



**“For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord,
every knee shall bow to me, and every
tongue shall confess to God.”**

Romans 14:11 (KJV)

Postlude

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy Arr. Cindy Berry

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) Gracious Heavenly Father, we come before you now in confession of our sins. We sought only to serve You in faith this past week, but we failed to follow Your will and instead went our own selfish way. We realize that we are poor sinners in desperate need of Your mercy and grace. Please forgive our many sins for Jesus' sake, as we look to His suffering and death for mercy and pardon. Give us the strength and spiritual stamina to follow Your guidance in our lives, as we plead the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ for forgiveness. In His Name. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

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

(Pastor) If this be your sincere confession, and if with contrite hearts you earnestly desire the forgiveness of your sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, God, according to His promise, pardons the sins of the penitent in faith. Thus, by the authority of God's Word and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare to you that God, through His grace, has forgiven 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

His Name is Wonderful # 101

Children's Sermonette

Pastor Dan Giles

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.

Offertory

Music Jesus Bear the Cross Alone? Arr. Cindy Berry

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

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ But now that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers became fearful. "Now Joseph will show his anger and pay us back for all the wrong we did to him," they said. ¹⁶ So they sent this message to Joseph: "Before your father died, he instructed us ¹⁷ to say to you: 'Please forgive your brothers for the great wrong they did to you—for their sin in treating you so cruelly.' So we, the servants of the God of your father, beg you to forgive our sin." When Joseph received the message, he broke down and wept. ¹⁸ Then his brothers came and threw themselves down before Joseph. "Look, we are your slaves!" they said. ¹⁹ But Joseph replied, "Don't be afraid of me. Am I God, that I can punish you? ²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people. ²¹ No, don't be afraid. I will continue to take care of you and your children." So he reassured them by speaking kindly to them.

Reading from the Psalms

Psalms 103:1-12

¹ Let all that I am praise the LORD; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name. ² Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things he does for me. ³ He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases. ⁴ He redeems me from death and crowns me with love and tender mercies. ⁵ He fills my life with good things. My youth is renewed like the eagle's! ⁶ The LORD gives righteousness and justice to all who are treated unfairly. ⁷ He revealed his character to Moses and his deeds to the people of Israel. ⁸ The LORD is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. ⁹ He will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever. ¹⁰ He does not punish us for all our sins; he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. ¹¹ For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth. ¹² He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.

Epistle

Romans 14:1-12

Accept other believers who are weak in faith, and don't argue with them about what they think is right or wrong. ² For instance, one person believes it's all right to eat anything. But another believer with a sensitive conscience will eat only vegetables. ³ Those who feel free to eat anything must not look down on those who don't. And those who don't eat certain foods must not condemn those who do, for God has accepted them. ⁴ Who are you to condemn someone else's servants? Their own master will judge whether they stand or fall. And with the Lord's help, they will stand and receive his approval. ⁵ In the same way, some think one day is more holy than another day, while others think every day is alike. You should each be fully convinced that whichever day you choose is acceptable. ⁶ Those who worship the Lord on a special day do it to honor him. Those who eat any kind of food do so to honor the Lord, since they give thanks to God before eating. And those who refuse to eat certain foods also want to please the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷ For we don't live for ourselves or die for ourselves. ⁸ If we live, it's to honor the Lord. And if we die, it's to honor the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹ Christ died and rose again for this very purpose—to be Lord both of the living and of the dead.

¹⁰ So why do you condemn another believer? Why do you look down on another believer? Remember, we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For the Scriptures say, "'As surely as I live,' says the LORD, 'every knee will bend to me, and every tongue will declare allegiance to God.'" ¹² Yes, each of us will give a personal account to God.

Choir Sings

Have Faith Arr. Jeff Lippencott

(Please stand)

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" ²² "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!" ²³ "Therefore, the Kingdom of Heaven can be compared to a king who decided to bring his accounts up to date with servants who had borrowed money from him. ²⁴ In the process, one of his debtors was brought in who owed him millions of dollars. ²⁵ He couldn't pay, so his master ordered that he be sold—along with his wife, his children, and everything he owned—to pay the debt. ²⁶ "But the man fell down before his master and begged him, 'Please, be patient with me, and I will pay it all.'" ²⁷ Then his master was filled with pity for him, and he released him and forgave his debt. ²⁸ "But when the man left the king, he went to a fellow servant who owed him a few thousand dollars. He grabbed him by the throat and demanded instant payment. ²⁹ "His fellow servant fell down before him and begged for a little more time. 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it,' he pleaded. ³⁰ But his creditor wouldn't wait. He had the man arrested and put in prison until the debt could be paid in full. ³¹ "When some of the other servants saw this, they were very upset. They went to the king and told him everything that had happened. ³² Then the king called in the man he had forgiven and said, 'You evil servant! I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Shouldn't you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ Then the angry king sent the man to prison to be tortured until he had paid his entire debt. ³⁵ "That's what my heavenly Father will do to you if you refuse to forgive your brothers and sisters from your heart."

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

Trust and Obey # 349

Sermon

Pastor Dan Giles

General Prayer

Communion Hymn

Break Thou the Bread of Life # 274

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

Jesus Shall Reign # 231

Go In Peace and Serve the Lord!

(Everyone) Thanks be to God

Postlude

Rejoice, the Lord is King Arr. Cindy Berry

Message Notes:

Mark Your Calendars!

September 21, Fourth Thursday, Back to School Night & Dinner -- At church from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

October 7, Saturday, Women's Bible Study -- At 10:00 am at the church.

October 8, Sunday, Second Sunday -- *Preschool Kids sing. Potluck lunch following worship service.*

October 21, 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!

October 21, Saturday, Women's Bible Study with Debbie Giles -- At 11:00 following the food distribution.

Choir Members: Pam Buchhorn, Kristen Erwin, Marsha Leichner, Sharlene Miller, Kathy Shattuck, Joey Taschner

Choir Director: Shirlene Everhart

September 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

3rd—Tenley Schlange (PS) 5th—Sharon Ommen 10th—Aretta Engelhardt
15th—Joyce McDonald 22nd—Robbie Engelhardt 28th—Kathy Shattuck

Anniversaries

27th—Pastor Robert & Joyce McDonald

Activity Items

These are available for younger children during the service. They are in the cabinets at the back of the church to the left of the Prayer Room.

Things going on during the week:

Monday—Little Blessings Christian Preschool: “Theme: My 5 Senses Letter: Dd
Bible: Abraham is Blessed (Genesis 12-18)”

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

Thursday—Potluck Dinner & Bible Study: Potluck Dinner starts at 6:15 pm followed by Bible Study at 7:00 pm.

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 chain encompasses a large percentage of our members. We will try calling/emailing if we are unsure how you want your request handled.

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Preschool Hours: **Monday – Friday** 7:00 am to 6:00 pm

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>
Wednesdays	5:00 pm	Choir Practice—At church at 5 pm
Thursdays	6:15 pm	Dinner and Bible Study
Saturdays	10:00 am	Women’s Bible Study <i>The First Saturday of each month.</i>
	10:00 am	Free Food Distribution <i>The Third Saturday of each month. from 9:30—10:30 am</i>
	11:00 am	Women’s Bible Study with Debbie Giles