

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

Putting Jesus' Way of Life into Practice by...

**Encountering God, Loving One Another,
& Reaching the World.**

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 21, 2026

*You are of
more value
than many
sparrows*

MATTHEW 10:31



God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

Welcome to Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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 HYMN - RECKLESS LOVE

*Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me Before I took a breath
You breathed Your life in me You have been so, so kind to me*

Refrain

*O, the overwhelming never-ending Reckless love of God
O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it Still you give Yourself away
O, the overwhelming never-ending Reckless love of God, yeah*

(interlude)

*When I was Your foe Still Your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me When I felt no worth
You paid it all for me You have been so, so kind to me Refrain
*(interlude)**

*There's no shadow You won't light up Mountain you won't climb up
Coming after me There's no wall you won't kick down
Lie you won't tear down Coming after me (x4) Refrain*

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING - Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷ O LORD, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out; I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹ If I say, "I will not mention him or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

¹⁰ For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him and take our revenge on him." ¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

¹² O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous; you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³ Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 69: 7-18

⁷ Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.

⁸ **I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.**

⁹ Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

- ¹⁰ **I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to my reproach.**
- ¹¹ I put on sackcloth also,
and became a byword among them.
- ¹² **Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,
and the drunkards make songs about me.**
- ¹³ But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set,
O LORD: "In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your
unfailing help.
- ¹⁴ **Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the
deep waters.**
- ¹⁵ Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep
swallow me up; do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.
- ¹⁶ **Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;
in your great compassion, turn to me.**
- ¹⁷ Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
- ¹⁸ **Draw near to me and redeem me;
because of my enemies deliver me.**

SECOND READING - ROMANS 6:1B-11

^{1b} Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, Word of Life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL - MATTHEW 10:24-39

The Gospel according to Matthew, the tenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴ “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

³⁶ and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷ “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

SERMON - Pastor Jon

HYMN OF THE DAY - ALL MY HOPE IS IN JESUS

*I've been held by the Savior I've felt fire from above
I've been down to the river I ain't the same a prodigal returned*

*All my hope is in Jesus Thank God that yesterday's gone
(Yes) All my sins are forgiven
(Oh I've) I've been washed by the blood (Come on and sing)*

*I'm no stranger to prison I've worn shackles and chains
But I've been freed and forgiven
And I'm not going back I'll never be the same That's why I sing*

*There's a kind of thing that just breaks a man
Break him down to his knees
God I've been broken more than a time or two
Yes Lord then He picked me up and showed me
What it means to be a man Come on and sing*

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - RESPONSE: Hear our prayer.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERING HYMN - SHOUT TO THE LORD

*My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am never cease to worship you.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you. (repeat)*

OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN - COME AS YOU ARE

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been

Come broken-hearted let rescue begin

Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

(So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame

All who are broken lift up your face O wanderer come home

You're not too far

So lay down your hurt lay down your heart Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless

And all those who've strayed

Come sit at the table come taste the grace

*There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure
Come as you are Fall in His arms Come as you are*

*There's joy for the morning O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal*

Come as you are Come as you are Come as you are

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN - HOUSE OF THE LORD

*We worship the God who was We worship the God who is
We worship the God Who evermore will be*

*He opened the prison doors He parted the raging sea
My God, he holds the victory Yeah*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet we shout out Your praise*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise
We shout out Your praise*

*We sing to the God who heals We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who Always makes a way*

*'Cause He hung upon that cross Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet we shout out Your praise*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise
We were the beggars Now we're royalty
We were the pris'ners Now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted, Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord Sing praise (x2)*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet we shout out Your praise*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet We shout out Your praise (x2)*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Announcements

CSLC Night at the Twins

If you are attending the Twins game on Wednesday, June 24 and wish to carpool please meet at church at 5:00 PM so that we can leave by 5:10.

Karen Rubey Memorial Service

The Memorial service for Karen Rubey will be held this Friday at 11:00 AM at CSLC. A luncheon will follow the service. If you can help with setup or cleanup, or provide bars/cookies for the luncheon please let us know on the signup sheet in the Narthex.

Did You Know?

CSLC participates in a program called Simply Giving® that allows members to set up recurring contributions directly from a savings or checking account with zero fees to the church. Forms are available at the Welcome Desk. If you have questions about the program, contact the office at office@cslcvh.org.

Join us for Sunday Funday!

On Sunday, July 5 we will gather for outdoor worship on the church lawn, followed by a potluck picnic. Join in the fun with family friendly lawn games, a bouncy house for kiddos, and great fellowship. Bring a side dish or dessert to share for the picnic.

UPCOMING DATES:

June 24 CSLC Night at the Twins

July 5 Sunday Funday - Outdoor Worship & Family Fun

July 18 El Paso Mission Trip

August 16 Outdoor Worship @ Koehler Meadows Park

August 16-23 Vadnais Heights Days

August 23 Guest Preacher - Bp. Justin Grimm

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE SERVANT

Today: Sunday, June 21 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM - Worship
10:30 AM - Fellowship
10:30 AM - Care of Creation Team

Monday, June 22

9:00 AM - Package Bread and Delivery
12:00 PM - Piecemakers (FH)

Tuesday, June 23

7:00 AM - Bread Preparation (FH)
8:30 AM - Bread Distribution (FH)
6:30 PM - AA (FH)

Wednesday, June 24

CSLC Night at the Twins
10:00 AM - Bible Study (FH)
11:30 AM - Senior Hi-Lites
6:00 PM - Youth
7:00 PM - AA Meeting (Class A)

Friday, June 26

11:00 AM - Karen Rubey Memorial Service

Saturday, June 27

9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study
11:00 AM - Revelation Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
12:00 PM - UCG Church (S/K/FH)

Sunday, June 28 - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 AM - Worship
10:00 AM - Fellowship

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY! THANK YOU!


Greeter: Katie Wright
Ushers: Gary Splittstoesser
Reader: Judy Zielinski
Sound Booth: Tim, Tom, Peter, Kim, Jayson, Tony
Communion Assistants: OPEN
Musicians: Revelation
Coffee Servers: Pastor Jon and Church Council
Bread Pickup: Farm Family
Counters: Loretta Markham, Roger Gullickson

PRAYER REQUESTS...

We pray for those in need of healing and mercy:
Crystal (daughter in law of Linda S.) Sarah K., Carol W., Tony L.,
Mark (brother of Sarah K.) Michelle, (Sister of Linda W.), Mary-
Kay L., Laiden S., Sharon G., Brian I, Steve, Paul S., Roger K.,
Carol L., Salomie (sister-in-law of Peter), Patty W. (sister of Mike
W.) , Greg and Pam, Greg was recently diagnosed with cancer
(sister/brother in-law of Mary S.), Jerry, injury in a fall (brother of
Linda W.) Margie - *Healing*, Mary J. - *Healing*, Clarice - *Healing*,
Mark - *Healing*, Kurt S. - *Healing*, Jean A. - *Healing*, Joan W. -
Healing, Nita - *Healing*

(Please call the church office with prayer concerns or updates.)

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