

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. During this time of restarting we ask that you take the following precautions to keep yourself and other members of the Congregation safe:

- As we are only permitted to have 10 people at each service, please RSVP. See bulletin information that follows.
- Those who are sick, feeling as if they are “coming down with something” and those who are chronically ill should not yet attend. Services remain available online.
- Please wear a mask to church.
- Wash your hands before you come. Also use sanitizer (provided) at Church when you arrive and leave.
- Please sit in the pews where the “sheep” are.
- Maximum of 2 people in the pew, sitting at opposite ends. The exception to this is that families who live together can sit in the same pew.
- Please do not use cushions on your seats.
- Use this bulletin for the service. Discard when done. Please do not place back in the rack or leave in the pew. One bulletin per person.
- For Communion, please remain standing. Please do not kneel.
- For Communion individual cups will be placed on the altar rail before the service begins. When you come up, stand in front of a cup. Instructions will be given by pastor.
- After you have communed, simply set the cup back down on the rail. We will take care of it from there.
- Until this time of restarting normalizes we will follow these procedures.
- When greeting one another, please do not shake hands, hug, or kiss.
- The pews and altar rail are sanitized before and after each service for your safety.
- Pray that this situation resolves quickly. Remember these measures are only temporary.

The Seventh Sunday in Easter

Saturday, May 23; Sunday, May 24; and Wednesday, May 27, 2020

The First Sunday Services after the Reopening in New York State

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Opening Hymn

Draw Us to Thee

LSB 701

Draw us to Thee, For then shall we Walk in Thy steps forever And hasten on
Where Thou art gone To be with Thee, dear Savior.

Draw us to Thee, Lord, lovingly; Let us depart with gladness That we may be
Forever free From sorrow, grief, and sadness.

Draw us to Thee; O grant that we May walk the road to heaven!
Direct our way Lest we should stray And from Thy paths be driven.

Draw us to Thee That also we Thy heav'nly bliss inherit And ever dwell
Where sin and hell No more can vex our spirit.

Draw us to Thee Unceasingly, Into Thy kingdom take us; Let us fore'er
Thy glory share, Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and
praise..., and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to
everlasting life. Amen.

P (Pronounces absolution) **C** Amen.

Introit

Kyrie

LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

C To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth; Goodwill from God in
heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth! We praise and bless You, Father; Your
holy name we sing— Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our
heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray; O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away. Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry, Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy, You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High, In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

First Reading

Acts 1:12–26

Epistle

1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 17:1–11

Nicene Creed

LSB 206

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead whose *kingdom will have no end.*

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

Up through Endless Ranks of Angels

LSB 191

Up through endless ranks of angels, Cries of triumph in His ears, To His heav'nly throne ascending, Having vanquished all their fears, Christ looks down upon His faithful, Leaving them in happy tears.

Death-destroying, life-restoring, Proven equal to our need, Now for us before the
Father As our brother intercede; Flesh that for our world was wounded,
Living, for the wounded plead!

To our lives of wanton wand'ring Send Your Spirit, promised guide; Through our
lives of fear and failure With Your pow'r and love abide; Welcome us, as You were
welcomed, To an endless Eastertide.

Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to breathe the Spirit's grace! Alleluia, alleluia!
Oh, to see the Father's face! Alleluia, alleluia! Oh, to feel the Son's embrace!

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering (Baskets located in the rear of Church)

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with
full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the
highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the
name of the Lord.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

LSB 209

The Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

LSB 209

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace, For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace: A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,

The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.

All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son, All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One; For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

Closing Liturgy

Closing Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns* LSB 525

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne; Hark how the
heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing Of
Him who died for thee, And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born, Whose arm those crimson
trophies won Which now His brow adorn: Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that
rose the stem, The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side, Rich wounds, yet
visible above, In beauty glorified. No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their burning eyes At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave And rose victorious
in the strife For those He came to save. His glories now we sing, Who died and
rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall; Crown Him, ye kings,
with many crowns, For He is king of all.

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RACK. THIS IS FOR SAFETY REASONS

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church! We are pleased that you are worshiping with us. May the Lord bless your worship today as He comes to you in Word and Sacrament and you respond in prayer and praise.

Services will be offered 5 times a week: Saturday Evenings 5:30pm, Sunday mornings 8am, 9:30am, and 11am; and Wednesdays at 12 Noon. You **MUST** RSVP to come. The state is enforcing a strict “10 person maximum” for worship at this time. We do not want to have to turn people away. Please remember this will be short lived. Soon all of these restrictions will be lifted. Until then we are bound to obey the law.

TO RSVP: Please send an email to Gioia Ansbach, our service coordinator, at gioiaans@hotmail.com, or contact her. We will need to know the number of people coming with you and which service that you would like to attend. Please be advised that when each service reaches 10 we have to close them. Please do not be offended if the service that you would like to attend has closed out. We will do this on a week to week basis. You must register each week. Again, pray that this is short lived. We do not necessarily agree with the state in this matter but at this point will follow their guidelines.

Helpful information during this time of transition. The Church maintains a very active presence online during this time of transition. Sunday services and Wednesday services are broadcast over our Church FaceBook page, our Church email system, and our Church website clcem.net. Some of the services are streamed live; others are recorded. Streamed services are archived and you can watch them at any time.

A Word about our Video Camera: When we stream the service we make every effort to maintain your privacy. The camera only shows the altar, pulpit and lectern. You will only see the pastor and lectors. During Communion the camera focuses on the crucifix so that no one online can see who is communing. This is to protect your privacy.

VBS: Our VBS staff has been meeting online and discussing options for this summer. When they have made a decision about VBS, we will inform the congregation.

The times in which we are currently living are like nothing we will ever see again. In a word, historical. Let's gather the current perspective and document this event. If this project generates enough response, the publishing of a book may be considered.

The intent is to gather accounts which capture our lives during the pandemic, its influences in or daily lives, how we've suffered, how we've forced on, and most importantly, how it has affected our faith.

We encourage everyone to participate in this project. Those who are retired, those who are working on the front line, those who are unable to work, and our children. The diversity of stories is beneficial to the overall project.

If you need some help getting started, use some of the thought provoking questions listed below.

Think about this:

- * Describe a typical day and what has changed
- * What causes you worry?
- * What positives have come from this pandemic?
- * How has your faith been affected, good, bad or indifferent?
- * Have you celebrated a birthday, graduation or wedding differently?

differently?

- * Have you or anyone you know been struck by the illness?
- * What simple pleasure will you look forward to most and why?

(haircut, dining out, travel)

Now that things are beginning to open, you may lose sight of the time. Please be diligent in writing about your experience and give thoughtful consideration to encompassing a full perspective.

Once you've had the opportunity to express yourself, please forward your narrative to Gioia Ansbach, Project Coordinator at gioiaans@hotmail.com.

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