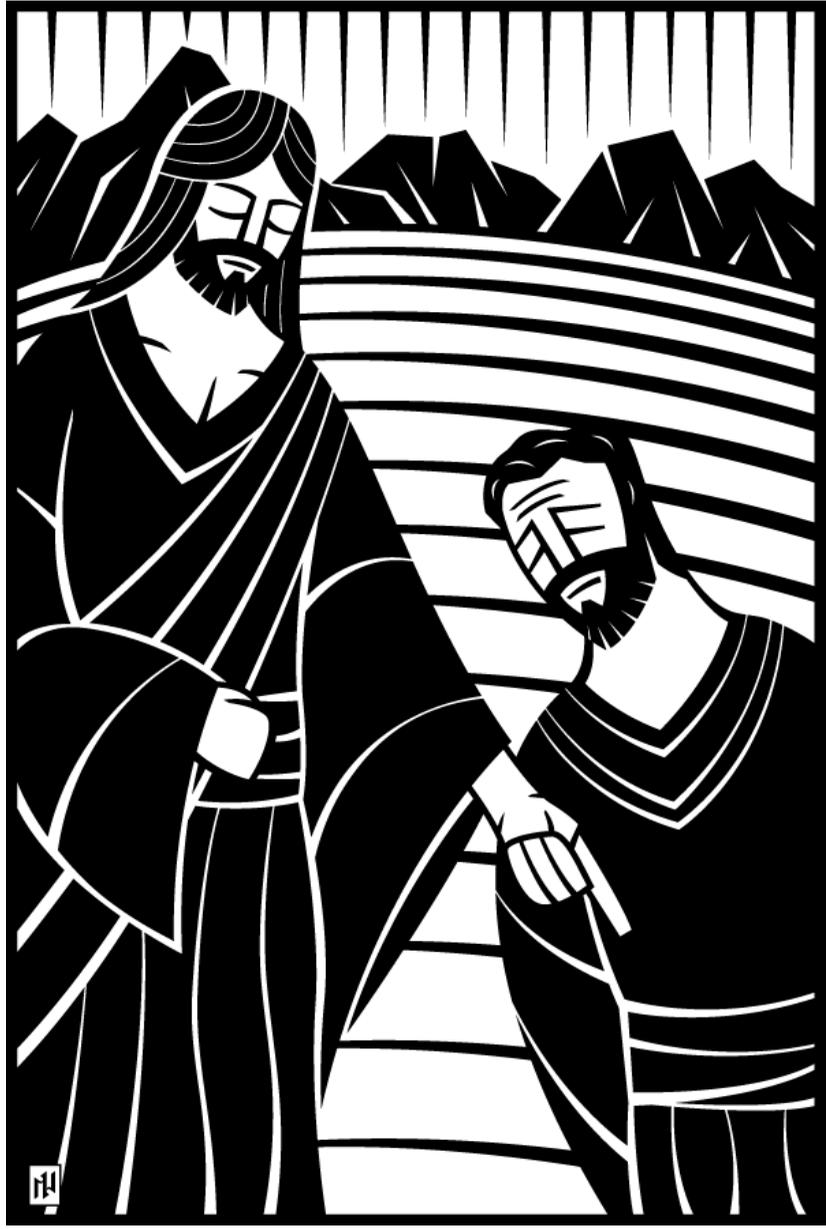


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Pentecost 15
September 13, 2020

Christ the Rock's Mission:

**To grow in faith and boldly proclaim Christ crucified and risen
to all people of the Four Corners.**

WELCOME BACK TO CHRIST THE ROCK!

We are glad you are here in God's house today.

- Out of consideration for others and to comply with state guidelines, please wear a mask and observe social distancing. If you do not have a mask, please take one from the box on the table in the entry.
- For the time being Quiet Activity Bags will not be available
- Restrooms are located through the double doors and to the left.

SERIES THEME: People of Faith

In this series of teachings from the Gospel according to Matthew, Jesus opens the Scriptures to help us to take his teaching to heart. We realize what it means to be his disciples and concentrate on our calling to serve Him in loving response.

SERVICE THEME:

People of Faith Carry the Cross

Christ's Church has an ongoing mission, and that mission has always and will always include carrying a cross. Just as Christ's work as the Church's head included carrying his cross, our work as his body includes the same. While on earth, the Church's existence is characterized by struggle. But in heaven a crown awaits.



SERVICE OF WORD

HYMN

“Speak, O Lord”

Christian Worship Supplement # 735



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
grasp the heights of your plans for us.



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will



fash - ion us in your like - - - - - ness That the
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic
grace we'll stand on your pro - mis - es, And by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your



fill in us All your pur - pos - es for your
nev - er fail, Let their truth pre - vail o - ver
Church is built And you fill the earth with your



glo - ry.
un - be - lief.
glo - ry.

Minister: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a clear cadence at the end of the piece.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 15:15-21

*God promised to be with Jeremiah
even as he suffered as God's spokesperson*

15 LORD, you understand; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake.

16 When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, LORD God Almighty.

17 I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation.

18 Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? You are to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails.

19 Therefore this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them.

20 I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the LORD.

21 "I will save you from the hands of the wicked and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel."

Help from the Lord

Refrain

Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.
Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

Refrain

I lift up my eyes to the hills.*
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from the LORD,*
the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot slip,*
he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel*
will neither slumber nor sleep.

Refrain

The LORD watches over you,*
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
The LORD will keep you from all harm,*
he will watch over your life;
the LORD will watch over your coming and going*
both now and forevermore.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 6:12-16

May the cross of Christ be our only boast

12 Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. **13** Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. **14** May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. **15** Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. **16** Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.

STAND

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-26

Jesus must face the cross before glory

21 From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

22 Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

23 Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. **25** For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. **26** What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?”

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Christian Worship #125



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,



On which the Prince of glo - ry died,
Save in the death of Christ, my God.
Sor - row and love flow min - gled down,
That were a trib - ute far too small;



My rich - est gain I count but loss
All the vain things that charm me most,
Did e'er such love and sor - row meet
Love so a - maz - ing, so di - vine,



And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
I sac - ri - fice them to his blood,
Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
De - mands my soul, my life, my all.

SERMON

Matthew 16:21-26

“Christ’s Cross Redefines the Christian Life”

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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Knowing the will of God that all would come to the knowledge of Your Son and find salvation in Christ, let us pray on behalf of our church community and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

For our faith and faithfulness, especially for those persecuted for the cause of Christ; and

For our strength in time of trial and for us to persevere in grace in the day of trouble, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For Donald, our president; Michelle, our governor; and all legislators and civil servants;

For those who must render judgment and impose punishment upon lawbreakers; and

For those who work for peace among the nations, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For favorable weather and for those who tend the soil and harvest its fruits;

For business and industry, service workers and artisans;

For generosity toward those in need; and

For the unemployed and underemployed, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For those married, that they would live in fidelity to their vows and promises;

For parents as they teach their children to know and love the Lord;

For single adults, that they may find fulfillment in their service to others; and

For our lives together showing the love of Christ one to another, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For grace to take up the cross and follow the Lord wherever He leads;

For courage in the face of challenge and adversity; and

For compassion and harmony in our life together, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For holy lives of faith;

For this holy assembly, that we may present ourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Almighty God, You have forgiven our sins and delivered us from death through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Pour out Your mercy upon us, grant us all good things and keep from us all things harmful; through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“We All Are One in Mission”

Christian Worship #566



1 We all are one in mis - sion; We all are one in
2 We all are called to ser - vice, To wit - ness in God's
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, And let our song be



call, Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the
name. Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; Our pur - pose
heard; Now let us be a ves - sel For God's re -



Lord of all. A sin - gle great com - mis - sion
is the same: To touch the lives of oth - ers
deem - ing Word. We all are one in mis - sion;



Com - pels us from a - bove To plan and work
With God's sur - pris - ing grace, So ev - 'ry folk
We all are one in call, Our var - ied gifts



to - geth - er That all may know Christ's love.
and na - tion May feel God's warm em - brace.
u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.

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In our prayers this week:

- **Shayla Engh**, returned home after an infection after labor and delivery
- Friends and family of **Deloris Griffith**, she died in hospice care early Friday
- **Ryan, grandson of Jeff and Mona Blagg**, hospitalized after a stroke.
- **Herdranne Herrera**, discovered a mass on her kidney and heart abnormalities
- **Delfin Ulibarri**, hospitalized with flu-like symptoms this week
- **Shayla Engh**, God blessed Shayla with the birth of a healthy baby boy - Anakin Zeta Lare
- **Vinnie Henry**, suffered a minor stroke recently
- **Ben Henry**, had a small heart attack
- Pastor **Jim Fleming**, taking a leave of absence from ministry for health reasons
- **Ginger Van Auken**, struggling with gall bladder issues
- **Mary and Martin**, mother and brother—in-law of **Ginger**, both have cancer
- **Pastor Jeff Enderle** and his family as he answers a call to St. John's Lutheran Church in St Clair, MN
- **Family of Mary Yazzie, sister of Jones Hewey**, died recently after a bout with pneumonia suffered after complications from COVID-19
- **Willie Mitchell**, receiving care in his own home
- **April Culler** and others working in retail, for relief from emotional and physical strain during the pandemic
- **Bea Peshlakai**, returned home after a trip to the ER for difficulties breathing and chest pains
- Family of **Anna Joe**, sister of Cecelia Hanova, died recently
- **Members of Christ the Rock** as we transition our ministry in the coming months
- **Friends and Family on the Navajo Nation**, especially those vulnerable and most susceptible to COVID-19
- **Diane**, friend of Marianne Jensen, recovering from COVID-19
- The **Family of Arthur Yazzie**, Arthur died recently from COVID-19, his widow, Genevieve Yazzie is the sister of Ben Henry
- **Aero**, thanksgiving for the birth of a healthy granddaughter to **John Blievernicht**
- Members with compromised health and serious health concerns
- Those on the front lines of administering health care and caring for the sick

God's People Respond to God's Grace

Worship Attendance for September 6: ?

Sunday School: 4

Bible Study: 9

Offering for September 6: \$444

Offering for August 30: \$1,101

Divine Call Answered

Last week Pastor Jeff Enderle announced that he accepted the call to serve as pastor at St John's Lutheran Church in St Clair, Minnesota.

Pastor Enderle's Last Sunday

Pastor Enderle's Last Sunday is currently scheduled for September 20th

Meeting with District President for Vacancy Pastor

Pastor Phil Hirsch, our district president, came to Christ the Rock on Wednesday, September 2nd for a meeting with the congregation to determine our pastoral needs during the vacancy. Pastor Hirsch will travel back to Farmington to preach on September 27th, the first Sunday after Pastor Enderle's departure.

Mission Board and Ministry Restart

Our Mission Board will get started the first phase in the restart for our congregation in mid-October. The Colorado District Mission Board will plan to be in Farmington to carry out a community profile and meet with congregation members October 12-14.

Sunday Bible Study: 1 Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians was one of the first letters the Apostle Paul wrote to a group of Christians. In many ways the Thessalonian congregation was a model group of Christians. He compliments on the way they lived out their hope in Christ. He defends his ministry. He instructs them about the return of the Lord. He encourages them in holy living. Throughout the entire letter, he instructs them to "Stand Firm in the Lord." Join us each Sunday at 9:15am in person in the Fellowship Hall or online with Zoom for this study of 1 Thessalonians.

Cleaning Team for September:

Jeff Blagg (Team Leader); Blagg; Elaine Martin; Benally; Ulibarri; Blievernicht; Don Linskens