



CHRIST
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ZIONSVILLE



17th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 19, 2021

All members and guests, please fill out the Welcome Form found at the end of your row and pass it on to your neighbor. The pastoral and spiritual care of the members of Christ Church is very important to us. In order to care for all of you, we need to know who is present and who is not. So, please take a moment to sign the pad. The Welcome Forms will be picked up by the ushers at the end of the service.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Loving God,

you call us to turn away from our own selfish interests, to take up our cross, and to follow you.

C To find our lives, may we live them in service of your mission.

P As we come before you this morning, give us open hearts and open hands.

C Make us eager to hear your voice and seek your guidance.

P Open our minds to your ever-present spirit that is always moving within and around us

C Open our spirits to your nudging and open our lives to your love

~ posted on **The Minor Keys**. <http://theminorkeys.blogspot.ca/>

WELCOME & PREPARATION

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

P 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. C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are held 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

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. C Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word



1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on



es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; *Gesangbuch*, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.
 Music: LIEBSE JESU, WIR SIND HIER, Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

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Please be seated.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray:

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C Amen.

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 11:18-20

L The First Lesson is from the 11th chapter of Jeremiah.

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew;
 then you showed me their evil deeds.

¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb
led to the slaughter.
And I did not know it was against me
that they devised schemes, saying,
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,
let us cut him off from the land of the living,
so that his name will no **longer be remembered!"**
²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously,
who try the heart and the mind,
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM 54

Spoken responsively.

L Save me, O God, by your name;
in your might, defend my cause.

C Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.

L For strangers have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life,
those who have no regard for God.

C Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

L Render evil to those who spy on me;
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

C I will offer you a freewill sacrifice
and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.

L For you have rescued me from every trouble,
and my eye looks down on my enemies.

SECOND LESSON James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

L The Second Lesson is from the 3rd and 4th chapters of James.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.

¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive,

because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

L The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

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GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P ³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;³¹**for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."** ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³**Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?"** ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵**He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."** ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷**"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."**

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ciara Jones

SERMON

Rev. Wes Smith

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

All Are Welcome

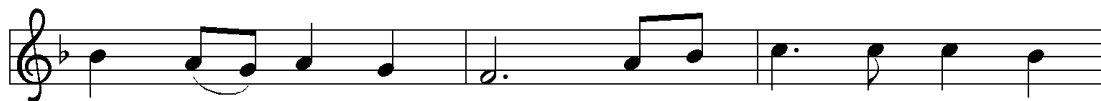
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1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Refrain

Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
claim the faith of Je - sus:
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
end to fear and dan - ger:
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen

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APOSTLES' CREED

P Gathered together by the power of the Holy Spirit we confess our common faith:

C 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 into hell.*
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.

* Or, He descended to the dead; **Meaning the Church Universal

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P **Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.**

A brief silence.

God of community, we pray for the church around the world. Unite us in our love for you. Help us overcome our divisions, that we are encouraged to work together for your sake. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of creation, we pray for this hurting earth. Awaken in us a new desire to care for this world and empower us to support agencies, organizations, and individual efforts to heal our environment. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of cooperation, we pray for nations of the world embroiled in conflict. Inspire leaders to listen to each other and work towards peaceful solutions to disagreements. Protect the vulnerable, especially children, who cannot find safety in their home or country. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of comfort, we pray for all facing issues with their health especially those who live with mental or physical illness. Help them find appropriate care. Bring healing and wholeness when the path forward seems bleak. This morning we pray especially for Cathy, Victoria, Diane, Jenn, Jenny, Ed, David, Marilyn, Martin, Candice, Rayce, and Dorothy and all those who we now name in our hearts or in the presence of this assembly. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of compassion, we pray for the young people of this congregation. Renew in us your call to welcome the children in our midst. As they grow, strengthen their faith and our commitment to them. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P God of consolation, we give you thanks for our loved ones who have died and pray for all who grieve today. Shine your grace on all your saints. Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

GREETING OF PEACE

P The peace of the Lord is with you always.
C And also with you.

In this age of social-distancing, you are invited to shake hands as you are comfortable or leave a word of peace in the comment section of the worship broadcast. Send greetings to a church member, a person *you don't recognize, or simply like or love someone else's post. In all things spread peace.*

VOLUNTARY

OFFERTORY

The offering is *our opportunity to "offer" an expression of our gratitude and appreciation for God's goodness, from the blessings God has entrusted to us.* (John 15:5; Psalm 51:10-12)

Please stand as you are able.

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us Pray.

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord
C Amen

THE MEAL

Communion is both an individual and communal sacrament. Individual in that Jesus is present in, with, and around the elements we take into ourselves, and communal in that we partake of the bread and wine as a collective body of believers. Because of the communal nature of communion, please refrain from eating and drinking until pastor invites you to do so. All (no asterisk) are welcome **at God's table**.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P The Lord is 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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C 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 COMMUNION

P All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.
Please be seated. Time for prayer and meditation

HYMN

Eat This Bread

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Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.



Text: Taizé Community

Music: BERTHIER, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

P People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
bless you now and forever.
C Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN

All Depends on Our Possessing

Music next page.

All Depends on Our Possessing



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's free grace and
2 God, who hith - er - to has fed me and to man - y
3 When with sor - row I am strick - en, hope my heart a -
4 Well you know what best to grant me; all the long - ing
5 If on earth my days should length - en, God, my wea - ry



con - stant bless - ing, though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
joys has led me, is and ev - er shall be mine.
new will quick - en, all my long - ing shall be stilled.
hopes that haunt me, joy and sor - row, have their day.
soul still strength - en; all my trust in you I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en by their God are
God, who did so gent - ly school me and who dai - ly
To your lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der all my be - ing
I shall doubt your wis - dom nev - er; as you will, so
Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing; like a stream a -



not for - sak - en and will keep a daunt - less heart.
guides and rules me, will re - main my help di - vine.
I sur - ren - der; Lord, on you a - lone I build.
be it ev - er; I com - mit to you my way.
way it's glid - ing; safe I an - chor in your grace.

Text: Gesangbuch, Nürnberg, 1676; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN, Johann Löhner, 1645–1705, adapt.

BLESSING OF THE MISSION SIGN

SENDING

P You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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This week's Altar Flowers are sponsored by:
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In celebration of Karen's upcoming Birthday.



God's Work. Our Hands.

Today we are sending people to serve at the following locations:

1. Lutheran Child and Family Services (20 volunteers): 1525 N. Ritter Ave, Indianapolis. LCFS was founded in 1883 and offers residential and community-based services to families and children. **Their mission is "Engaging and Empowering Families and Community with Love, Compassion, Faith, and Support."** LCFS engages with clients and empowers them to develop the opportunities, tools, and skills needed to change the trajectory of their lives.

2. So Big Mountain House (20 volunteers): 5900 S. Main St, Whitestown. The So Big Mountain House Maternity home meets the spiritual and physical needs of expectant women and their children. They are a Christ-centered maternity home, connecting expectant mothers and their children with resources to help them develop a better tomorrow.

Volunteers: be sure to **grab a "to-go" lunch (Subway sandwich, chips, and drink - free will offering)** before you head out.

Upcoming Commemorations

Nelson Wesley Trout, bishop, died 1996 (TFF)
Monday, September 20, 2021

A native of Ohio, Trout served parishes in several parts of the United States before being elected bishop of the South Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church, the first African American Lutheran to serve in such a capacity.

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Matthew (or Levi) was a tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman government. Tax collectors were frequently despised for dishonesty and for assisting the occupiers. Jesus nevertheless showed love for them, and chose Matthew to be a disciple.



SERVING US AT WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Pastor: Reverend Wes Smith, III

Guest Organist: Rees Roberts

Lector: Becky Porter

Greeter: Paul Schmidt

Usher: Cheryl Kussow

Financial Assistants: Linda Callecod, Greg Druschel

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