



*The Father Welcomes Sinners into His Family*

CHRIST<sup>†</sup> ALONE  
LUTHERAN CHURCH



# CHRIST ALONE LUTHERAN | Fort Worth, TX

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November 11, 2018

*Fall Festival*

## **SERVICE NOTES: FALL FESTIVAL**

Fall is a season of harvesting and gathering. For a brief period farmers stop working and celebrate God's blessing as the crop is gathered in. Our urban culture may not always reflect on this rhythm of the seasons. But today at Christ Alone we pause for a Sunday to celebrate Fall Festival with our church and community. This too is a celebration! God the Father harvests and gathers sinners into his family because he is gracious and merciful. No. He doesn't overlook our sins. He sends his Son, Jesus, to take our place on a cross and die for them. The Father welcomes sinners by forgiving their sins for the sake of his Son. With that good news we welcome you this day to Christ Alone Lutheran!

## **BEFORE WORSHIP**

*As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet minutes in prayer before the service. Review the lessons, the service notes, and pray this prayer:*

Lord, keep your household, the Church, in continual godliness and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **INFORMATION**

**Restrooms** are located across the hallway as you exit the gymnasium by the water foundations. **A Mother's Room** is available for your use at any time during the service. It's located down the hallway to the right as you exit the gymnasium by the water fountains.

**Children's Activity Sheets** give activities and lesson pertaining to the Scripture lessons for the day. Pick one up at the information table or speak to an usher.

## **SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**

**Rev. Paul M. Seager, pastor of Christ Alone  
Michele LaRocque, keyboardist**

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

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## OPENING HYMN

Speak, O Lord | 735

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -  
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly  
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us

ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.  
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.  
grasp the heights of your plans for us.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and  
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the  
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will

fash - ion us in your like - ness That the  
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our  
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by

light of Christ might be seen to-day In our acts of  
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic  
grace we'll stand on your pro - mis-es, And by faith we'll

love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
 love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can  
 walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your  
  
 fill in us All your pur - pos-es for your  
 nev - er fail, Let their truth pre-vail o - ver  
 Church is built And you fill the earth with your  
  
 glo - ry.  
 un - be - lief.  
 glo - ry.

## INVOCATION

*please stand*

L(leader): 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.

## CONFESSON

- 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.

## ABSOLUTION

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.

## HYMN

*Across the Lands*

You're the Word of God the Fa-ther from be - fore the world be  
5 Yet you left the gaze of an-gels Came to seek and save the  
With a shout you rose vic - tor-iouss Wrest-ing vic - t'ry from the  
gan 9 Ev' - ry star and ev' - ry plan - et Have been fa - shioned by your  
lost And ex - changed the joy of hea-ven For the an - guish of the  
grave And a - scend - ed in - to hea-ven Lead-ing cap - tives in your  
hand 13 All cre - a - tion holds to - ge-ther By the pow - er of your  
cross With a prayer you fed the hun-gry. With a word you calmed the  
way. Now you stand be - fore the Fa-ther In - ter - ced - ing for your  
voice 17 Let the skies de - clare you glo - ry Let the land and seas re -  
sea. Yet how si - lent - ly you suf-fered, That the guilt - y may go  
own From each tribe and tongue and na - tion You are lead - ing sin - ners  
joice. 21 You're the Au - thor of cre - a - tion, You're the Lord of ev' - ry  
free! home.  
man and your cry of love rings out a - cross the lands.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: Let us pray.

*The leader says the Prayer of the Day.*

C: **Amen.**

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## *The Word of God*

### **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **FIRST LESSON**

*Micah 7:18-20*

<sup>18</sup> Who is a God like you,  
who pardons sin and forgives the transgression  
of the remnant of his inheritance?

You do not stay angry forever  
but delight to show mercy.

<sup>19</sup> You will again have compassion on us;  
you will tread our sins underfoot  
and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

<sup>20</sup> You will be faithful to Jacob,  
and show love to Abraham,  
as you pledged on oath to our ancestors  
in days long ago.

## **SONG BY SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

*The children sing the first verse. The congregation sings the second verse.*

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story because I know it's true;  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.  
I love to tell the story; 'Twill be theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

**I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.  
I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

## **GOSPEL**

*Luke 15:11-32*

*please stand*

<sup>11</sup> Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

<sup>13</sup> "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup> "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

<sup>21</sup> "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

<sup>22</sup> "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on.

<sup>27</sup> 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

<sup>28</sup> "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

<sup>31</sup> " 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound—  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me;  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares  
 4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years,

That saved a wretch like me! I  
 His Word my hope se - cures. He  
 I have al - read - y come; 'Tis  
 Bright shin - ing as the sun, We've

once was lost but now am found,  
 will my shield and por - tion be,  
 grace has brought me safe thus far,  
 no less days to sing God's praise

Was blind but now I see.  
 As long as life en - dures.  
 And grace will lead me home.  
 Than when we'd first be - gun.

## SERMON

Luke 15:11-32

*A Prodigal Father for Prodigal Sons*

## **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*

## **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.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **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.

### **LORD'S BLESSING**

L: Brother 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.

1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my  
 2 In Christ a - lone - who took on flesh, Ful - ness of  
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, Light of the  
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the

light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
 God in help - less babe. This gift of love and right-eous -  
 world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious  
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fin - al

ground, Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
 ness, Scorned by the ones he came to save.  
 day Up from the grave he rose a - gain!  
 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are  
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died, The wrath of  
 And as he stands in vic - tor - y Sin's curse has  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ev - er

still, when striv - ings cease! My com - for - ter, my all in  
 God was sa - tis - fied; For ev - 'ry sin on him was  
 lost its grip on me, For I am his and he is  
 pluck me from his hand; Till he re - turns or calls me

all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.  
 mine - Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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!

## November 11 - 18 :

Today	10:30AM	Worship - Fall Festival
	11:30AM	Fall Festival Activities
Tuesday	7:00PM	Council of Ministry
Wednesday	6:30PM	Confirmation
Thursday	2:00PM	Faithbuilders
	7:00PM	Faithbuilders
Sunday	9:15AM	Sunday School; Bible Class
	10:30AM	Worship with Holy Communion

**Fall Festival Activities!** Please stick around and enjoy some of the activities we have planned for you and your children:

- Catered Lunch
- Bounce Houses
- Face Painting
- Balloon Artist
- Photo Booth
- Desserts
- Game for Kids & Grown Ups
- Hayrides

**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. A new class begins soon. If you would like to attend, contact Pastor Seager. Free childcare is available.

**Saints Triumphant Carnations:** Saints Triumphant is November 18th. On this day, we remember the saints that have gone home before us to heaven. We will have an altar arrangement made up of white carnations that day. If you would like to remember a loved one with a carnation, please sign up on the sheet on the information table or send an email with the name (s) of the person(s) you are remembering to [christalone.lutheran@gmail.com](mailto:christalone.lutheran@gmail.com). Carnations are \$1.00 and you may take your flower(s) home after the service. Just pull the appropriate number from the arrangement and you can put your payment in the offering plate marked 'carnation.'

**Thanksgiving Eve Devotion and Bonfire:** We will have a Thanksgiving bonfire on Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 6pm. Join us for dinner and devotion around the fire. The plan is to gather for these festivities on our property! We have no church service on Thanksgiving Day. Bring a friend!

## November- December Volunteer Schedules

Sunday	Friendship Register		Video Taping	Altar Care
Nov 4	Isaac Murry	Noelle Siegler	Pejah Berens	Rajani Katikala
Nov 11	Nathan Covarrubias	Eliana Seager	Christopher Gross	
Nov 18	Gabrielle Fleisher	Samantha Fleisher	Dalton Gross	Rajani Katikala
Nov 25	Aurora DeAmicis	Elizabeth DeAmicis	Dominic Gross	
Dec 2	Nihal Katikala	Noelle Siegler	Jessica Horn	Lisa Bartels
Dec 9	Rebecca Murry	Selah Murry	Nate Meyer	
Dec 16	Nathan Covarrubias	Eliana Seager	Julie Cartlidge	Trisha Murry
Dec 23	Nadia Covarrubias	Isaac Murry	Charvi Katikala	
Dec 24	Samantha Fleisher	Aurora DeAmicis	Nick Meyer	

## Ushering Teams

November				December			
Jackson	Jason	Berens	Chad	Bartels	Brad	Gross	Dalton
Murry	Keith(AV)	Berens	Leon	Gross	Chris(AV)	Bassler	John
Siegler	John	Berens	Micah	Gross	Christopher	DeAmicis	Tony
Mekala	Ashley	Berens	Pejah	Gross	Dominic	Becker	Michael

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# **ABOUT CHRIST ALONE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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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. More recently, Christ Alone purchased 11 acres of land on Main St. in Keller. 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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