

**Christ the Rock Lutheran Church**  
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**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 22, 2021**

**Christ the Rock's Mission:**

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

**WELCOME TO CHRIST THE ROCK!**

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

- Youngsters are encouraged to sit with the congregation in the main worship area. However, if your child becomes restless, you are welcome to sit in our **family quiet room** at the rear of the sanctuary.
- A **nursery** with a television displaying today's service is also available.
- **Restrooms** are located through the double doors and to the left.
- Out of consideration for others, **please silence all electronic devices.**

**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**  
**That Our Faith Might Not Stumble**

Living as a Christian in this world is not an easy thing to do. The devil will place many obstacles in our way, all of which are bound to sin and unbelief. But Jesus has won the victory over Satan and gives us a way out of every temptation (1 Co 10:13). Most of all, our Savior gives us his words of promise, forgiveness and life, the Bread of Life. As we nourish our faith on this Bread of Life, we will be emboldened in our struggles against our spiritual enemies.



## SERVICE OF THE WORD

HYMN

“This Is the Threefold Truth”

*Christian Worship #406*



1 This is the three - fold truth on which our  
2 Made sa - cred by long use, new - mint - ed  
3 On this we fix our minds as, kneel - ing  
4 By this we are up - held when doubt or  
5 This is the three - fold truth which, if we



faith de - pends; And with this joy - ful  
for our time, Our lit - ur - gies sum  
side by side, We take the bread and  
grief as - sails Our Chris - tian faith and  
hold it fast, Chang - es the world and



cry wor - ship be - gins and ends:  
up the hope we have in him:  
wine, take him, the Cru - ci - fied:  
love, and on - ly grace a - vails:  
us and brings us home at last:

*Refrain*



Christ has died! Christ is ris - en! Christ will come a - gain!

*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.



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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; 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

**Joshua 1:1-9**

**1** This is what happened after the death of Moses, the servant of the LORD.

The LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, the attendant of Moses, <sup>2</sup>“Moses my servant is dead. So prepare to cross the Jordan River that lies in front of you. You and all this people, prepare to go into the land that I am about to give to the people of Israel. <sup>3</sup>I have given you every place where the sole of your foot has stepped, just as I promised Moses. <sup>4</sup>From the Wilderness and from Lebanon to the Great River, the Euphrates River—all the land of the Hittites—as far as the Mediterranean Sea, where the sun sets, this will be your territory. <sup>5</sup>No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, I will be with you. I will not abandon you, and I will not forsake you.

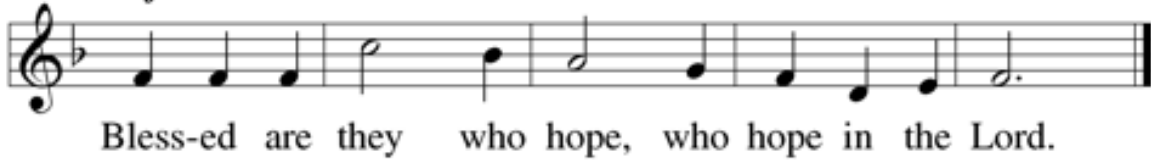
<sup>6</sup>“Be strong and courageous, because you will divide this land among these people, this land which I swore to their fathers that I would give to this people. <sup>7</sup>Just be strong and very courageous. Be careful to act according to the entire Law which my servant Moses commanded for you. Do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may succeed wherever you go. <sup>8</sup>This Book of the Law must never depart from your mouth, and you are to meditate on it day and night, so that you will act faithfully according to everything written in it, because then you will prosper in everything you do, and you will succeed. <sup>9</sup>Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified and do not be overwhelmed, because the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

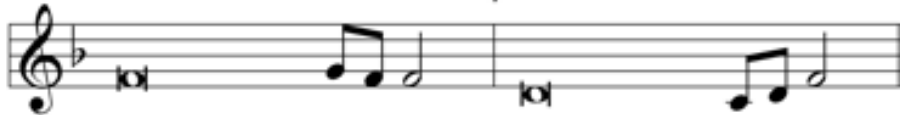
Psalm 1

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*Refrain*



*Psalm tone*



Blessed is the man  
who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked\*  
or stand in the way of sinners.

But his delight is in the law of the LORD,\*  
and on his law he meditates day and night.

He is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season\*  
and whose leaf does not wither.  
Whatever he does prospers.

*Refrain*

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment\*,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous\*,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

**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

Philippians 1:3-11

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup>Every time I pray for all of you, I always pray with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>I am convinced of this very thing: that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup>I am equally convinced that it is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I have you in my heart, for both in my chains and in my defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all share in this grace with me. <sup>8</sup>Yes, God is my witness of how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>And I pray that your love may still increase more and more in knowledge and every insight. <sup>10</sup>This will result in your approval of the things that really matter, so that you will be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

## 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*

## GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

<sup>15</sup>“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he is going to cut off. And he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>“You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Remain in me, and I am going to remain in you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Likewise, you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me. <sup>5</sup>“I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him is the one who bears much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers. Such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this: that you continue to bear much fruit and prove to be my disciples.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

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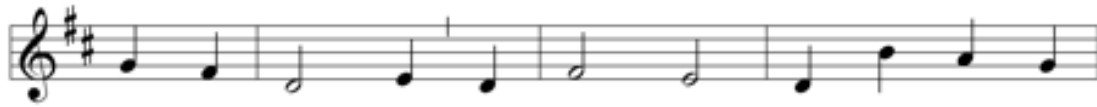
HYMN OF THE DAY

“Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s Head”

*Christian Worship #536*



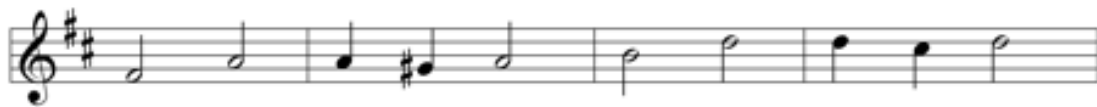
1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, You are her  
 2 O Lord, let this your lit - tle flock, Your name a -  
 3 Help us to serve you ev - er - more With hearts both  
 4 And for your gos - pel let us dare To sac - ri -



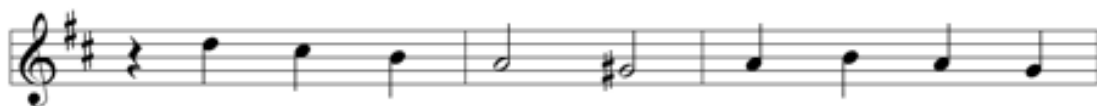
one foun - da - tion. In you she trusts, be - fore you  
 lone con - fess - ing, Con - tin - ue in your lov - ing  
 pure and low - ly. And may your Word, that light di -  
 fice all trea - sure; Teach us to bear your bless - ed



bows, And waits for your sal - va - tion. Built  
 care, True u - ni - ty pos - sess - ing. Your  
 vine, Shine on in splen - dor ho - ly That  
 cross, To find in you all plea - sure. Oh,



on this rock se - cure, Your Church shall en - dure  
 sac - ra - ments, O Lord, And your sav - ing Word  
 we re - pent - ance show, In faith ev - er grow.  
 grant us stead - fast - ness In joy and dis - tress.



Though all the world de - cay And all things  
 To us e'er pure re - tain. Grant that they  
 The pow'r of sin de - stroy And e - vils  
 Lord, for your mer - cy's sake, Let us by



pass a - way. Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Je - sus!  
 may re - main Our on - ly strength and com - fort.  
 that an - noy. Oh, make us faith - ful Chris - tians.  
 grace par - take Of end - less joy and glo - ry.

SERMON

Philippians 1:3-11

"I always thank God for His gospel's work in you"

1. Joyful for our fellowship in that gospel
2. Confident He will finish the work He started
3. Praying your love always increases more and more

STAND

I BELIEVE



1. I be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, Ma - ker of the heav'n and  
 2. Cru - ci - fied, was dead and bur - ied; Down to hell in vic - to -  
 3. I be - lieve in God the Spir - it, In his Church, his cho - sen



earth. And in Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior, God's own Son of hu - man  
 ry; From the dead he rose the third day; Up to heav'n tri - um - phant -  
 band. They are joined in sweet com - mun - ion, Ho - ly in his sight they



birth. Vir - gin - born, the Lord in - car - nate, Whom the Spir - it did con -  
 ly. There at God's right hand he's rul - ing, By his will the world is  
 stand. I be - lieve in sins for - giv - en; I be - lieve I'll rise a -



ceive; Suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late; He's the God whom I be - lieve!  
 led. He will come to judge the na - tions, Both the liv - ing and the dead.  
 gain; I be - lieve in life e - ter - nal. A - men! A - men! A - men!



## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are known, grant us a true faith, that we would honor You not only with our lips, but serve You faithfully with all of our heart, mind and strength.  
Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: Gracious Lord, give joy and hope to all Your children in remembrance of their Baptism, that they may rejoice in the forgiveness of sins that Christ freely pours out in this saving flood. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: Heavenly Father, preserve us from rejecting Your commandments for the doctrines of men. By Your Spirit's aid, lead all Christians to keep Your commandments in thought, word and deed, honoring You in all that we do. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: Preserve, O Lord, Your estate of marriage. Grant that wives would submit to their husbands and husbands love their wives as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself up for her. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: Gracious Father, bless children of all ages so that they would not despise or anger their father and mother, but always honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: Lord of life, guide and lead those facing difficult life-and-death decisions to make God-pleasing decisions, affirming that life is a precious gift from You. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: Hear our prayers for our nation and its leaders, for all civil servants, and for those whose work imperils them for the sake of their neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: Lord of life, encourage with Your Word and grace all who suffer physically, emotionally and spiritually on account of illness. Bless all medical professionals with the skills necessary to give relief and care to their pain where possible. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, we hal - low your  
For - give our trans - gres - sions and teach us to  
name. May your king - dom ho - ly on earth be the same. Oh,  
know That hum - ble com - pas - sion which par - dons each foe. Keep  
give to us dai - ly our por - tion of bread. It  
us from temp - ta - tion, from e - vil and sin, For  
is from your boun - ty that all must be fed.  
yours is the glo - ry for - ev - er! A - men.

**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:** A - men. A - men. A - men.

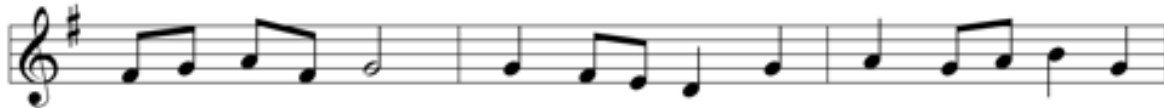
# CLOSING HYMN

## “God Is Here! As We His People”

*Christian Worship #532*



1 God is here! As we his peo - ple Meet to of - fer  
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us Of our life - long  
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come In the Shep - herd's  
4 Lord of all, of Church and King - dom, In an age of



praise and prayer, May we find in full - er mea - sure  
need of grace. Here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;  
flock and fold; Here, as bread and wine are tak - en,  
change and doubt, Keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



What it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -  
Here the cross has cen - tral place. Here, in hon - es - ty of  
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants of the  
Help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i -



round us, All our var - ied skills and arts Wait the  
preach - ing, Here, in si - lence as in speech, Here, in  
Ser - vant Seek in wor - ship to ex - plore What it  
ca - tion, All we have to give, re - ceive; We who



com - ing of his Spir - it In - to o - pen minds and hearts.  
new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.  
means in dai - ly liv - ing To be - lieve and to a - dore.  
can - not live with - out you, We a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

- **All pastors and their families** who served us through our vacancy. We thank God for the service and love they have shown Christ the Rock
- **Starr Heyden**, Gloria's daughter receiving care and treatment for cancer
- **Herdre Herrera**, healing, comfort and guidance as she continues to recover from major surgery both physically and spiritually
- **Ryan**, grandson of Jeff and Mona Blagg, care and strength for treatment in NC
- **Jerry Alleman**, brother of Linda Scott has lymphoma
- **Dennis and Jane Bacon**, prayers for health comfort, both receiving medical care
- **Christ the Rock** members and leaders as we transition our ministry
- **Domy Alire**, prayers for peace and understanding with current health issues
- **Willie Mitchell**, health and care in ABQ for treatment
- **Vinnie and Ben Henry**, health and continued strength and guidance
- **Gwen and Chuck Johnson**, friends of Aaron and Myra. Chuck has Stage 3 lung cancer

## THIS WEEK

Next Sunday, August 29th	9:15	Bible Study & Sunday School
	10:30	Worship w/Lord's Supper

**One by One** Bible study begins next week. One by One is an 8-week Bible study based on Pastor David Rosenau's keynote presentation at the WELS National Conference on Lutheran Leadership in January of 2020. Using powerful personal stories and drawing from his wealth of experience both as a detective and a parish pastor, Pastor Rosenau helps Christians understand why it is so important to see every soul as a treasure and why we want to be willing to spend the time and effort necessary to share the gospel with each one.

### Next Week in Worship

Joshua 24:1, 2a, 14-18 -- *Joshua lays out the question for each one of us. "What god will you choose?"*

Ephesians 5:21-31 -- *When we serve the Lord, we lovingly submit to each other and put their good ahead of our own.*

John 6:60-69 -- *Where else can we go? Jesus is the one who has the words of eternal life!*

Piano dedication

## God's People Respond to God's Grace

**Worship Attendance:** August 15: 36

**Offering**

August 15: \$677

**August Ushers:** Don Linskens Eric Krieg

**August Cleaning:** Hewey, Bakken, Fraley, Jensen

September Ushers: Robert Kinsel, Aron Largo

September Cleaning: Blagg, Benally, Blagg, Blievernicht, Linskens, Martin, Ulibarri