

⁶“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake his way,

and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,*

for those who fear him lack | nothing!

Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,*

but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

Epistle

Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see

you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents.

This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand - Alleluia and Verse

Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?' ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I

not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

LSB 206

Sit - **Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling**

Sermon

Stand - **Prayer of the Church**

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Merciful Father, You did not abandon Your people when they rebelled against You but delivered up Your Law and the Prophets that we might know of Your saving will and purpose. Give us Your Holy Spirit that we trust in Christ our Savior, who was obedient even to death on a cross, and walk in His ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Lord, in Your mercy,

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

For all the children of God, the Holy Christian Church, that we proclaim the salvation of Christ wherever we are and to whomever we meet, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Father, we depend on You as we share the Good News.**

P For the living out of our vocations, that no matter our station in life or what calling we have been given, that we faithfully represent our Savior with lives of humility and faith, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Father, we depend on You as we serve You with our lives.**

P For all children, that they grow daily in the wisdom of the Lord, and for all parents and those who work to care for children, that they be guided in their important service of love, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Father, we depend on You as we live as Your children.**

P For all public servants who selflessly serve others, both those who serve locally and those in positions throughout the world, that they would entrust their lives into the protecting care of their Maker, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Father, we depend on You for Your protection.**

P For all who suffer in heart, mind, and body, [*especially . . .*], that they with patience and faith receive the healing care You offer, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Father, we depend on You for Your healing touch.**

P For these concerns and for every unspoken prayer that is on our hearts and minds, that our gracious God would hear and answer us, let us pray to the Lord,

C **Father, we depend on You for everything. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface, Sanctus, Prayer of Thanksgiving, Lord's Prayer,

The Words of Our Lord, Pax Domini, Agnus Dei

Sit – Distribution - The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive.

Instrumental Hymn

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face **LSB 631**

Stand - Nunc Dimittis, Post-Communion Collect, Benedicamus and Benediction

Sit - Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings **LSB 782**

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Attendance last Sunday: 74

Vacancy Officiant: *Pastor Brian Roehrborn*

Organist: *Christ Cutts*

Elder: *Brian Brazil*

Ushers:

Altar Guild: *Karen Tesch*

ELDERS MEETING on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 @ 8:00 pm

ADULT BIBLE CLASS will resume on **Sunday, September 20 at 9:15am**. We will continue with "*Christianity The First Three Centuries.*" Please come and join us as we learn more about our Christian Heritage.

FOR THE SAFETY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL STUDENTS please follow signage on School/Church doors when entering the building during school hours.

CONFIRMATION CLASS: we are starting Confirmation this **Wednesday, September 23 from 6:00-8:00pm**. We are hoping to have it every other week for 2 hours.

CHRIST LUTHERAN SUNDAY SCHOOL has started for the year. The time of Sunday School will change with the church time changing from 8:30am to 10:30am. Please see Narthex Announcement Board or church website for Sunday School dates. If you can bring snack for any of these dates, please see sign-up sheet in Narthex.

Thank you for your time and support.

Christ Lutheran School is looking for a small SWING SET: This will allow the younger grades to be able to swing and still social distance from the other students.

THIS WEEK:

SUNDAY-September 20

10:30am Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
9:15am Bible Class

MONDAY- September 21

4:30 PM Board of Education meeting

TUESDAY- September 22

8:30 AM Chapel Service

WEDNESDAY- September 23

6-8:00pm Confirmation Class
8:00-8:30pm Elders Meeting

THURSDAY- September 24

8:30am Pet Parade at Christ Lutheran School

SUNDAY-September 27

10:30am Worship Service
9:15am Bible Class

CELC Prayer List— Verona Lipke (healing & strength); Mary Gray (hospice); Tim Rohan (cancer), Sonny Bauer’s son in law; Samuel Cartwright; Bob Buchholtz; Michael Felske, CarrieAnn Rohm’s Father; Megan Morissey (healing) Goddaughter of Jim & Sue Boshers; Ron Lund (hospice) father of Jeremy & Ronnie Lund; Raymond Pagel (healing & strength).

In the Military: Kolden Baehman, Grandson of Jim & Mary Jane Baehman, in the Marines

Our Shut Ins: Mary Grambsch, Lisa Liepert, Stanley Behm, Lynnette Hannemann, Esther Nehring, Sam & Betty Cartwright, Karen Pagel