

***Welcome to
Christ Lutheran Church***



**September 26, 2021
10:15am Family In-Person Worship
Service w/Holy Communion
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Lord, Be Glorified*

Kirkpatrick

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with
an open heart. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our comforter:

like lost sheep, we wander away from you.

We act as if there is not enough.

**When people are hurting, we look away, rather than
doing what is right.**

We are greedy in using the gifts of the earth.

We hide the truth. Free us from our sin, loving God.

Turn us back to your ways.

Lead us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus,

God welcomes you back. Receive with glad hearts the
forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: *God Welcomes All* 2x through

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** *Please be seated*

PRESENTATION OF 3RD GRADE BIBLES

Children who are receiving their Bible and their parents please come forward.

P: In Christian love you presented these children for Holy Baptism. In Baptism, sacred promises are made. As parents of these children, it is your calling to keep these sacred promises: to faithfully bring them to the services of God's house, to teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments, to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures and to provide for their instruction in the Christian faith.

Do you renew your commitment to these Baptismal promises? If so, answer,

Parents: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

K: Congregation, do you promise to support and encourage these parents in the keeping of these sacred promises?

If so, answer, **We will, with God's help.**

P: One of the ways we keep the promise "to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures" is to gift you and your child with a Bible to be used throughout the years in devotions and family prayer. This is an important step in the life of Christians, and we celebrate with you today this Faith Stepping Stone, through the gift of a blessing and of the Bible.

K: At this time, we ask you parents to fulfill the promise that was made at Baptism, by placing into your child's hands the holy Scripture with the words, "Today I fulfill the promise."

Parents: **Today, I fulfill the promise.** *(Bibles are given)*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Pastor Serena Sellers

GATHERING SONG: *Spirit of the Living God*

F Gm⁷/B^b D/A Gm F/C C⁷ F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me,

F Gm⁷/B^b D/A Gm F/C C⁷ F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

B^b F G⁷ C F/C C⁷

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

F Gm⁷/B^b D/A Gm F/C C⁷ F

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

Please be seated

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The first reading is written in the 11th chapter of Numbers beginning at the 4th verse.

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there

is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors?’ ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they

were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: James 5:13-20

The second reading is written in the 5th chapter of James beginning at the 13th verse.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will

save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50

The holy gospel according to Mark the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.

⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated

SERMON: Pastor Serena Sellers

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY:

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds (v. 1, 3 & 4) **ELW 656**



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

You are the Word of life. Bless those who are new to exploring the bible and encourage us all to dwell deeply in scripture so that we may be fed and strengthened in our journey of faith. Sustain all members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, service, and worship.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You make and sustain the universe. We pray for the natural wonders of your creation that we share with the people and creatures of the earth. Restore damaged forests, waterways and natural habitats and lead us to be good stewards of what you have provided.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You created order in chaos and led your people from slavery to freedom. We pray for those in authority, especially as they face the challenge of division. Give them wise minds and compassionate hearts. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable and care for those underserved.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are the source of all health. We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, and other diseases, and those impacted by disaster or violence. Be with those who need healing of body mind or spirit, especially Tom Caldwell, Jim D'Amato, Barry Evans, Gary Faut, Russ Fischer, Charlie Hoffman, Pam Hoyer, Ella Landes, Grace Landis, Ginny Overholtzer, Karen Pfister, Winnie Reese, Marie Roberts, Jakob Strohl and Katie Swanson. Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Sustain caregivers with energy and patience. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are worthy of worship and praise. We pray for the worship leaders of this congregation: musicians, prayer leaders, readers, those running the sound and video board, and ushers, and those who gather in person and virtually. Bless us through their ministry and grant them the passion to continue in their service.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end. We give thanks for all your saints, those we have loved and known and those from every time and place. Continue to guide us by their example and reassure us of your promised salvation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**
Share that peace with those around you. Please be seated

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING

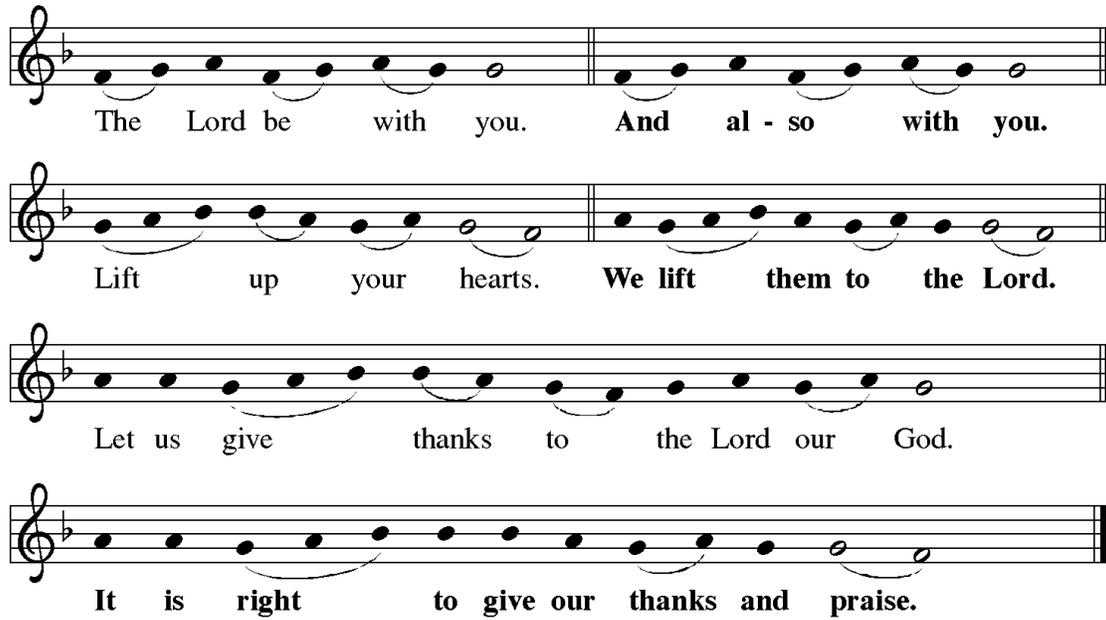
An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, so that all are welcomed, the gospel is shared and the hungry are fed. Online donations to the church may be submitted through this link. <https://www.christlc2.org/onlinegiving0>

GIFT OF MUSIC

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of abundance,
**you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

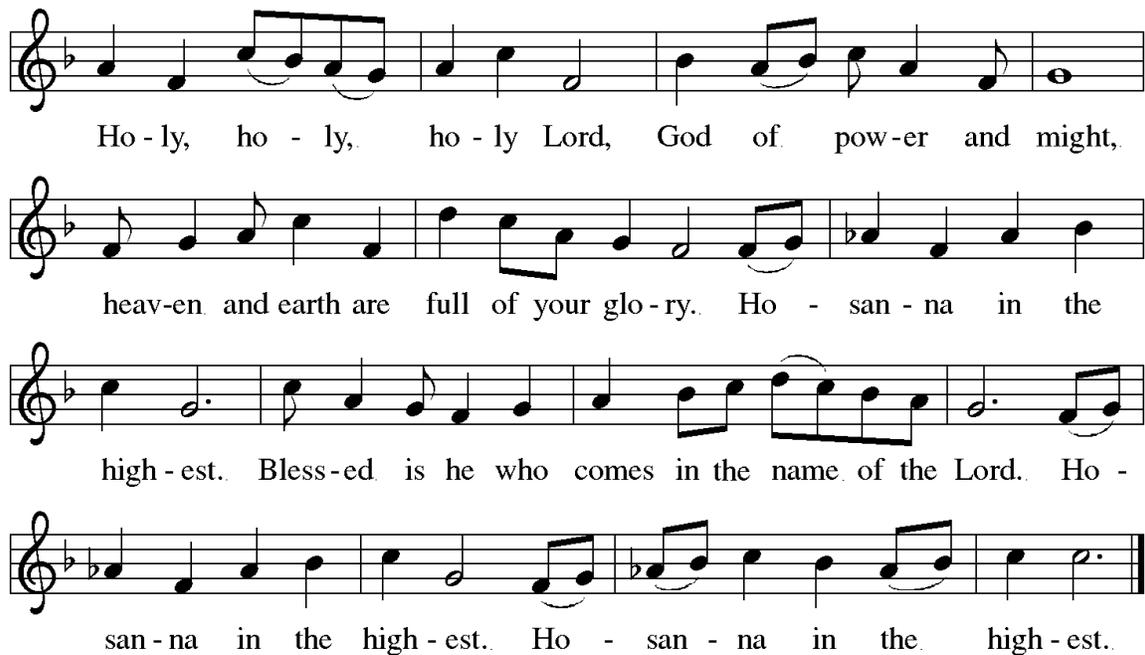
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

COMMUNION

All who believe and are baptized are welcome to receive the sacrament. Put out your hand to receive the wafer. If you need a gluten-free wafer, indicate that need and one will be provided. The wine will be presented in a small glass. If you prefer not to receive the wine – know that “communion in one kind” (just receiving one element: bread or wine) is understood as full participation. Once you have communed, leave your glass in the basket provided. If you need communion brought to you, raise a hand to notify us, and the sacrament will be brought to you.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon
you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with
favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: I Come With Joy (v.1, 3 & 5)

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1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *My Life Flows On*

Lowry

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