

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church

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May 5, 2024 - 6th Sunday of Easter, Children's Worship

PRELUDE - "The Child in Each of Us" - Ham

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWER DEDICATION

Today's altar flowers are in honor of the 60th wedding anniversary of Stan and Cathy Nelson. You are invited to join them for cake and coffee between services.

Gathering Words (inspired by Psalm 98)

Come, sing a new song to God!

Remember all the times full of wonder

God has already saved us!

Plug in the keyboard; tune up those guitars;

try out the drums!

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

Open the windows!

Listen to the choirs outdoors,

feathery and furry!

Let the hills sing together for joy!

For God is not done doing wonders!

God is coming to set everything right.

Sing a new song to God!

OPENING SONG - "Rise and Shine and Give God the Glory"

Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory,

Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory,

Rise and shine and (CLAP)

Give God the glory, glory,

Children of the Lord. (REPEAT)

Opening Litany (inspired by Psalm 122)

I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Our feet are standing within your gates.

We gather with gladness in the Lord's house this day!

Pray for the Lord's peace this day and always.

**We gather to pray with our words and our lives
so that all of God's children will one day know
peace and security.**

For the sake of my family and friends

I will say, "Peace be within you."

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God

I will seek your good.

**We gather in God's name, who claims us all as family,
to speak out and seek peace and justice
for the sake of all God's children.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

From near and far, we have come to worship. We come, even though we have hurt others and ourselves by what we have done and said. We come, knowing that God will always forgive us and set us free from the pain we have caused one another.

(silence for reflection)

God is calling us now to new life by confessing our sins.

Holy God, forgive us for all that we have done and said that hurt ourselves and others. Help us to look honestly at our words and actions. Help us to walk again in your ways and listen to your voice guiding us each day. Amen.

In Jesus, God gives us new life this day and always. God forgives us all our sins and gives us power to change our ways so we can live like His beloved children.

Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE - "Awesome God"

Our God, is an Awesome God!

He reigns from heaven above,

With wisdom, pow'r and love.

Our God is an Awesome God! (REPEAT)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, thank you for bringing us together this holy day. Help us to see and hear you in the voices of our children. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME - Gizmo and Pastor Sue - "He's Different"

FIRST LESSON - Genesis 12:1-5 (NIRV)

The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's family. Go to the land I will show you.

²"I will make you into a great nation.

And I will bless you.

I will make your name great.

You will be a blessing to others.

³I will bless those who bless you.

I will put a curse on anyone who puts a curse on you.

All nations on earth

will be blessed because of you."

⁴So Abram went, just as the Lord had told him. Lot went with him. Abram was 75 years old when he left Harran. ⁵He took his wife Sarai and his nephew Lot. They took all the people and possessions they had acquired in Harran. They started out for the land of Canaan. And they arrived there.

This is the Word of the Lord,

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148

- 1 Praise the Lord from the heavens.
Praise him in the heavens above.
- 2 Praise him, all his angels.
Praise him, all his angels in heaven.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon.
Praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, you highest heavens.
Praise him, you waters above the skies.
- 5 Let all of them praise the name of the Lord,
because at his command they were created.
- 6 He established them for ever and ever.
He gave them laws they will always have to obey.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all the deepest parts of the ocean.
- 8 Praise him, lightning and hail, snow and clouds.
Praise him, you stormy winds that obey him.
- 9 Praise him, all you mountains and hills.
Praise him, all you fruit trees and cedar trees.
- 10 Praise him, all you wild animals and cattle.
Praise him, you small creatures and flying birds.
- 11 Praise him, you kings of the earth and all nations.
Praise him, all you princes and rulers on earth.
- 12 Praise him, young men and women.
Praise him, old men and children.

This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON - Philippians 4: 4-9

⁴ Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful! ⁵ Let everyone know how gentle you are. The Lord is coming soon. ⁶ Don't worry about anything. No matter what happens, tell God about everything. Ask and pray, and give thanks to him. ⁷ Then God's peace will watch over your hearts and your minds. He will do this because you belong to Christ Jesus. God's peace can never be completely understood. ⁸ Finally, my brothers and sisters, always think about what is true. Think about what is noble, right and pure. Think about what is lovely and worthy of respect. If anything is excellent or worthy of praise, think about those kinds of things. ⁹ Do what you have learned or received or heard from me. Follow my example. The God who gives peace will be with you.

This is the Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - "Jesus Loves Me"

**Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong,
They are weak, but he is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

This is the Good News according to St. Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL - Luke 2:41-52

⁴¹ Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover Feast. ⁴² When Jesus was 12 years old, they went up to the feast as usual. ⁴³ After the feast was over, his parents left to go back home. The boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. But they were not aware of it. ⁴⁴ They thought he was somewhere in their group. So they traveled on for a day. Then they began to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ They did not find him. So they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courtyard. He was sitting with the teachers. He was listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ Everyone who heard him was amazed at how much he understood. They also were amazed at his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were amazed. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been worried about you. We have been looking for you everywhere." ⁴⁹ "Why were you looking for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he meant by that. ⁵¹ Then he went back to Nazareth with them, and he obeyed them. But his mother kept all these things like a secret treasure in her heart. ⁵² Jesus became wiser and stronger. He also became more and more pleasing to God and to people.

This is the Word of the Lord,
Praise to you, O Christ.

(10:30) CHOIR ANTHEM - "Dry Bones"

ADULT CHILDREN'S TIME

SONG OF THE DAY - "This Little Light of Mine"

**This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.**

**This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

Verse 2 - Ev'rywhere where I go...

Verse 3 - Jesus gave it to me...



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we know you in the breaking of the bread and when we gather together as a family of faith. Help us to see you in the faces of the people we meet. Give us strength by your body and blood, so we can live our faith boldly. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Help us to care for the earth you create with great love. Thank you for farmers who are preparing to plant their fields to grow food that will feed us. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Help us to care for people who need food, clothing, or shelter. Thank you for food pantries, Blessings in a Backpack, and Norski Nibbles. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Thank you for our families and friends, for teachers and coaches, for schools and homes. Be with all children who need your help and care. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

We rejoice that Jesus was raised from the dead and we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and loving God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING - *If you missed placing your offering in the plate when you arrived, there will be another plate by the ushers to leave your offering as you depart. Thank you for your support.*

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



(8:00 am) LET'S SING! - *Please join in with the children to sing and do the motions for their favorite songs.*

GOD'S PLAN

SONG - "Kids of the Kingdom"

**Kids of the kingdom, that's what we are.
Kids of the kingdom, that's what we are.
We love Jesus, we love the Lord.
We love Jesus, we love the Lord**

**Praise to the Father, praise to the Son,
Praise to the Spirit, the three in one.
We love Jesus, we love the Lord,
We love Jesus, we love the Lord.**

(REPEAT first verse)

SONG - "Father Abraham"

**Father Abraham had many kids,
Many kids had Father Abraham,
I am one of them, and so are you,
So let's all praise the Lord.**

**RIGHT ARM
LEFT ARM
RIGHT FOOT
LEFT FOOT
TURN AROUND
SIT DOWN**

SONG - "GOD'S PLAN"

REFRAIN

***I've got a secret, I know it well.
I've got a secret, I'm going to tell.
God has a plan, it's clear to see.
God has a plan for you and for me.***

- Verse 1** "P" is for Paul who put his letters in a book.
Open up your Bible and take a look.
- Verse 2** "L" is for Lot, who helped his family flee.
Lot's wife turned around to see what she could see.
(Shout) - BIG MISTAKE!
- Verse 3** "A" is for Abraham. He believed God's word.
He received a blessing when he listened to the Lord.
- Verse 4** "N" is for Noah who followed God's command
He brought the animals to dry land
(Shout) - BIG RAINBOW MOMENT!!

REFRAIN

ENDING: Every person, everywhere, children, women, men are
Part of God's plan.....Let's sing it again!!

REFRAIN

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Song - "My God is So Great"

**My God is so great,
So strong and so mighty!
There's nothing my God cannot do! (Clap, Clap)**

**My God is so great,
So strong and so mighty!
There's nothing my God cannot do! (Clap, Clap)**

**The mountains are His,
The rivers are His,
The stars are his handiwork, too.**

**My God is so great,
So strong and so mighty!
There's nothing my God cannot do!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Let us pray for God's kingdom to come here, now and forever:

THE 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.**



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the Lord's Supper, for all is now ready, and all are welcome.

(8:00 am) Today we have 5 stations to visit (the order is up to you). 1. Holy Communion - center front. 2-5 the four corners of the sanctuary. You will receive coloring pages for each letter of God's PLAN.

Families are encouraged to come forward together for blessing and to receive Holy Communion.

SHARING THE MEAL

All are welcome to receive the Real Presence of Christ in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. You do not need to be a member of this church or a Lutheran to receive the sacrament. We do ask that you desire a relationship with Jesus Christ.

If you require gluten-free hosts, please say "no gluten" when you approach the person sharing the host.

The center rings of the trays provided contain grape juice for those desiring it. Cups may be returned to the Acolytes' baskets. The Common Cup is also available.

Children may come forward for a blessing, or to receive communion if they have been through instruction, here, or at another church.

If you wish to still receive the individual communion packet (wafer on top and wine/juice on the bottom), please pick one up as you approach the front.

If you would like the sacraments brought to you, please let the usher know. Welcome!

PASTORAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

Bless the Children (Benediction) (based on I Thessalonians 1:1-10)

OS: Organ Side PS: Piano Side

OS: Grace and peace to you, our children. We will always give thanks for you.

PS: We pray for you constantly because we love you. We love you just as God loves you.

OS: We know, children of God, that God loves you so much. There are no words to express it.

PS: But, we know that the power of God is in you. We can see it upon your faces.

OS: You remind us of God's love. Teach us to see the world as you do.

PS: Surprise us with the wonders you see. Show us what gifts God has given you.

OS: We will bless you, and protect you, and we will always give thanks for you.

PS: We will bless you in the name of our God. We will bless you again and again.

OS: Grace and peace to you, our children.

All: Grace and peace to you who show us God's glory shining through your faces. Amen.

SENDING SONG - "Walk in the Light"

It's a great day to praise the Lord.
It's a great day to praise the Lord.
It's a great day to praise the Lord,
Walkin' in the light of God.

So, walk, walk, walk, walk in the light,
Walk, walk, walk, walk in the light,
Walk, walk, walk, walk in the light,
Walkin' in the light of God. (REPEAT chorus)

Verse 2 - Jumpin' in the light of God. (REPEAT chorus)

Verse 3 - Slidin' in the light of God. (REPEAT chorus)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. And serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Serving you today in Christ's Love:

Ushers

8:00 am
Team Paulson
10:30 am
Team Blau

Communion Helpers

8:00 am
Team Nelson
10:30 am
Team Ursin

Acolytes

8:00 am

10:30 am

Calendar-Week of May 5, 2024

Sun May 5

Nametag Sunday

8:00 am Worship Service
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
11:30 am Baptism Zingg

Mon May 6

6:00 pm Girl Scouts #8217 - NK

Tues May 7

9:00 am Women's Bible Study - FR
5:30 pm Property Committee -FR
6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice - S
6:30 pm Cub Scouts - FH/NK SSR # 1 & 5

Wed May 8

6:00 pm Confirmation - NK
7:00 pm Choir - FR

Thurs May 9

6:00 pm Boy Scouts - FH
6:30 pm Cub Scout - FR

Sun May 12

8:30 am Worship Service
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service

Thank You!

Thank you to Gizmo, Deacon Bonnie Vize, the Praise Band, and our Sunday School children who worked so hard to make this service one to remember!

⁴but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

Matthew 19:14



Help Grow our Church

Christ Lutheran Church would like to host an outreach/fundraising event during and after the DeForest 4th of July Parade. To make this a successful event, we need your help. Sign up is on the bulletin board outside the friendship room

