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September 20, 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: Care for each other

The Church fulfills her role as her brother's keeper. The privilege, responsibility and importance of this task all rest in the words from our Gospel that follow Jesus' divine directive, "I tell you the truth..." The keys of the kingdom have been placed in our hands. It is our privilege and responsibility to bind and to loose—to be our brother's keeper—because Christ has appointed the Church to carry out that task on his behalf. While forgiveness is inherent in Christian discipline, today we note the work of the Christian and the Church to reach out with Law and Gospel for the sake of the fallen brother.



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.
 2 In Christ a - lone—who took on flesh,
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,

He is my light, my strength, my song;
 Full - ness of God in help - less babe.
 Light of the world by dark - ness slain;
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;

This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness,
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,

Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
 Scorned by the ones he came to save.
 Up from the grave he rose a - gain!
 Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,
 And as he stands in vic - tor - y,
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man

When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
 The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
 Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;

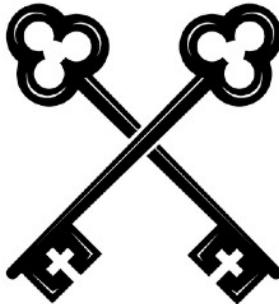
My Com - fer - ter, my all in all,
 For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.
 For I am his and he is mine—
 Till he re - turns or calls me home,

Here in the love of Christ I stand.
 Here in the death of Christ I live.
 Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

PLEASE STAND

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.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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 e -
ter - 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 on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

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THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

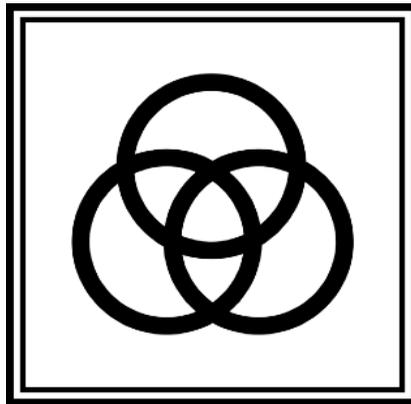
FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 33:7-11

A watchman helps turn the wicked from their ways

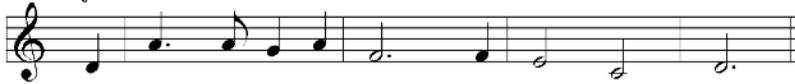
7 “Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. **8** When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. **9** But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

10 “Son of man, say to the Israelites, “This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?” ’ **11** Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’



Diagnosing sin allows us to seek God's cleansing

Refrain



Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Refrain

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love.

Wash away all my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.

Refrain

Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight.

Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquity.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

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 2:11-21

Stand up for the gospel even if it means confrontation

11 When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. **12** For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. **13** The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

14 When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?”

15 “We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles **16** know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

17 “But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we Jews find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn’t that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! **18** If I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a lawbreaker. **19** “For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. **20** I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. **21** I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!”



VERSE OF THE DAY

Philippians 4:4

Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia.

STAND

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

We work together for the good of our brothers and sisters

15 “If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. **16** But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ **17** If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

18 “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

19 “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. **20** For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

“God Loved the World So that He Gave”

Christian Worship #391

1 God loved the world so that he gave His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in him believe Should everlasting life receive.

2 Christ is the solid rock of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death.
All who confide in him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.

3 God would not have the sinner die—His Son with saving grace is nigh.
His Spirit in the Word does teach How we the blessed goal may reach.

4 Be of good cheer, for God’s own Son Forgives the sins that you have done.
You’re justified by Jesus’ blood; Baptized, you are a child of God.

SERMON

Matthew 18:15-20

“Jesus Powers his People”

STAND

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,**

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

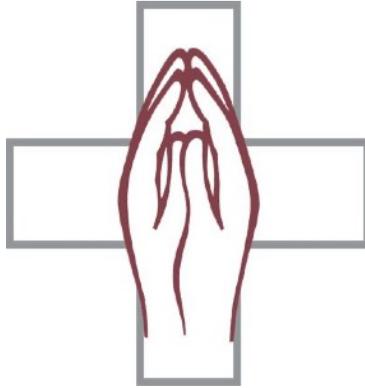
We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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OFFERING

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STAND



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Blessed Lord, You have promised that where two or three are gathered in Your name, You are with them. Hear the prayers of Your people and answer according to Your will.

Brief silence

O Lord, grant to Your people courage, that we may boldly speak Your name in witness and warn sinners so that they may come to faith and repentance and enjoy the forgiveness of their sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: O Lord, give us faithful pastors and church workers who will minister to us in Your name and strengthen our faith and life together as Your baptized people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: O Lord, give us grace, that we may not fail to pray for those who lead us and to act as good citizens and good neighbors to one another. Give peace to the nations, and bring an end to violence, prejudice and racism. Guide us to know and respect all life, from the infant in the womb to the youth beginning maturity, and from the mature to the aged. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: O Lord, You urge us to give special care and guidance to the young and those new to the faith. Give us grace, that we may not lead them into temptation or sin but guard their faith by making known to them the full counsel of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: O Lord, You are the strength of the weak, the healing of the sick, the comfort of those who grieve and the peace of those near death. Bless them that they may be sustained in their afflictions, comforted in life and death, and delivered to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: O Lord, teach us to forgive others as You have forgiven us and bless the fellowship of the forgiven, that we may be united in doctrine and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: O Lord, deliver us from pandemic and pestilence, from disaster and danger, and from a sudden death, that kept in faith, we may be preserved through this life and in death be received into the arms of Your mercy and into the blessed rest of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Hear us, O Lord, who cry to You in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, whom with the Spirit, You are one God and one Lord, now and forevermore.

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.

THE SACRAMENT

Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*

O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'O Christ, Lamb of God' (Agnus Dei). It consists of seven staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with 'O Christ, Lamb of'. The second staff continues with 'God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have'. The third staff has 'mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of'. The fourth staff has 'God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have'. The fifth staff has 'mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of'. The sixth staff has 'God, you take a - way the sin of the world;'. The seventh and final staff has 'grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.' The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some phrases being held over from the previous staff.

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STAND

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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

“Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See”

Christian Worship #219

Lord, when your glory I shall see
And taste your kingdom's pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be,
My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne,
Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought,
As your own bride I shall be brought
To stand in joy beside you.

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In our prayers this week:

- **Willie Mitchell**, hospitalized at San Juan Regional
- **Ryan, grandson of Jeff and Mona Blagg**, hospitalized after a stroke.
- **Herdranne Herrera**, discovered a mass on her kidney and heart abnormalities
- **Delfin Ulibarri**, God's healing after a recent fall
- **Shayla Engh**, God blessed Shayla with the birth of a healthy baby boy - Anakin Zeta Lare
- **Ben and Vinnie Henry**, health
- **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—move to St. John's Lutheran Church in St Clair, MN
- **Family of Mary Yazzie, sister of Jones Hewey**, died recently
- **April Culler** and others working in retail, for relief during the pandemic
- **Bea Peshlakai**, health
- Family of **Anna Joe**, sister of Cecelia Hanova, died recently
- **Members of Christ the Rock** as we transition our ministry in the coming months
- **Diane**, friend of Marianne Jensen, recovering from COVID-19
- **Family of Arthur Yazzie**, Arthur died recently, his widow, Genevieve is the sister of Ben
- **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 13: 27

Sunday School: 4

Bible Study: 5

Offering for September 6: \$444

Offering for September 13: \$2,493

Vacancy Pastor

Pastor Phil Hirsch, our district president, will be our vacancy pastor September 27 through October 11. Then Pastor Emeritus Paul Hartman will serve as our vacancy pastor from mid-October until at least mid-December.

Mission Board and Ministry Restart

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

Cleaning Team for September:

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