



To
whom
shall
we go?

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Every worship service opens by invoking the name, the presence, and the power of the one true God, the God in whose name and by whose power we became members of the Holy Christian Church in our Baptism.

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

(Everyone) Amen.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

We pray to confess our sin to God and ask His forgiveness to remain humble before Him.

(Everyone) Heavenly Father, on this first Sunday in August, I come before You admitting that I am a poor sinner and that I cannot earn or work my way to heaven. I have sinned in weakness and have done and said things of which I am truly ashamed. I have allowed sinful anger to invade my mind and impure thoughts to taint my soul; I have not always treated my family and friends in a way that is God pleasing; I have not kept Your holy Word. Therefore, I come before You with a penitent heart, seeking Your pardon and peace. Please forgive me for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and His merits won for me on the cross. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

We remember the Good News that God forgives our sin because of Jesus.

(Pastor) The Bible comforts us with the truth that if we confess our sins in faith, our Heavenly Father will forgive our sins because of His Son. Because of Christ's suffering, death and Resurrection, we can be sure of God the Father's complete pardon, for Jesus' sake. As Christians, we know that we should be in a daily state of confession and repentance. Thus, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

Pianist: Shirlene Everhart

Blessed Assurance # 345

Children's Sermonette

Pastor Robert McDonald

"Why?"

We Worship Through Our Giving

We express our gratitude to God as we give to support the work of the church so that more people may hear the Good News about Jesus. Please ask an usher if you need an envelope.

We Worship Through Speaking and Hearing the Word of God

We read the Word of God to strengthen, encourage, and challenge us for the week ahead.

Old Testament Lesson for the Day

Isaiah 55:1-5

“Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink—even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk—it’s all free! ² Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food that does you no good? Listen to me, and you will eat what is good. You will enjoy the finest food. ³ “Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life. I will make an everlasting covenant with you. I will give you all the unfailing love I promised to David. ⁴ See how I used him to display my power among the peoples. I made him a leader among the nations. ⁵ You also will command nations you do not know, and peoples unknown to you will come running to obey, because I, the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, have made you glorious.”

Epistle

Romans 8:31-39

³¹ What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? ³² Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won’t he also give us everything else? ³³ Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. ³⁴ Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God’s right hand, pleading for us. ³⁵ Can anything ever separate us from Christ’s love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? ³⁶ (As the Scriptures say, “For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.”) ³⁷ No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. ³⁸ And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. ³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Please stand)

Gospel Reading

John 6:60-69

⁶⁰ Many of his disciples said, “This is very hard to understand. How can anyone accept it?” ⁶¹ Jesus was aware that his disciples were complaining, so he said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what will you think if you see the Son of Man ascend to heaven again? ⁶³ The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But some of you do not believe me.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning which ones didn’t believe, and he knew who would betray him.) ⁶⁵ Then he said, “That is why I said that people can’t come to me unless the Father gives them to me.” ⁶⁶ At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him. ⁶⁷ Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, “Are you also going to leave?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter replied, “Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. ⁶⁹ We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God.”

We Respond to God’s Word by Confessing Our Faith

As we recite together the words of the Apostles’ Creed, we join the worldwide chorus of followers of Jesus, who, for centuries, have confessed their faith through this simple declaration.

(Everyone) 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, dead, and 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 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.

Sermon Hymn

Pass It On # 309

Sermon

Pastor Robert McDonald

“The challenge of Christianity!”

John 6:68-69

General Prayer

Communion Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together # 323

We Worship at the table of the Lord's Supper

Communion — If you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please hold up 2 fingers when you reach the person with the cups.

Everyone who confesses Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior is welcome and invited to join us. Together we receive anew the love and grace that God pours out to us through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Come hold in your hands and taste on your lips the love He poured out for you.

Pastor: The Words of Our Lord...(Consecration of the Elements)

(Everyone) 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!

Distribution

Benediction

A blessing we receive to send us out into the world once again.

Sending Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah # 51

Go In Peace and Serve the Lord!

(Everyone) Thanks be to God

Activity Items

These are available for younger children during the service.

Things going on during the week:

**Monday—Little Blessings Christian Preschool: “Theme: Space Adventure
*Bible: Jesus Calming the Storm***

Tuesday--Kinship Group: At church from 5:30—8:00 pm. This is a support group for grandparents who are helping to raise their grandkids.

Wednesday--Choir Rehearsal: At church at 5 pm.

Thursday—Potluck Dinner & Bible Study: Potluck Dinner starts at 6:15 pm followed by Bible

Message Notes:

Prayer Chain Requests

In order for us to be sensitive to everyone's needs regarding prayer requests, please mark the Connection Card very clearly as to whether you want our prayer chain to pray for you or if it is something you want kept private between you and Pastor. Our prayer

Mark Your Calendars!

September 2, Saturday, Women's Bible Study and Meeting -- At 10:00 am.

September 10, Sunday, Second Sunday -- *Preschool Kids sing. Potluck lunch following worship service.*

September 16, Saturday -- Free Food Distribution--At the Shack from 9:30 to 10:30 am. If you know of someone who could benefit from the free food distribution, please let them know. Please come and lend a hand with handing out food to those in need. If you can help with set-up, please come at 8:30 am. If you can come later and stay until about 11:00 am to help with putting away leftover food, tables and chairs, your help will be greatly appreciated. Join us in thanking God for the continuation of this ministry!

September 16, Saturday, Women's Bible Study with Debbie Giles -- At 11:00 following the food distribution.

August 2017 Birthdays and Anniversaries

Here at Community we celebrate our birthdays/anniversaries each second Sunday of the month. If your birthday is this month, and your name is not on this list, please put a note in the offering plate so we can include yours!

(PS) after the name denotes one of our Preschoolers' birthday.

Birthdays

22nd—Duane Erickson

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Kristen Erwin, Preschool Director

Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ

Weekly Schedule:

Sundays	10:00 am	Worship Service & Sunday School
	11:15 am	Community Fellowship Time <i>Refreshments in the Courtyard</i>
Second Sunday		Preschool Kids Sing during Worship, Potluck Lunch following Worship
Wednesdays	5:00 pm	Choir Practice—At church at 5 pm
Thursdays	6:15 pm	Dinner and Bible Study
	6:00 pm	“4th Thursday”—Dinner for the Preschool Families <i>The <u>Fourth</u> Thursday of each month</i>
Saturdays	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study <i>The <u>First</u> Saturday of each month.</i>
	10:00 am	Free Food Distribution <i>The <u>Third</u> Saturday of each month. from 9:30—10:30 am</i>
	11:00 am	Women's Bible Study with Debbie Giles <i>The <u>Third</u> Saturday of each month.</i>