

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:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, in your mercy you chose to speak to us in your holy Word, the Bible. You revealed your righteous law, which convicts of our sinfulness. You proclaimed your grace in Christ Jesus, who earned the forgiveness of sins. Lead us always to teach the truth of your Word, to treasure the gospel, and to let the love Christ compel us to live according to your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE CHILDREN

A Mother's Room is available for your use at any time during the service. It is located down the hallway to the right as you exit the gymnasium 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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SCRIPTURE ALONE

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 in the hallway as you exit the gymnasium by the water fountain.

SOLA

SCRIPTURA

TODAY'S THEME:

SAVED BY SCRIPTURE ALONE

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN: #283, *Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening*

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: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

L: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

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: 2 KINGS 22:1-11; 23:1-3

Josiah was eight years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. His mother's name was Jedidah daughter of Adaiah; she was from Bozkath. He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and followed completely the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left.

In the eighteenth year of his reign, King Josiah sent the secretary, Shaphan son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, to the temple of the LORD. He said: "Go up to Hilkiah the high priest and have him get ready the money that has been brought into the temple of the LORD, which the doorkeepers have collected from the people. Have them entrust it to the men appointed to supervise the work on the temple. And have these men pay the workers who repair the temple of the LORD—the carpenters, the builders and the masons. Also have them purchase timber and dressed stone to repair the temple. But they need not account for the money entrusted to them, because they are honest in their dealings."

Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, "I have found the Book of the Law in the temple of the LORD." He gave it to Shaphan, who read it. Then Shaphan the secretary went to the king and reported to him: "Your officials have paid out the money that was in the temple of the LORD and have entrusted it to the workers and supervisors at the temple." Then Shaphan the secretary informed the king, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." And Shaphan read from it in the presence of the king.

When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his robes.

Then the king called together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. He went up to the temple of the LORD with the people of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests and the prophets—all the people from the least to the greatest. He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the LORD. The king stood by the pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the LORD—to follow the LORD and keep

his commands, statutes and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, thus confirming the words of the covenant written in this book. Then all the people pledged themselves to the covenant.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 23—HYMN #375, *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My
 3 Con - fused and fool - ish oft I strayed, But
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
 5 You spread a ta - ble in my sight, A



good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 Sav - ior gent - ly leads me; And where the ver - dant
 yet in love he sought me And on his shoul - der
 you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my
 ban - quet here be - stow - ing; Your oil of wel - come,



I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feeds me.
 gent - ly laid And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.
 my de - light; My cup is o - ver - flow - ing!

6 And so through all the length of days
 Your goodness fails me never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise
 Within your house forever!

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 2:1-14

When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my

preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we declare God's secret wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written:

“What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard,

and what no human mind has conceived”— the things God has prepared for those who love him—

these things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be-lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 8:31-36

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: #201, *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*²

² This battle hymn of the Reformation by Dr. Martin Luther is still a favorite of Lutherans. Based on Psalm 46, it is as rousing today as it was when Luther urged his close friend Melancthon to sing it with him during time of sorrow and distress.

THE SERMON:

Hold on to God's Word

1. It is the truth
2. It sets you free

John 8:31-36

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.

THE CLOSING HYMN: *O Church, Arise*

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A⁷sus D G/B A/C[#] D D/F[#] G A⁷ D A⁷sus

1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mour on; hear the call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the
 2. Our call to war - to love the cap - tive soul, but to rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the
 3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the Son of God is strick - en; Then see His
 4. So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give - grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may

5 D G/B A/C[#] D D/F[#] G A⁷ D D/F[#]

weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has gi - ven. With shield of
 sword that makes the wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val - or. When faced with
 foes lie crushed be - neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en! And as the
 run with faith to win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of

9 G D/F[#] Asus A D/F[#] G D/F[#] Bm⁷ A A⁷sus D

faith and belt of Truth, we'll stand a - gainst the de - vil's lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle -
 trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for
 stone is rolled a - way and Christ e - mer - ges from the grave, this vic - tory march con - tin - ues
 old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their calls and hun ger

14 G/B A/C[#] D D/F[#] G A⁷ D G D⁵ A⁷sus D⁵

cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
 which He died - an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.
 'til the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
 for the day when with Christ we stand in Glo - ry.

2. Our call to
 3. Come see the
 4. So Spi - rit

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!

November 26 – December 3

Today	9:15AM	Sunday School; Bible Class
	10:30AM	Worship
Wednesday	6:00PM	Confirmation
Sunday	9:15AM	Sunday School; Bible Class
	10:30AM	Worship with Holy Communion

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 will begin after Thanksgiving! If you would like to attend, contact Pastor Seager. Free childcare is available.

Poinsettias for Christmas: Sign up to purchase a poinsettia for Christmas Eve; it will beautify our worship space. Sign up through the Signup Genius Lisa Bartels will send out. The poinsettia will be yours to take on Christmas Eve. Thank you!

Congregational Canvass: We'll gather at Kay Granger on Tuesday, December 12th for a congregational canvass for our Christmas Eve service. We'll meet at 4:45pm and canvass from 5-6pm. No talking is required. Kids are welcome! We'll be safe and go out in pairs. This is one great way we can go and make disciples of all nations!

Christmas Eve is Sunday, December 24th. We'll gather for a service of Lessons and Carols at our 10:30am service. We'll gather later that day at 7pm for our Christmas Eve Candlelight service. Almost all our outreach focus is on the evening service. Please keep this gospel outreach before the Lord in prayer. Bring your friends and family as well! There is no Christmas Day service.

November-December Volunteer Schedules

Sunday	Friendship Register		Video Taping
Nov 5	Nathan Covarrubias	Grant Thowe	Dominic Gross
Nov 12	Aurora DeAmicis	Nadia Covarrubias	Dalton Gross
Nov 19	Isaac Murry	Brenden Eicksteadt	Micah Berens
Nov 26	Samantha Fleisher	Ashley Horn	Jessica Horn
Dec 3	Elizabeth DeAmicis	Nick Meyer	Nate Meyer
Dec 10	Charvi Katikala	Rajani Katikala	Julie Cartlidge
Dec 17	Ashley Horn	Noelle Siegler	Garrett Bartels
Dec 24	Gabrielle Fleisher	Addison Fleisher	Christopher Gross
Dec 31	Eliana Seager	Isaac Murry	Pejah Berens

Ushering Teams

November				December			
Jason	Jackson	Covarrubias	Edgar	Bartels	Brad	Gross	Dominic
Murry	Keith(AV)	Brown	Matt	Gross	Chris(AV)	Gross	Dalton
Cloutier	Scott	Machina	Richard	Bartels	Garrett	Pradeep	Katikala
Mekala	Ashley	Siegler	John	Gross	Christopher	Cartlidge	Keith

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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. 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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