

THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

After reliving the great events of the life of Christ, the worshipping Church spends half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ. The Church wears green (except for Trinity Sunday) during the season of Pentecost as the Spirit uses those teaching of Jesus to grow the faith of believers.

The coming weeks can be remembered with this theme:

THE BELIEVER FOLLOWS CHRIST...

Pentecost 6 Followers of Christ understand the call for total commitment

Pentecost 7 Followers of Christ support kingdom work

Pentecost 8 Followers of Christ love their neighbor

Pentecost 9 Followers of Christ listen when God speaks

Today Pentecost 10 Followers of Christ pray boldly

Pentecost 11 Followers of Christ know that earthly wealth is meaningless

Pentecost 12 Followers of Christ find true treasure in trusting God's promises

FOR THE CHILDREN

A Staffed Nursery is available for your use at any time during the service. It is located in the hallway that leads to the school classrooms.

A Cry-Room area is available if your little ones need a moment. Simply use the hallway located out the gymnasium doors by the water fountains.

Children's Activity Sheets give activities and lessons pertaining to the Scripture lessons for the day. Ask an usher near the table as you enter the worship space.

CHRIST ALONE LUTHERAN CHURCH

He Did It All!

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PENTECOST 10

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. Please take a moment to sign our guest register as you leave this morning.

√ **Restrooms** are located across the hallway as you exit the gymnasium by the water fountains.



TODAY'S THEME:

FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST PRAY BOLDLY

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN: #409, *Come, My Soul, with Every Care*, vv. 1-4

INVOCATION

L(eader): The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C(ongregation): **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

L: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

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.**

L: 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.**

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

OUR SONG OF PRAISE¹



1 Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver.
2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions;
3 All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it,



Ac - tive and watch - ful, stand - ing now be -
Ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness
Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us your sal -



fore you, Sing - ing, we of - fer prayer and
send - ing. Bring us to heav - en, where your
va - tion; Yours is the glo - ry, gleam - ing



med - i - ta - tion; Thus we a - dore you.
saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.
and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

The leader says the Prayer of the Day.

C: Amen.

¹ We worship our God this morning with the ancient song of praise, *Christe Sanctorum*. This hymn was written by Gregory the Great in the 6th century A.D., and it reflects the wonderful legacy that historic Christianity has left for the Church today.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 18:20-32

²⁰ Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous ²¹ that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know."

²² The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³ Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?"

²⁶ The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

²⁷ Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, ²⁸ what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city because of five people?"

"If I find forty-five there," he said, "I will not destroy it."

²⁹ Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?"
He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it."

³⁰ Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?"

He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

³¹ Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?"

He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it."

³² Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?"

He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it."

THE PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 6

Read responsively with the leader.

L: O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger

C: **or discipline me in your wrath.**

L: Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am faint;

C: **O LORD, heal me, for my soul is in anguish.**

L: Turn, O LORD, and deliver me;

C: **save me because of your unfailing love.**

L: I am worn out from groaning.

C: **My eyes grow weak with sorrow.**

L: Away from me, all you who do evil.

C: **for the LORD has heard my weeping.**

L: The LORD has heard my cry for mercy;

C: **the LORD accepts my prayer.**

THE SECOND LESSON: JAMES 5:13-18

¹³Is any one of you in trouble? He should pray. Is anyone happy? Let him sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

¹⁷Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY



Cantor: Refrain

All: Refrain

Cantor: A great prophet has risen in our midst. God has visited his people.

All: Refrain

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 11:1-13

¹One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

" 'Father,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴Forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

And lead us not into temptation.' "

⁵Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.'

⁷"Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.'⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

⁹"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: #410, *Our Father, Who from Heaven Above*²

Congregation sings the odd numbered verses. Congregation silently meditates on the words of the even numbered verses as the piano plays.

THE SERMON:

Pray

1. In every circumstance
2. Because it works

James 5:13-18

² This hymn by Martin Luther offers a beautiful and clear explanation of the Lord's Prayer. This is one of Luther's six catechism hymns. Luther wrote these hymns from 1523 – 1539 as a means to teach the Christian faith. Each of his catechism hymns teaches a section of the catechism: **The Ten Commandments** - #285, *The Ten Commandments Are the Law*; **The Apostles' Creed** - #271, *We All Believe in One True God*; **The Lord's Prayer** - #410, *Our Father, Who from Heaven Above*; **Baptism** - #88, *To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord*; **The Lord's Supper** - #313, *Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior*; **The Ministry of the Keys** - #305, *From Depths of Woe I Cry to You*. Christians today are blessed to take these hidden gems and wear them!

THE 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, 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.

THANKSGIVING

THE OFFERING:

The members of Christ Alone Lutheran Congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

**C: 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 LORD'S BLESSING

L: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG: #765, *Day by Day*³

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³ Verse 3 of this popular hymn highlights the joy it is to know that the Lord hears us when we come to him in prayer.



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me,
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me



Bring - ing com - fort to my anx - ious soul.
Strength to serve and wis - dom to o - bey;
When my bur - dens grow too great to bear;



Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



Draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
O'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.
When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal meas - ure,
I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row;
Day by day, no mat - ter what be - tide me,



Brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest;
I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace.
You will hold me ev - er in your hand.



Sav - ior, lead me to the home I treas - ure,
Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and sor - row;
Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to guide me,



Where, at last, I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
Till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

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Announcements

Welcome Visitors and Guests: We are glad that you are with us this morning, and we pray that you will worship with us again soon. God's richest blessings to you!

July 24 - 31:

Today	10:00AM	Meet & Greet
	10:30AM	Worship
Wednesday	6:30PM	Canvassing
Sunday	10:00AM	Meet & Greet
	10:30AM	Worship

Sunday School Registration: Beginning August 7th, we will begin registering children for our Sunday School classes. We will enroll children ages 3 through entering 8th grade. Registration is important for planning and preparation purposes. Please take the time to enroll your children today. Thank you! (Sunday School classes begin September 14th.)

Confirmation Registration: Beginning August 7th, we will begin enrolling children in Pastor Seager's confirmation classes. Classes are for children entering the 7th and 8th grades. Confirmation instruction begins the last week of August.

Faithbuilders Class: Our Faithbuilders class is for people interested in becoming members of Christ Alone, or for people just looking to build their faith through the study of the basic teachings of the Bible. Classes will begin on Thursday, July 30th from 7 to 8:15pm. We have approximately 10 committed to the class and we would love to welcome more! If you would like to attend, contact Pastor Seager. Free childcare is available. We'll be meeting in a comfortable conference room at our rented office space located at 9500 Ray White Rd in Fort Worth 76244 (across the street from Central High School).

Congregational Canvassing: We'll head out to canvass again this Wednesday night. Start time is 6:30pm. We'll meet at Kay Granger before we go out. May the Lord open doors for us to proclaim his gospel to the people in our community.

Men's Softball Season begins Monday, September 12th. All men 18 and older are encouraged to sign up and play. There are no tryouts; it's all for fun. Please speak with Mr. John Horn to sign up. We'll need about 12 men to field a team this fall.

Every Member Pastor Visits: Beginning in mid-August Pastor Seager will be visiting every member of Christ Alone. It's a fun way to bring God's word of comfort to you and to keep everyone connected to our Christ Alone mission through an enjoyable back and forth conversation.

July - August Volunteer Schedules

Sunday

Sunday	Friendship Register		Nursery	Video Taping
July 3	Ashley Horn	Pejah Berens	Tranberg/Murry	Dominic Gross
July 10	Eliana Seager	Max Narten	Bartels/G.Rogish	Peter Sampe
July 17	Nathan Covarrubias	Gabrielle Fleisher	Gross/J.Sampe	Julia Sampe
July 24	Ava Narten	Autumn Chatmon	Covarrubias/Lewis	Micah Berens
July 31	Samantha Fleisher	Aiden Chatmon	Murry/Fleisher	Dylan Sampe
Aug 7	Brenden Eicksteadt	Isaac Murry	G. Rogish/Tranberg	Garrett Bartels
Aug 14	Aurora DeAmicis	Jessica Horn	Bartels/Gross	Christopher Gross
Aug 21	Grant Thowe	Addison Fleisher	Covarrubias/J.Sampe	Stas Snapp
Aug 28	Landon Tranberg	Nadia Covarrubias	Lewis/Fleisher	Dalton Gross

Ushering Teams

July				August			
Frey	Joel	DeAmicis	Tony	Brown	Matt	Bassler	John
Murry	Keith(AV)	Sampe	Peter	LaRocque	Brian(AV)	Thowe	Travis
Bunch	Troy	Snapp	Stas	Narten	Don	Schrandt	Todd
Tranberg	Garin	Sampe	Pete	Covarrubias	Edgar	Sampe	Aaron
Berens	Chad	Sampe	Dylan	Becker	Michael	Hamil	Heath

ABOUT CHRIST ALONE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christ Alone Lutheran Church is a new Christian congregation, a mission plant of the third largest Lutheran church body in America. Christ Alone congregation held its first service on January 10, 2010. By God’s grace, Christ Alone Lutheran remains focused on our mission of reaching out with the good news of the Savior Jesus Christ who died on the cross to pay for all sins and rose again to give eternal life.

Christ Alone Lutheran Church worships the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We accept the Bible as God’s inspired and errorless word. It is the only source of truth for life and for eternity.

Christ Alone is dedicated to preaching the truth, that God has prepared a way to save sinners from eternal damnation by sending His Son, Jesus Christ. By Jesus’ perfect life and innocent death, the sins of all people have been paid for in full. Jesus’ resurrection is proof of this! Whoever believes (trusts) in Jesus has the forgiveness of sins, possesses eternal life now, and has a certain future with Jesus in heaven. Believers in Jesus have been given the new life of faith by which they offer their lives in service to the Lord and all people.

The mission of Christ Alone is to proclaim this eternal gospel (the good news), *“that God was reconciling the world to himself **in Christ**, not counting men’s sins against them”* (2 Corinthians 5:19). It is this gospel that gives our church its name: Christ Alone Lutheran Church—*He did it all!*

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