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STONE TABLETS

The tablets of stone symbolize God's giving of the Law to Israel through Moses on Mount Sinai (Horeb). They're often shown with Roman numerals I through III on the left tablet and IV through X on the right. This represents the Ten Commandments — with the first three focusing on God and the final seven focusing on other people. The image of the stone tablets also may represent the entire Old Testament.

NEWS CHAPPEL

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CHAPEL NEWS

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

YOU WHO NEED NO
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NAIL-SCARRED HANDS.
HELP US NEVER WEARY
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AND NEVER FAINT AS
WE WALK IN CHRIST'S
FOOTSTEPS, NOW AND
FOREVERMORE.

AMEN

THANKS TO THE REV. STOVER CROUTHAMEL AND DOLLY CROUTHAMEL VANDER PLAAT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

To Whom it May Concern,

I want to personally express the immense gratitude and honor I feel to be chosen as a recipient of your scholarship at the Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church. I am incredibly blessed to have been awarded opportunities to serve my community through my high school career, and with your generous support, I am eager to bring my abilities and positive light to The College of New Jersey in the fall. It is with my deepest appreciation that I thank you for your time and generosity to support Paramus High School Seniors, and more importantly for seeing promise in my future educational aspirations.

Sincerely, Lauren Felton, PHS Senior

SUMMER PROGRAM

Thanks to all who helped plan this year's summer program at Christ! Our two night event shined a spotlight on the Creation Story and included wonderful food, fun games, and great fellowship. We were fortunate to host the Tenafly Nature Center and their Remarkable Raptor program. We met Ruby, a red tailed hawk, and Winnock, a barred owl. These two beautiful birds represented just a small piece of what spectacular things our Lord has created. If you weren't able to come this year, consider coming next year. You won't regret it!



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NOTE FROM PASTOR JONATHAN



In a recent sermon, I spoke about who God is and mentioned a resource called “Scriptural Images for God” from the hymnal companion “All Creation Sings” that was published in 2019. This resource contains over 100 different ways God is imaged within scripture.

There are many images that we use to represent God: in artwork, in the language we use, and more. However, every image is limited in the ways it shows God. The best way to try to experience the expansive, abundant nature of God is to view God in a variety of different ways. To do so we can view different artwork from different cultures for Jesus, the disciples, the people of God, and God. We can use different and more expansive language for God, and we can turn back to scripture.

Below is a list with just a few different biblical verses and different ways God is imaged in scripture. I invite you to read these verses, and the surrounding verses and chapter in your bible if you want to explore more. Take some time to dwell on how this opens up God in new ways for you, and if it is helpful, use the following questions to guide you: Have you ever thought about God in this way? Does this change the way you see God? Does this change the way you see other people? Does this change the way you read scripture? What does it mean for you to experience God in this way?

In the scriptures, God is imaged as...

- **shade**
The LORD is your shade at your right hand. (Psalm 121:5)
- **comforting mother**
As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you. (Isaiah 66:13)
- **dwelling place**
You have made . . . the Most High your dwelling place. (Psalm 91:9)
- **hen**
How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings. (Matthew 23:37)
- **potter**
Yet, O LORD, . . . we are the clay, and you are our potter. (Isaiah 64:8)
- **goddess of wisdom**
Wisdom has built her house. . . . [She says,] “Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.” (Proverbs 9:1, 5)
- **wrestler**
A man wrestled with [Jacob]. . . . So Jacob [said], “I have seen God face to face.” (Genesis 32:24, 30)
- **hope**
You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. (Psalm 65:5)

God be with you in the many, varied, diverse ways you experience God in your lives.

God’s blessings, Pastor Jonathan



Noyes “Bart” Bartholomew, Donald Bickert, Dolores Brickman, Lori Butterick, Tony Calise, Mike Chapman, John Cutler, Ken Cutler, Carl Fazio, Krista Fuchs, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Fred Hesse, Terry Klotz, Dennis & Jennifer Kruk, Anna & Walter Kruk, Carol Livingstone, Renee Lomelino, Jack Lowack, Marie Lupinski, the Maller Family, Kathy Mallet, Irene Maury, Logan Mercer, Erin Raffery, Doris Robinson, Cathy & Roger Schramm, Evelyn Schramm, Dave Splieth, Marge Tomaselli, Mark Tomaselli, Lenny van Dam, the Vega Family, Janice & Dave Wedderman, Robert Wiederschall and Peter Zingaro

Those serving in the military...

Bryant Rodriguez Cyriax, Greg Flintall, Devin Vega and Rachel Zarnke

Those who can't be with us...

Carol DeMott, Al & Barbara Frielink and Irma Weishaupt

BIRTHDAYS

Deb Witte	9/5
Pat Berinato	9/15
Rosemary Chandra	9/15
Al Frielink	9/22
Pam Sakala	9/25
Marge Tomaselli	9/25
Bill Jaichner	9/27
Dot Keller	9/30
Calvin Denicola	9/30

LISTEN TO THE LOVING VOICE



Figurative thieves are all around: Illness steals time and energy. Inflation robs many of financial stability. The bandit of social media chips away at our productivity, self-esteem, quality time with loved ones. Prejudice and oppression prey on certain groups of people. Doubtless, you can think of other thieves and bandits.

But above their noise, listen for another sound: A warm voice whose loving tone calls us by name. A

voice that puts us at ease because it's familiar as a favorite blanket, a path we can walk in the dark, a song we know by heart. That voice rising above any force that would steal and kill and destroy is, according to John 10, the loving voice of God made known in Jesus, caring for us as a good shepherd does his sheep. And lest you get confused, thinking God is angry and judgmental, think again. That is the sound of thieves and bandits; don't listen to them, don't follow them, don't give them your heart!

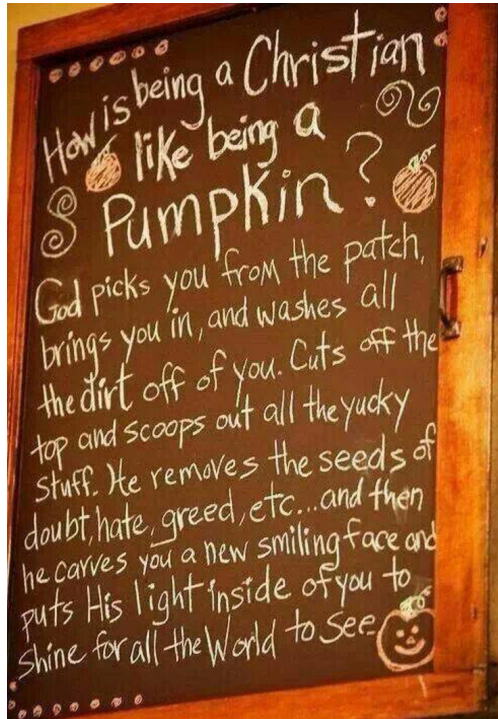
"I came," says Jesus the Shepherd-Gate-Messiah-Savior, "that [you] may have life and have it abundantly" (v. 10, NRSV).



BIBLE QUIZ

After Elijah was taken up to heaven, his newly commissioned successor, Elisha, performed two miracles. The first was making a poisonous stream's water safe to drink. What did Elisha toss into the water that made it wholesome?

- A. a stick
- B. a new bowl
- C. bread
- D. salt



Answer: D (See 2 Kings 2:19-22.)

SEPT

Lay Assistant | Usher
Altar Guild | Counter
Schedule

SEPT 3 10:00am
Lay Assistant Pam Sakala
Usher Linda Polise
Altar Guild Marge Tomaselli

SEPT 10 10:00am
Lay Assistant Chris Nilsen
Usher Anne Carman
Altar Guild Lore Braun

SEPT 17 10:00am
Lay Assistant Carrie Ralston
Usher Linda Comery
Altar Guild Linda Polise

SEPT 24 10:00am
Lay Assistant Bill Jaichner
Usher Margarete Denicola
Altar Guild Gina Lally

Counter Linda Polise

"For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."



LUKE 18:14, NIV

SEPTEMBER 2023

Church (CH)
Fellowship Hall (FH)
Family Room (FR)
Office Building (OB)

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

					1 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	2 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
3 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm	4 Labor Day <i>Church Office Closed</i>	5	6	7	8	9
10 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Endowment Committee Meeting (OB) 11:30am Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm	11	12	13	14	15	16 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
17 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Council Meeting (OB) 11:30am Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm	18	19	20	21	22	23 First Day of Autumn
24 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm	25	26	27	28	29	30

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