

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, 7 July 2024 Worship at 9:30 a.m.

# Gathering

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the "between": between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

Our worship order is contained in this booklet. The people's parts are indicated by **bold** type. The red hardback hymnal, Evangelical Lutheran Worship, is our main worship resource for hymns and song. You can find hymns in the second half of the book, and are numbered at the top of each hymn. Occasionally, worship may veer from the printed bulletin – just follow the Spirit!

A warm welcome whether you are joining us in-house or by social media. Our prayer is that worship today will be a blessing as we sing and pray and hear God's Word together. We welcome you to the Lord's Table this morning. Christ Church is a family of faith deeply rooted in our upper Bucks communities, supporting one another in faith, working together to serve God.

Please take this weekly resource home with you – use it to take notes, jot down reminders, pray, remember dates. You can call (215.766.8730) or email (christpipersville@gmail.com) for prayer needs. In an emergency, please call the Parsonage at 267-362-8129.

**WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS** Worship and prayer announcements, followed by a time for prayer and centering our hearts on God.

**THE PRELUDE**: time for prayer and preparation.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, Blessed be God forever, Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

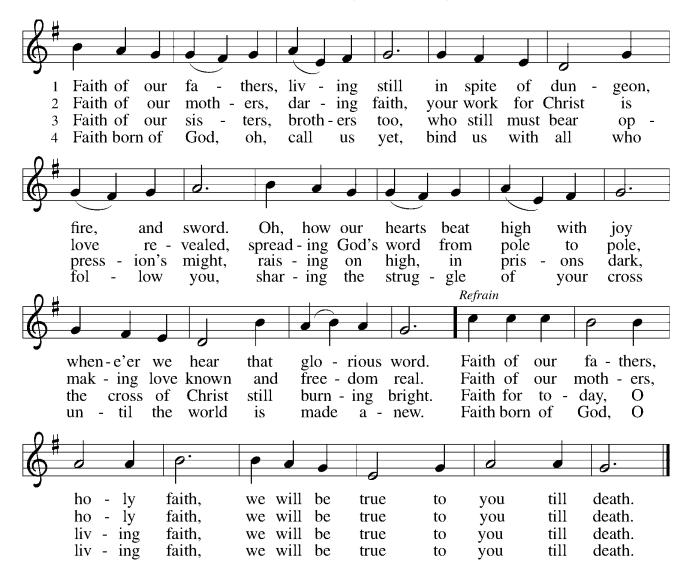
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

### GATHERING HYMN ELW #813, FAITH OF OUR FATHERS (ON NEXT PAGE)



#### **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

#### THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Silence. The Prayer of the Day is offered. We join in our hearts. God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

Please be seated. Silence for reflection follows each reading.

## Word

**THE FIRST LESSON** is from Ezekiel, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter. (Ezekiel 2:1-5)

<sup>1</sup> [A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.<sup>2</sup> And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup> The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." <sup>5</sup> Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them. "The Word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 123** is read responsively.

<sup>1</sup> To you I lift up my eyes,

to you enthroned in the heavens.

- <sup>2</sup> As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show us your mercy.
- <sup>3</sup> Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt.
- <sup>4</sup> too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud. Amen.

THE SECOND READING is from 2 Corinthians, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter. (2 Corinthians 12:2-10)

<sup>2</sup> I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup> was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup> On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup> But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup> even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup> Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup> but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong. The Word of the Lord.

### Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or spirit as the Gospel Acclamation begins.

#### THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Mark, the 6th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord!

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.<sup>2</sup> On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here

with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." <sup>5</sup> And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup> He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup> He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup> If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons, and anointed

with oil many and cured of our Lord.
O Christ!
The Alleluia
Please join prayer as we
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HYMN OF ACS #1000, OUR HANDS

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Following the hymn, please stand at Pastor's invitation.

I ask you to confess your faith, in the words of the Apostles' 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.

Let us come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

We pray for the world, our community, and our church. Each petition concludes with: ...in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.** We are bidden to prayer for the needs of our hearts with the invitation: '...people of God, for what else shall we pray?'

Glorious God, you bend down to wash the feet of your disciples. Let the servant church arise in our teaching, our praying, our healing, and our doing. Make all your faithful people powerful in weakness and strong in grace. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Life-giving God, your fingers trace the heavens and your hands mold the earth. Where there is drought, bring nourishing rain. Where there is devastation from fire or flood, bring relief. Sustain the well-being of every living thing. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Merciful God, you speak and the nations listen. Open those who govern to the cries of all who journey with no food or shelter, particularly people fleeing violence, those seeking freedom, and those in search of community. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Gracious God, your embrace brings wholeness to those who are troubled. Anoint (*names and*) all who suffer in any way with the oil of healing and grant them renewal. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Welcoming God, in your presence strangers become companions and enemies become neighbors. Open our doors to those we have so easily shut out, particularly people who are different from us or who are marginalized by church or society. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Eternal God, you gather us into your house of many dwelling places. We give you thanks for our faithful departed. Inspire us by their lives of faith until, with them, we rest forever at our journey's end. In your mercy, hear our prayer.

## The prayers conclude:

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen!** 

## Meal

#### THE PEACE

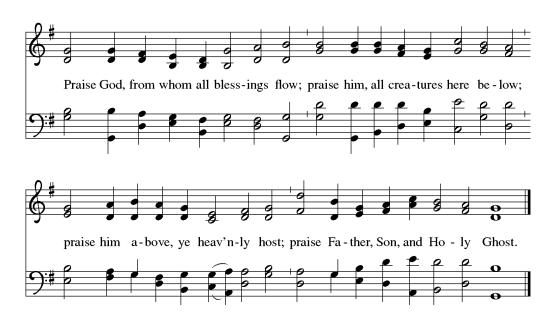
The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you. OFFERTORY / WE GATHER OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS / ANTHEM

We offer our love, obedience and lives in thanksgiving as a response to God's gifts and mercies. In-House the offering is collected. If you are worshipping remotely, tithes and offerings may be gathered and given by mail, given online at christpipersville.org or using the QR code.

The Table is prepared.



#### **OFFERTORY**



## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Jesus, Bread of life:

you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

We join in prayer and meditation as the Table is prepared.

## **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.

It is right and a joyful thing to give you thanks O God,

holy, almighty and merciful,

... Pastor continues with the Eucharistic prayer. We join the prayer in our hearts. The prayer concludes:

With the whole people of God, we give thanks praying with trust and hope for the coming of the Kingdom in the words our Savior taught us:

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,

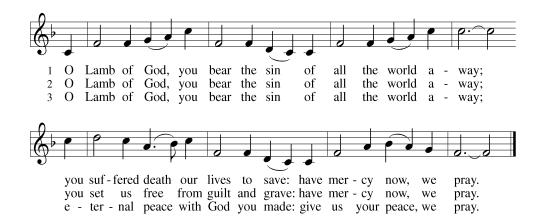
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

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.

#### AGNUS DEI



#### Invitation to Holy Communion

Come to the table of the Lord, for all is ready. We shall come with joy! Alleluia, Amen.

#### THE COMMUNION

We share in the Lord's Body and Blood.

<u>All</u> who believe that Jesus Christ is Lord, and that He is truly present in the forms of bread and wine are invited to commune. You are welcome-this is the Lord's Table and He invites you! If you have taken an elements cup and prefer to commune where you are seated, please commune at any time after the invitation that you wish.

The musicians will be communed first. Then the congregation comes forward by the center aisle, the organ side first, and then the pulpit side. Receive the Host (bread) from Pastor, with the words, 'The body of Christ, given for you.' The assistant offers the chalice of wine for intinction, (dipping the bread into the wine) with the words: 'The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: Amen. Please return to your pew by the side

aisle. Anyone, child or adult, who does not wish to take communion is invited to come forward, hands folded, to receive a blessing, or remain seated and commune by prayer.

The hymn during communion is ELW #472, Eat this Bread. We sing the communion hymn until all have communed and Pastor has cleared the Table

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Please stand at Pastor's invitation.

#### TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen!** 

#### THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. a brief silence We give you thanks, almighty God

that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

#### MISSION & MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following the announcements, at pastor's invitation, please stand.

## Sending

#### THE BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit bless you and keep you now and forever. **Amen.** 

SENDING HYMN ELW #717, LET JUSTICE FLOW



#### THE DISMISSAL

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

#### THE POSTLUDE

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#### THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE JULY WEB SITE is sponsored by Pastor Caron and Mike Clement in memory of Mike's grandfather,

Dominic and in honor and memory of Pastor Caron's parents, David and Karen Caron on their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**TODAY'S BULLETINS** are sponsored by Pastor Caron, Mike and Nick in honor of our ancestor who fought in the American War for Independence.

**LECTOR:** Delana Woodward

FELLOWSHIP HOST: Pastor Caron & Mike Clement

WE WELCOME Louise Gerdelmann as our organist this morning and thank her for her musical leadership.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** –The prayer list is printed in today's announcements, the newsletter and is posted on the bulletin board. Please contact the church office, 215-766-8730 or e-mail, with any prayer needs. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month unless a new request is made.

**EMS SUPPORT** – A basket is on the table by the sanctuary doors this summer for anyone wishing to make a donation in support of the local fire and ambulance companies that respond to the church when needed.

**PICNIC CHURCH** (Worship and Picnic) will be held in the parish hall next Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> (9:30 a.m.). Hot dogs and rolls will be provided, but please bring a dish to share.

A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING has been called for Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the main church boiler replacement at a cost of \$137,000 and the borrowing of \$25,000 from the endowment fund. Please see your email/mail for more information or speak to any Council member if you have any questions.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** – Next Sunday is the deadline for submitting news items for the August/September issue of *Christ's Call*. News items may be placed in Cindy's mailbox or emailed to the church office.

FROM LAST SUNDAY'S VISITORS FROM CHRIST LUTHERAN, MT BETHEL: We had a great time visiting, worshiping and seeing your church last Sunday. It was a great pleasure meeting many of your members and hope we have an opportunity to meet again.

**THANK YOU** – I would like to thank everyone for the prayers and cards and Pastor Caron for all the visits while I spent 21 days at Grandview Hospital. I am home now for recovery. -Bev Maddux

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** – Due to vacation schedules and other schedule conflicts there will be only one session of VBS this year. It will be held during 9:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Please let Cindy know if your children will be attending or if you are able to help. Thank you.

**BULLETIN/WEB SITE SPONSORS:** You may sponsor the Sunday bulletin or the church website in honor or memory of a loved one and we'll list your gift in the bulletin as well as social media and our website. The requested donation is \$20/week for the bulletin and \$25/month for the website. There are sponsorship envelopes and a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board for your convenience.

**ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS:** Applications for the Myers Swope Educational Fund scholarships are on the bulletin board. Please contact the church office if you need a copy emailed to you. Application deadline is July 15<sup>th</sup> and scholarships will be awarded in August.

**DID YOU KNOW...**Many Thrivent policy holders are eligible to designate "Thrivent Choice Dollars" to a

charity of their choice. Christ Lutheran Church is one of those options. We received \$1,989.00 through this program in 2023 and \$751.00 to date in 2024.

## The Week of July 7th at a Glance

Sun. 7/07 The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM In-Person and Live-Streamed Worship

10:30AM Fellowship Period

Wed. 7/10 11:00AM Ensemble Rehearsal

Thur. 7/11 8:30AM Morning Prayer; 9:00AM Bible Study

Fri. 7/12 Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off

Sat. 7/13 Happy Birthday, Evan Leister!

Sun. 7/07 The 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

9:30AM Picnic Worship in the Fellowship Hall

10:30AM Fellowship Picnic

August/September Newsletter Deadline

#### **CIRCLE OF PRAYER**

In July 2024, let us pray for...

George Adams (H,R), Joseph Apgar (AF), Tait Blethen (AF), Pr. Caron & Family (Pr/C), Florence Cook (NH), Louis Cooper (H,R), Cory Cox (AF), Bishop Patricia Davenport (Pr/C), Debbie Ann (H,St), Helena Espvall (H,R), Kenneth G. (H,St,R), Pr. Ginny Goodwin (Pr/C), Sonja Hadland (NH), Mary Hurley (Pr/C,H,R), Mark Kallenbach (H,St), Tom Macri (AF), Bev Maddux (H,R), Sandy Maddux (NH), Corrine Monesmith (HB), Anita N (H), Peace in the Middle East, Bishop-elect Bryan Penman (Pr/C), Shelby & Will Rock (awaiting birth of baby), Richie Sarnes (P,St & mourning death of loved one), Thomas Schumacher (AF), Stacey & Thomas Shiiba (awaiting birth of baby), Thomas Shiiba (AF), Rich Weidner (AF) and Pr. Erica Wesch (H,R).

#### Those who mourn:

The family and friends of George Kallenbach (esp. wife Connie and daughters).

AF: Armed Forces, H: Healing, P: Peace/Patience, R: Recovery, St: Strength, M: Mourning, W: Wisdom T: Thanksgiving, NH: Nursing Home,

**HB:** Home Bound, Pr/C: Pastors/Church Professionals

Please consider visiting, writing or calling these people who need the support of this faith community. If you know of others for whom you would like the congregation to pray, please notify the church office, 215-766-8730. Let us pray also for anyone besides the ones listed above, who may have some special need or desire.