



Grace
LUTHERAN CHURCH



He Lives to Be the Only Way to Heaven



WELS
Christ's Love, Our Calling.

Opening Hymn: Christ the Eternal Lord

CW 521 sts. 1-2



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, whose prom - ise here we claim,
2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word to ev - 'ry pass - ing age,



whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured on all who name your name;
whose time - less teach - ings still are heard set forth on Scrip - ture's page;



with thank - ful - ness and praise we stand be - fore your throne,
trans - form our thought and mind, en - light - en all who read,



in - tent to serve you all our days and make your glo - ry known.
with - in your Word by faith to find the bread of life in - deed.

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Stand

Invocation

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

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Absolution

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

The Word

First Reading

Acts 4:8–12

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel, ⁹if we are being questioned today for a kind act that was done for the lame man, as to how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead! By him this man stands before you healed. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you builders, which has become the cornerstone.

¹²“There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Christ the Eternal Lord

CW 521 sts. 3–5



3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son who shares our hu - man birth,
4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light of ev - er - last - ing day,
5 Christ the as - cend - ed King ex - alt - ed high a - bove,



and by his death sal - va - tion won for ev - 'ry child of earth;
our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, the Life, the Truth, the Way;
whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, whom yet un - seen we love;



in - spire our hearts, we pray, to tell your love a - broad,
that light of truth you give to ser - vants as to friends,
when mor - tal life is past your voice from heav - en's throne



that all may hon - or Christ to - day and fol - low him as Lord.
your way to walk, your life to live, till earth's brief jour - ney ends.
shall call your chil - dren home at last to know as we are known.

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Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4–10

⁴As you come to him, the Living Stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious, ⁵you also, like living stones, are being built as a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, in order to bring spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it says in Scripture:

See, I lay a stone in Zion,
a chosen and precious cornerstone,
and the one who believes in him will certainly not be put to shame.

⁷Therefore, for you who believe, this is an honor. But for those who do not believe:

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,

⁸and,

a stone over which they stumble
and a rock over which they fall.

Because they continue to disobey the word, they stumble over it. And that is the consequence appointed for them.

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, the people who are God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰At one time you were not a people, but now you are the people of God. At one time you were not shown mercy, but now you have been shown mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

John 14:6

Alleluia.

I am the way and the truth and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia.

Stand

¹“Do not let your heart be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to be with me, so that you may also be where I am. ⁴You know where I am going, and you know the way.”

⁵“Lord, we don't know where you are going,” Thomas replied, “so how can we know the way?”

⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father, except through me. ⁷If you know me, you would also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸“Lord,” said Philip, “show us the Father, and that is enough for us.”

⁹“Have I been with you so long,” Jesus answered, “and you still do not know me, Philip? The one who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

¹⁰Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I am telling you I am not speaking on my own, but the Father who remains in me is doing his works.

¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me. Or else believe because of the works themselves.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day: Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ

CW 560



1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, speak glad-ness to this heart;
2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, can heal my sin-ful soul;
3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the dread-ful load
4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, has paid the ran-som due;
5 Your right-eous-ness, O Christ, a-lone can cov-er me;



they tell me all is done, they bid my fear de-part.
your wounds, not mine, con-tain the balm that makes me whole.
of sins that none could bear but the in-car-nate God.
ten thou-sand deaths like mine would have been all too few.
no oth-er right-eous-ness can set a sin-ner free.

Refrain



To whom but you, who can a-lone for sin a-tone, Lord, shall I flee?

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Sermon – He Lives to Be the Only Way to Heaven

Acts 4:8–12

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

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Stand

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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.

Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn: Seek Where You May to Find a Way

CW 698



1 Seek where you may to find a way that leads to
2 Seek whom you may to be your stay, none can re-
3 Seek him a-lone who did a-tone, who did your
4 My heart's de-light, my crown most bright, O Christ, you



your sal - va - tion. My heart is stilled, on Christ I build,
deem an - oth - er. All help - ers failed; this man pre - vailed,
souls de - liv - er. O seek him first, all you who thirst
are for - ev - er. Not wealth or pride or for - tune's tide



he is the one foun - da - tion. His Word is
the God - man, Christ our broth - er. This Ser - vant -
for grace that fails you nev - er. In ev - 'ry
our bond of love shall sev - er. You are my



sure, his works en - dure; he o - ver - throws all
Lord our life re - stored; we're jus - ti - fied, for
need seek him in - deed; to ev - 'ry heart he
Lord; your pre - cious Word shall light my way each



e - vil foes; through him I more than con - quer.
he has died, the guilt - less for the guilt - y.
will im - part his bless - ings with - out mea - sure.
daunt - ing day. O teach me, Lord, to trust you!

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Be Seated

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For children to use during worship.

My Worship Notes

Name _____

What is the name of the church season or special day today?

What is the color of the church today? Circle one: Blue White Purple Red Green

The sermon text was:

This is in the: Old Testament New Testament



What is the sermon about?

Did we have a Sacrament today?



Baptism?

Yes

No



Communion?

Yes

No

My favorite song today was:

What did you learn about God today?

Draw a picture of something you heard or saw today:

What are you thankful for today?