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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



GOD SEES THE BIG PICTURE
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name - Maroon hymnal page 549 verses 1-5

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

L: Let us confess our sins to God our Father we confess to You that we are sinners and are in need of Your forgiveness. So often our actions don't reflect our intentions. We hurt others by what we say and do, and we fail to follow through on promises we make to those around us. We humbly seek Your mercy, and for the sake of Jesus Christ we ask for Your forgiveness. Amen.

C: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

C: Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PRAISE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name - Maroon hymnal page 549 verses 6,7

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L: In peace let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, Gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you...

PRAYER OF THE DAY (together)

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of motherhood. Today, we celebrate the loving sacrifice of mothers, both biological and spiritual, who nurture and guide us in Your ways. Thank you for their teachings, wisdom, patience, and understanding. Thank you for the physical, emotional, and spiritual gifts they possess. Bless them with joy, strength, and love to continue their selfless devotion. May they feel deeply appreciated and honored not just today, but every day. In Jesus name we pray Amen."

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 139

L: You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.

C: You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

L: You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

C: Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.

L: You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

C: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

L: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

C: If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

L: If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

C: even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

L: If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"

C: even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

L: For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

C: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

L: My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

C: Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

L: How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!

C: Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand — when I awake, I am still with you.

L: If only you, God, would slay the wicked! Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty!

C: They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name.

L: Do I not hate those who hate you, LORD, and abhor those who are in rebellion against you?

C: I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies.

L: Search me, God, and know my heart;

C: Test me and know my anxious thoughts.

L: See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

**ALL: Praise be to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.
Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 Samuel 1:3-28

Year after year this man, Elkanah, went up from his town to worship and sacrifice to the LORD Almighty at Shiloh, where Hophni and Phinehas, the two sons of Eli, were priests of the LORD. ⁴ Whenever the day came for Elkanah to sacrifice, he would give portions of the meat to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters. ⁵ But to Hannah he gave a double portion because he loved her, and the LORD had closed her womb. ⁶ Because the LORD had closed Hannah's womb, her rival kept provoking her in order to irritate her. ⁷ This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the LORD, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat. ⁸ Her husband Elkanah would say to her, "Hannah, why are you weeping? Why don't you eat? Why are you downhearted? Don't I mean more to you than ten sons?"

⁹ Once when they had finished eating and drinking in Shiloh, Hannah stood up. Now Eli the priest was sitting on his chair by the doorpost of the LORD's house. ¹⁰ In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the LORD, weeping bitterly. ¹¹ And she made a vow, saying, "LORD Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the LORD for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

¹² As she kept on praying to the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. ¹³ Hannah was praying in her heart, and her lips were moving but her voice was not heard. Eli thought she was drunk ¹⁴ and said to her, "How long are you going to stay drunk? Put away your wine."

¹⁵ "Not so, my lord," Hannah replied, "I am a woman who is deeply troubled. I have not been drinking wine or beer; I was pouring out my soul to the LORD. ¹⁶ Do not take your servant for a wicked woman; I have been praying here out of my great anguish and grief." ¹⁷ Eli answered, "Go in peace, and may the God of Israel grant you what you have asked of him."

¹⁸ She said, "May your servant find favor in your eyes." Then she went her way and ate something, and her face was no longer downcast.

¹⁹ Early the next morning they arose and worshiped before the LORD and then went back to their home at Ramah. Elkanah made love to his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. ²⁰ So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel-saying, “Because I asked the LORD for him.”

²⁴ After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. ²⁵ When the bull had been sacrificed, they brought the boy to Eli, ²⁶ and she said to him, “Pardon me, my lord. As surely as you live, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the LORD. ²⁷ I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. ²⁸ So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he will be given over to the LORD.” And he worshiped the LORD there.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING: Philippians 1:9-11

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ — to the glory and praise of God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING: John 21:1-14

P: The Holy Gospel according to St John the 21st chapter

C: Praise be to You O God!

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ² Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus^[b]), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

5 He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?” “No,” they answered. **6** He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

7 Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, “It is the Lord,” he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. **8** The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.^[c] **9** When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread. **10** Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you have just caught.” **11** So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. **12** Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” None of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. **13** Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. **14** This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And 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; He ascended into heaven, And sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Great is Thy Faithfulness - Maroon hymnal page 809 verses 1-3

MESSAGE: God Sees the Big Picture

Gathering of offerings and tithes and gifts of love

Jesus Loves Me - Maroon hymnal page 588 verses 1,2

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord in Your mercy

C: Hear our Prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father Who art in heaven Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and Give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing - Maroon hymnal page 924 verses 1-3

THE SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

- **Join us After Worship** for some food, fellowship and Bible study in the fellowship hall. It concludes at 11 am.
- **Last week** we were blessed with approximately 45 in worship.
- **Services on line**: You can view this week's service on Christ Lutheran's facebook page or view this week and past week's services on our web page at christlutherancoolidge.com. It is under the Services tab .
- **Sat May 18** will be the Bible study on Esther at 9 am. Join us!
- **Church Council** meeting is this Tuesday, May 14, at 6 pm.
- **Women** save the date of June 28th & 29th, as there will be a women's Christian conference at the Nazarene Church in Coolidge. More details to come.
- **In your prayers** this week please pray for: Chuck, Dorothy, family and friends of Bea Whitaker as she went to heaven. Thank God for sending Jesus who died and rose again for our forgiveness and salvation. The men and women in uniform including our military, law enforcement officers and all first responders who serve in our communities. The Christian church, its leaders and pastors, including our District and Synodical presidents, Mike and Matthew. Missionaries both abroad and here in the US for their protection and that their message of Jesus would be received by all. Pray for safe keeping for all those who are traveling.
- **First time guests**: Please sign the guest register at the rear of the church. Join us again on Sunday for worship. If you have any questions about Christ Lutheran, speak with any of the wonderful people sitting around you! You are always welcome — this is your Father's House! You are always welcome to join Christ Lutheran church. Please consult Pastor Mark if you wish to become a member or associate member.

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