

COME TO ME
all you who are
WEARY AND BURDENED
and I will
GIVE YOU REST

THE LORD GIVES YOU REST

9:00 & 10:15 am July 19, 2020



ROCK OF AGES

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome to our guests!

- We pray that the message you hear today from God's Word will fill your heart with the peace and joy we have in knowing that Jesus Christ is our Savior from sin.
- Our mission is to share the rock-solid hope of Jesus with today's world through timeless truths found in the Holy Scriptures.
- Large print service folders and hearing assistance devices are available.
- Restrooms are located at the far ends of the entry area.
- Children's activity bags, quiet toys, and a changing table are available from the nursery in entry area.
- Thank you for respecting your fellow worshippers by practicing social distancing. You are encouraged to socialize in the sanctuary area or outside rather than causing a crowded area in our narthex. Volunteers are sanitizing all shared touch points between services.
- We are part of a world-wide Christian body and support the gospel ministry of the WELS. We'd love to share more with you. Contact pastor today. You can also visit wels.net





Morning Praise

Morning Praise is based on the historic service called "Matins." Joined to Christ, our risen Lord, we glorify God as we rise to the activities of this new day.

Greeting

Hymn

Jerusalem the Golden
Christian Worship 214

♪ Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest --
The sight of it refreshes
The weary and oppressed.
I know not, oh, I know not
What joys await us there,
What radiancy of glory,
What bliss beyond compare.

2. They stand, those halls of Zion,
All jubilant with song
And bright with many an angel
And all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever in them;
The daylight is serene;
The pastures of the blessed
Are ever rich and green.

3. There is the throne of David,
And there, from care released,
The shout of them that triumph,
The song of them that feast;
And they who with their leader
Have conquered in the fight
Forever and forever
Are clad in robes of white.

**4. Oh, sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!
Oh, sweet and blessed country That eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us To that dear land of rest;
You are with God the Father And Spirit ever blest.**

The Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession & Absolution

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered

Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

According to your promises in Jesus Christ.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

God our merciful Father, has forgiven all your sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Response of Praise

O Lord, open my lips.

And my mouth shall declare your praise.

Hasten to save me, O God.

O Lord, come quickly to help me.

♪ Praise be to God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: let us worship him.

Psalm 95

Come, Let Us Worship And Bow Down - Venite



Come, let us wor-ship and— bow down, let us



kneel before the Lord, our God, our Mak - er.



Come, let us wor-ship and— bow down, let us



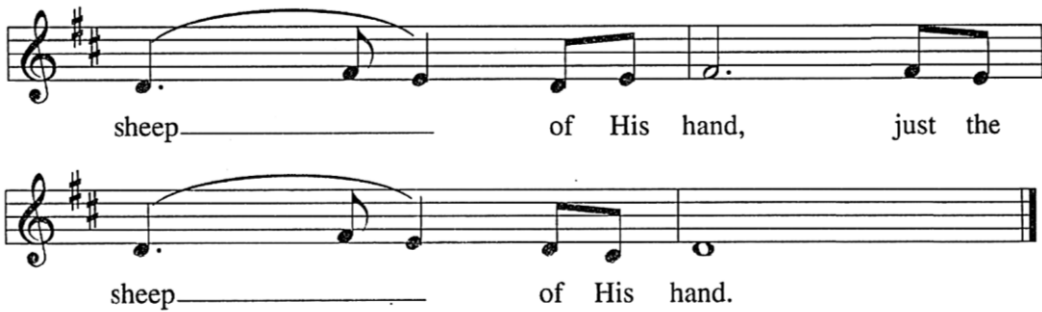
kneel before the Lord, our God, our Mak - er. For



He _____ is our God, and



we are the peo - ple of His pas - ture, and the



First Lesson

Joshua 23:1-11

The Lord graciously fought for us to give us rest so that we can serve him.

After many days, when the LORD had given Israel rest from all its enemies all around, when Joshua had grown old and advanced in years, ²Joshua summoned all Israel—its elders, its heads, its judges, and its officers, and he said to them:

I have grown old and advanced in years. ³You yourselves have seen everything that the LORD your God has done for you against all these nations. Yes, the LORD your God was fighting for you! ⁴See now, I have allotted to your tribes an inheritance from these nations that remain unconquered, as well as from the nations that I have destroyed. It extends from the Jordan to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. ⁵The LORD your God himself will push them away from you and drive them out of your presence, until they perish. He will send wild animals among them until he completely destroys them and their kings from your presence and you will take possession of their land, just as the LORD your God promised you. ⁶You must be very resolute in carrying out all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses by not turning from it to the right or to the left, ⁷by not intermingling with these nations that remain with you. Do not ever call on or swear by the names of their gods. Never serve them and never bow down to them. ⁸But hold fast to the LORD your God, just as you have been doing to this day.

⁹The LORD has driven out great and powerful nations from among you. As for you, no one has stood up against you to this day. ¹⁰One of you would put a thousand to flight because the LORD your God himself was fighting for you, just as he promised you. ¹¹Therefore, for your own sakes be very careful to love the LORD your God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 122

Christian Worship Supplement

Refrain



I re - joiced with those who said to me,



“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

Psalm Tone



I rejoiced with those who said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
Our feet are standing in your gates,
O Jerusalem. **Refrain**

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May those who love you be secure.
May there be peace within your walls
and security within your citadels.” **Refrain**

For the sake of my brothers and friends,
I will say, “Peace be within you.”
For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your prosperity.

**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

Hebrews 4:1-11

God's promised rest is received through faith.

Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be fearful that any one of you may be judged to have failed to reach it. ²In fact, we have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did. But the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united in faith with those who did listen. ³Indeed, we who believe are going to enter his rest.

It happened just as he vowed when he said:

So I swore an oath in my wrath, "They will never enter my rest."

And yet his works have been finished since the creation of the world. ⁴For somewhere he has spoken about the seventh day in this way:

And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.

⁵And again in this statement: They will never enter my rest.

⁶Therefore, since it is still the case that some do enter this rest, and yet those who formerly had the gospel preached to them did not enter because of disobedience, ⁷God again set a certain day, namely, "today," when he later said through David, as quoted before:

Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts.

⁸For, if Joshua had given them rest, then God would not have spoken later about another day.

⁹So there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God. ¹⁰For the one who enters God's rest also rests from his own work, just as God rested from his work.

¹¹Therefore, let us make every effort to enter that rest, so that no one will fall into the same pattern of disobedience.

Children's Message

*All children 5th grade and under are invited to come to the front area.
Helpers or parents are welcome to join them.*

Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus invites us to receive rest for our souls as we love, trust, and serve him.

At that time, Jesus continued, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from clever and learned people and have revealed

them to little children. ²⁶Yes, Father, because this was pleasing to you. ²⁷Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Seasonal Response

Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name;

Make known among the nations what he has done.

Hymn of the Day

If God Himself Be for Me

Christian Worship 419

♪ **If God himself be for me,
I may a host defy;
For when I pray, before me
My foes, confounded, fly.
If Christ, my head and master,
Befriend me from above,
What foe or what disaster
Can drive me from his love?**

**2. This I believe, yea rather,
Of this I make my boast,
That God is my dear Father,
My friend who loves me most,
And that, whate'er betide me,
My Savior is at hand
Through stormy seas to guide me
And bring me safe to land.**

**3. I build on this foundation:
That Jesus and his blood
Alone are my salvation,**

**My true, eternal good.
Without him all that pleases
Is valueless on earth;
The gifts I have from Jesus
Alone have priceless worth.**

(women only)

4. He canceled my offenses,
Delivered me from death;
He is the Lord who cleanses
My soul from sin through faith.
In him I can be cheerful,
Courageous on my way;
In him I am not fearful
Of God's great Judgment Day.

(men only)

5. No sin can now condemn me
Or set my hope aside.
Now hell no more can claim me;
Its fury I deride.
No sentence now reproves me;
No guilt destroys my peace,
For Christ, my Savior, loves me
And shields me with his grace.

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**6. No danger, thirst, or hunger,
No pain or poverty,
No earthly tyrant's anger
Shall ever vanquish me.
Though earth should break asunder,
You are my Savior true;
No fire or sword or thunder
Shall sever me from you.**

**7. My heart for joy is springing
And can no more be sad,
'Tis full of joy and singing,
Sees only sunshine glad.
The sun that cheers my spirit
Is Jesus Christ, my King;
The heav'n I shall inherit
Makes me rejoice and sing.**

Sermon

Joshua 23:1-11

THE LORD HIMSELF HAS FOUGHT FOR YOU.

1) TO GIVE YOU REST

2) TO MAKE YOU HIS OWN.

Confession of Faith

We Praise You, O God

Te Deum Laudamus

We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
all creation worships you, Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, cherubim and seraphim, sing in
endless praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of heavenly hosts, heaven and earth are full
of your glory.**

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white robed army of martyrs praise you. Throughout the world the holy
Church acclaim you:

**Father of majesty unbounded, your glorious, true, and only Son, and
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.**

You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free, you humbled yourself to be born of a virgin.

You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You sit at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.

We believe that you will come to be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood,

and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting. Amen.

Offerings Gathered

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Our offerings go to support the gospel ministry of our congregation and our church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Lord, Have Mercy *Kyrie*



M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



C: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

Prayer of the Day

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Special Prayers

Special prayers are spoken concluding with ...through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen

Prayer for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Closing Doxology

Jude 24-25

To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault, and with great joy, to the only God, our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority through Jesus Christ, our Lord before all ages, now and forevermore. Amen. Amen.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

May the Peace of God
Christian Worship 745

♪ **May the peace of God our heav'nly Father,
And the grace of Christ the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.**

***And to him be praise for his glorious reign
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings.***

**2. May this peace which passes understanding,
And this grace which makes us what we are,
And this fellowship of his Communion
Make us one in spirit and in heart.**

***And to him be praise for his glorious reign
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings.***

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NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember with Prayer

- That God would encourage our shut-in members who are completely shut-in due to the pandemic restrictions at their place of care (Glenora Hintze, Peggy Bishop); that they remain strong in faith, that they persevere in faith and do not lose heart from isolation; that his gospel sustains them each day.
- That God would sustain all others who have chosen to isolate for the sake of health concerns during the pandemic season; that they would continue to be fed through the gospel each day and remain strong in Jesus.
- Steve Hein, who is serving in our circuit as pastor at Christ Lutheran in Prescott; he was injured in an accident and broke several bones; that God provides quick healing.
- Our voters' meeting today; that God continue to bless our efforts to work together in the gospel and give us wisdom as we plan our ministry at Rock of Ages.

Attendance

7/08 & 09 Bible Study: 15

7/12 Sunday Worship: 61

Received in July: \$8,837.32 (to date)

Serving This Week

Communion Setup: Marlene Nielsen

Flowers: Della Kary

Music: (9:00am) Keyboard, Sydney Peterson;

(10:15am) Keyboard, Jeni Strickland; 4 For Christ

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Barthel

Ushers: (10:15am) Del Kary

CALENDAR

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Sunday, July 19 Pentecost 7

9:00am Worship

10:15am Worship

11:15am Voters' Meeting

Wednesday, July 22

6:00pm Midweek Bible Class

Thursday, July 23

9:00am Midweek Bible Class

Sunday, July 26 Pentecost 8

9:00am Worship

10:15am Worship

Tuesday, July 28

3:45pm Youth Discipleship Group

Wednesday, July 29

6:00pm Midweek Bible Class

Thursday, July 30

9:00am Midweek Bible Class

Sunday, August 2 Pentecost 9

9:00am Worship

10:15am Worship

Sunday, August 9 Pentecost 10

9:00am Worship

10:15am Worship

Sunday, August 16 Pentecost 11

9:00am Worship

10:15am Worship

Sunday, August 23 Pentecost 12

9:00am Worship

10:15am Worship

Thursday, August 27

6:00pm 6pm council meeting

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home with you today.**



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