

Christ the Rock Lutheran Church
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WELCOME TO CHRIST THE ROCK!
We are glad you are here in God's house today.

SERIES THEME: Ministry Basics

In this series of teachings from the Gospel according to John, 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: Jesus Gives the Bread of Life To Nourish Our Souls Eternally

In our world today, there are many Christian churches that are very involved in social work: feeding the hungry, providing shelter for the homeless, offering assistance to those in need. These are important tasks for Christians; acts of mercy are commanded by God. Sadly, however, many churches offer physical bread only, bread that does not last. Although bread is necessary for this life, Jesus wants his Church to concentrate primarily on offering the Bread of Life, Jesus himself, the Word of God. This Bread nourishes our souls, not just now, but for all eternity.



SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMN

“The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace”

Sing verses 1-4 and 6, Christian Worship #288



1 The gos - pel shows the Fa - ther's grace, Who
2 It sets the Lamb be - fore our eyes, Who
3 It brings the Sav - ior's right - eous - ness To
4 It is the pow'r of God to save From
5 It bears to all the ti - dings glad And



sent his Son to save our race, Pro -
made the a - ton - ing sac - ri - fice And
robe our souls in roy - al dress; From
sin and Sa - tan and the grave; It
bids their hearts no more be sad; The



claims how Je - sus lived and died That
calls the souls with guilt op - pressed To
all our guilt it brings re - lease And
works the faith which firm - ly clings To
wea - ry, bur - dened souls it cheers And



we might thus be jus - ti - fied.
come and find e - ter - nal rest.
gives the trou - bled con - science peace.
all the trea - sures which it brings.
ban - ish - es their guilt - y fears.

6 May we in faith its message learn
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess
And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

STAND

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

C: 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.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of seven staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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 music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a final double bar line at the end.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 16:2-15

²In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the LORD’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. ⁵On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.”

⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?” ⁸Moses also said, “You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD.”

⁹Then Moses told Aaron, “Say to the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’”

¹⁰While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.

¹¹The LORD said to Moses, ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, “It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 145

Christian Worship page 119

Refrain



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Psalm tone



Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;*

his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation will commend your works to another;*
they will tell of your mighty acts.

The LORD upholds all those who fall*
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

Refrain

The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the proper time.*
You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

The LORD is near to all who call on him,*
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;*
he hears their cry and saves them.

**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

Ephesians 4:17-24

¹⁷ So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. ¹⁹ Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.

²⁰ That, however, is not the way of life you learned ²¹ when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. ²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Please stand out of respect for the words of Jesus

²⁴ Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

²⁶ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

²⁸ Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

²⁹ Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

³⁰ So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

³² Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴ “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

“I Know My Faith is Founded”

Christian Worship #403

1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus
2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan
3 In faith, Lord, let me serve you; Though per - se -

Christ, my God and Lord; And this my faith con -
seeks by night and day To rob me of this
cu - tion, grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver -

fess - ing, Un - moved I stand up - on his Word. Man's
treasure And take my hope of bliss a - way. But,
overwhelm me, Let me a stead - fast trust re - tain. And

rea - son can - not fath - om The truth of God pro -
Lord, with you be - side me I shall be un - dis -
then at my de - par - ture, Lord, take me home to

found; Who trusts in world - ly wis - dom Re - lies on
mayed; And led by your good Spir - it, I shall be
you, And let me there in - her - it All you have

shift - ing ground. God's Word is all - suf - fi - cient,
un - a - fraid. A - bide with me, O Sav - ior,
prom - ised me. In life and death, Lord, keep me

It makes di - vine - ly sure, And, trust - ing
A firm - er faith be - stow, Then I shall
Un - til your heav'n I gain, Where I by

in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.
bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.
your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

Look to Jesus as the Bread of Life

- I. Look for the right reason. II. Look for the best.

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: The eyes of all look to You, O Lord. You open Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. Incline now Your ears to us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Preserve the pure proclamation of the Gospel throughout all the world. Thwart all false teaching and the lies of Satan, and draw many to Yourself through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Cause our congregation and all congregations in our circuit, district and the Synod to flourish and thrive. Make them strong witnesses to their confession of faith, eager to show mercy on account of Your steadfast mercy. Knit us together in unity of doctrine and love for our neighbors. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Give strength and courage to all pastors and all those who assist them, especially those suffering from conflict, burnout or depression. By the example of Elijah and all who have gone before them, bring them comfort through the forgiveness of sins and the promise of everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Bless all families and homes, that one generation may tell to the next the wonderful works of God in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Hear our prayers for our nation. Cause us to live in harmony with one another, and free our citizens from want, suffering, danger and fear. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Show kindness to the sick. Never let them be in doubt that You hear their prayers. Relieve all pain and provide for those who suffer from any kind of hardship. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Comfort those who mourn by Jesus' words that He is the bread of life and anyone who eats of this bread will live forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

M: Father of our risen, ascended and glorified Lord, who has promised that those who believe in Christ as the true and living bread will never hunger nor thirst: By Your Holy Spirit, keep us steadfast in faith. Give us grace to live out our baptismal lives in repentance and forgiveness, and keep our eyes ever focused on the life that never ends, knowing that You will raise us up on the Last Day; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.



CLOSING HYMN

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Christian Worship #331



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah,
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan,



Pil - grim through this bar - ren land.
Whence the heal - ing stream doth flow;
Bid my anx - ious fears sub - side;



I am weak, but thou art might - y; Hold me
Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
Death of death and hell's De - struc - tion, Land me



with thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong De - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es



Feed me till I want no more.
Be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee.

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