C.
Scott F.
Kim M.
The family and friends of
Julie Dienstein

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