Worship in the Park



Welcome Visitors!

We wish a warm welcome in Jesus' name to any that might be visiting us in the park today. We pray that you feel at home and we invite you to worship with us anytime in our beautiful church building on the corner of 3rd and Marshall just down the street. Again, welcome!

OPENING HYMN:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining. Have you not seen All that is needful has been Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you, Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you. What need or grief Ever has failed of relief? Wings of his mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the Amen Sound from his people again; Gladly forever adore him!

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Please remain seated for the service

INVOCATION

- 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. (spoken)

CONFESSION OF SINS

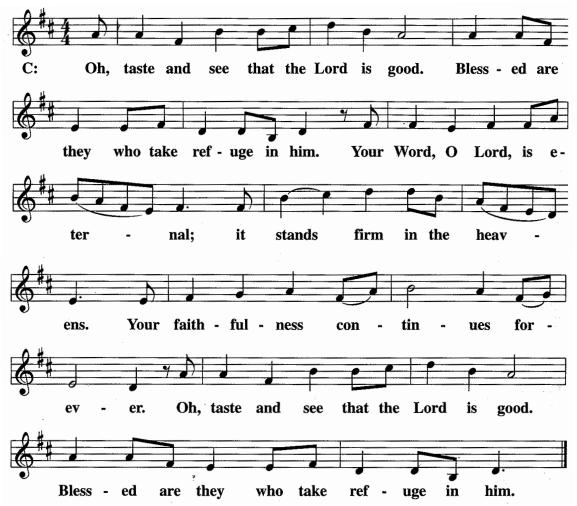
- M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be 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. (spoken)

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

SONG OF PRAISE

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. (spoken)

The Word

FIRST LESSON Luke 2:41-52

Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

Psalm 33

PSALM

Refrain: The earth is full of the good-ness of God, the good-ness of our God.

Sing joyfully to the Lord, you 'righteous;* it is fitting for the upright to 'praise him.

For the Word of the Lord is 'right and true;* he is faithful in 'all he does.

By the word of the Lord were the 'heavens made,* their starry host by the breath 'of his mouth.

For he spoke, and it 'came to be;* he commanded, and 'it stood firm.

Refrain

The Lord foils the plans of the 'nations;* he thwarts the purposes of the 'peoples. But the plans of the Lord stand firm for'ever,* the purposes of his heart through all gener'ations.

The Lord loves righteousness and 'justice;* the earth is full of his un'failing love.

Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son* and to the Holy 'Spirit, As it was in the be'ginning,* is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

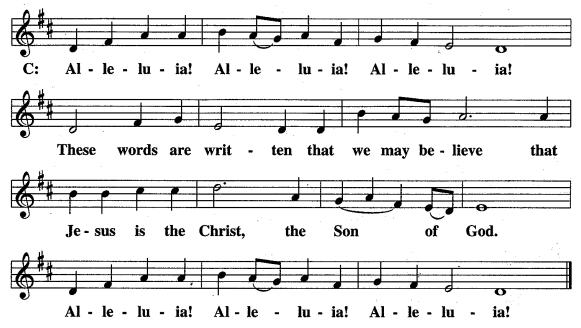
Refrain

SECOND LESSON Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia.



GOSPEL Luke 10:25-37

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself." "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him. "Go and do likewise."

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: (sung) Praise be to you O Christ!

HYMN

All praise to God who reigns above, The God of all creation, The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, The God of our salvation! With healing balm my soul he fills, The God who ev'ry sorrow stills --To God all praise and glory!

I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, oh, hear my calling! For death he gave me life indeed And kept my feet from falling. For this my thanks shall endless be;Oh, thank him, thank our God with me --To God all praise and glory!

The Lord will not forsake his flock, His chosen generation; He is their refuge and their rock, Their peace and their salvation. As with a mother's tender hand He leads his own, his chosen band --To God all praise and glory!

All who confess Christ's holy name, To God give praise and glory! All who the Father's pow'r proclaim, To God give praise and glory! All idols under foot be trod; The Lord is God! The Lord is God! To God all praise and glory!

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MEMORY TREASURES

Day 1: Romans 3:23 All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

- **Day 2:** Romans 10:17 Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.
- Day 3: Romans 5:8 While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- Day 4: 1 John 4:11 Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.
- Day 5: Matthew 28:19 Go and make disciples of all nations.

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,

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Statement of Faith

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.

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

The children from our Vacation Bible School will sing -

"Stop! and Let Me Tell You"

Stop! and let me tell you what the Lord has done for me.Stop! and let me tell you what the Lord has done for me.He forgave my sin, and he saved my soul.He cleansed my heart, and he made me whole.Stop! and let me tell you what the Lord has done for me.

Go! and tell the story of the Christ on Calvary. Go! and tell the story of the Christ on Calvary. He'll forgive their sins; he will save their souls. He'll cleanse their hearts; he will make them whole. Go! and tell the story of the Christ on Calvary.

"Jesus, We Will Sing"

Jesus, we will sing of your love. Love, love, love, We will sing of your love.

Jesus, we will sing of your peace. Peace, peace, peace, We will sing of your peace.

Jesus, we will sing of your joy. Joy, joy, joy, We will sing of your joy.

SERMONETTE

OFFERING - Special music by summer music students

This is the moment in our worship when members and friends of Christ Lutheran respond to God's good news with gifts to support his saving work. If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING (spoken Amen)

CLOSING HYMN

CWS #752: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song; This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone – who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe. This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones he came to save. Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied; For ev'ry sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain; Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave he rose again! And as he stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me. For I am his and he is mine –Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from his hand; Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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This Week:

Today:	9:00 AM	Worship in the Park
	10:30 AM	Church Picnic
Monday:	7:00 PM	Worship and Holy Communion
Thursday:	11:30 AM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
	1:30 PM	Ladies Aid
	6:00 PM	Kids Night at Samuel
Friday:	8:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
Sunday:	9:00 AM	Worship
Monday:	7:00 PM	Worship

SINGING TODAY: We thank the children of our Vacation Bible school for singing in our worship service this morning.

WORSHIP IN THE PARK: Thank you to everyone who made the worship in the park today possible with help in planning, set up, or take down. We hope this outdoor setting for worship was edifying.

CHURCH PICNIC: We hope you will join us today at 10:30 for our church picnic. It will take place after the worship in the park at the band shell. You are asked to bring a generous main dish and salad or dessert and table service. Beverages will be provided.

SYNOD CONVENTION: Every two years our synod meets in convention to attend to the affairs of our church body. It is being held at MLC July 29-August 1. This year Christ has a lay delegate representing our area. We thank Jon Schmugge for his willingness to serve.

WOW: That is the word that comes to mind when you think of all the people, time, talents, and love that goes into a week long VBS program. We thank our coordinator and overall leader Raquel Freese for all her work. Thanks also to our teachers, craft, and snack leaders and helpers: Roxanne Rieke, Ellen Loe, Lucas Thooft, Hannah Prahl, Tim and Elaine Meyer, Tabitha Mays, Kathy Paxton, Pam Ellingson, Jill Schwarz, Melanie Werner, Hailey Lyons, Paxton Schultz, Abby Wendorff, Randi Wendorff, Anna and Austin Rubendall, Martin Krenz, Madeline Prahl, and Sarah Werner. We also appreciate all who brought snacks to feed 40 students! See what I mean - WOW!

SAMUEL REGISTRATION: Registration at Samuel will be held on Thursday, August 8th from 4:00-6:00 PM. Registration will be held in the cafeteria. If by chance you can't make this date please call the office.

WORK BEE: Samuel Lutheran School's Work Bee will be Tuesday, August 20 at 6:00 PM. If you cannot make this date work there are plenty of jobs that can be done at a different day. Please contact Mr. Obry at (402)992-4419 or <u>robry@christlutheran-marshallmn.org</u> to find out what needs to be done.

COLLEGE ADDRESSES: If you have a student attending college this year please call the office and give us their information so we can send them newsletters, etc. Even if you don't have the information now please let us know when you get it.

GRANDVIEWS: You are invited to spend an evening at the winery for this summer's second *Grandviews from the Vineyard* speaking event on Tuesday, August 6. Mr. Jonathan Mayer will present "Beauty in the Beheld: Why subjectivity kills art". The cost is \$20 per person, which includes a meal and drink. It is held at Grandview Valley Winery, north of Belview, MN (42703 Grandview Ave). You can find out more and register online at <u>stjohnswoodlake.com/grandviews</u> or by calling 507-485-3362.