

# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



**Rev. Dr. James R. Holowach, Pastor**

**Rev. George N. Fields, Pastor**

**Sr. Sara E. Fields, Deaconess**

Divine Service Each Week with Holy Communion: **10:30 a.m.**

Sunday School for all ages: **9:00 a.m.**

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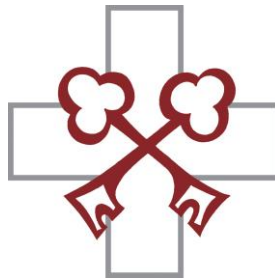
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# THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

+ September 6, 2020 +

*“I Have Made You a Watchman”*

*Ezekiel 33:7*



We welcome our members and guests to Christ Lutheran today, and pray God’s richest blessings upon you during this time of worship!

*All members and our guests are asked to complete the worship attendance pads which can be found on each pew.*

*Guests are also asked to sign the guest register found in the Narthex.*

*We are so glad to have you worshipping with us today!*

*LARGE PRINT worship folders are available at the usher stand at the back of the nave.*

## **WELCOME:**

“A true friend is someone who cares enough for you to confront you with unpleasant or embarrassing news and is confident that it is indeed for your own good! You know the phrase: ‘Friends don’t let friends drive drunk!’ We care too much about our friends to let them put themselves in that kind of danger. Even more so, we care enough for our friends that we do not allow them to continue in self-destructive behaviors that invite harm and ‘incur God’s wrath.’ If our neighbor’s house is on fire, we immediately call the fire department and run to the rescue. How odd, then, that we hesitate to intervene when a brother is straying, even though we know the ultimate outcome is severe!”

–Ernest Bernet, Concordia Journal, July, 1999

# THE LORD'S SUPPER

In preparation for reception of the Lord's Supper (*Holy Communion*), it is important that we review and understand what the Bible teaches regarding this sacrament:

The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine in Holy Communion<sup>1</sup>, and that these are means by which He forgives our sins<sup>2</sup>, and strengthens us for daily living, and draws us into closer fellowship with Him and other believers. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal<sup>3</sup>. For those receiving Holy Communion, examine yourself with these questions:

**Do I believe that I am a sinner and I am sorry for my sins?**

**Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?**

**Do I believe that Christ's true body and blood are present in this holy meal for my forgiveness?**

**Do I truly intend with the help of God to correct my sinful life?**

According to Christ's Word in the Holy Scriptures, and in confession with the true Christian faith, at Christ Lutheran we observe the practice of closed communion. We believe that all who commune must confess the same holy faith, as Holy Scripture teaches. Since one's church affiliation indicates an individual's confession of faith, we ask that only those who have been instructed in the above teaching **and** are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod commune. If you have not been instructed in this teaching on Holy Communion, are in doubt, or hold a different confession of faith<sup>4</sup>, you are still welcome to come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.

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<sup>1</sup>Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23

<sup>2</sup>Matthew 26:28; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19

<sup>3</sup>1 Corinthians 11:28-32

<sup>4</sup>1 Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

# DIVINE SERVICE III

## PRESERVICE MUSIC

*The congregation may use this time to pray and meditate.*

## OPENING HYMN

Where Charity and Love Prevail

#845

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

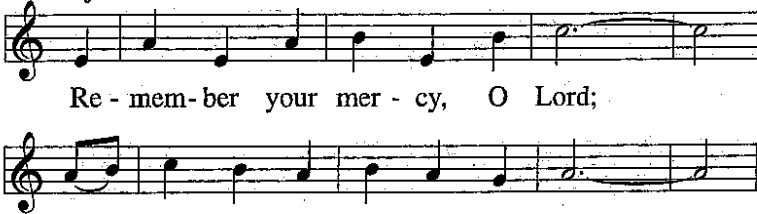
PSALM: BEATI, QUORUM

*Psalm 32:1-7; Ant. Psalm 32:1*

Cantor: Remember your mercy, O Lord; remember your mercy and love.

All:

*Refrain*



Re - mem - ber your mer - cy, O Lord;  
re - mem - ber your mer - cy and love.

*Psalm tone*



Blessed is he whose transgressions are for- | given,\*  
whose sins are | covered.

**When I kept silent, your hand was heavy up- | on me;\***  
**my strength was sapped as in the heat of | summer.**

Then I acknowledged my | sin to you\*  
and did not cover up my in- | iquity.

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions | to the Lord,"\***  
**and you forgave the guilt | of my sin.**

*Refrain*

You are my | hiding place;\*  
you will protect me from | trouble.  
**many are the woes of the | wicked,\***  
**but the Lord's unfailing love surrounds those who | trust in him.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

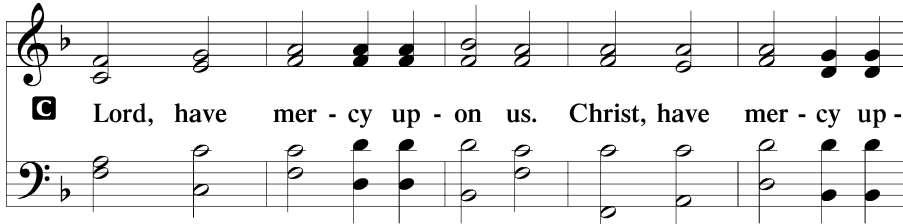
*Refrain*

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## KYRIE

Mark 10:47

*The congregation is invited to sing in parts:*



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



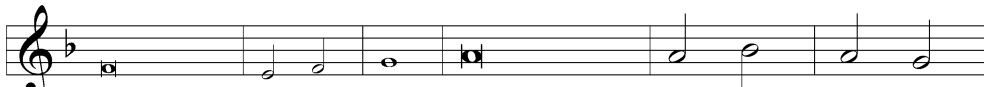
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system begins with a square box containing a 'C' (C-clef). The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -". The second system continues the lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines in both hands.

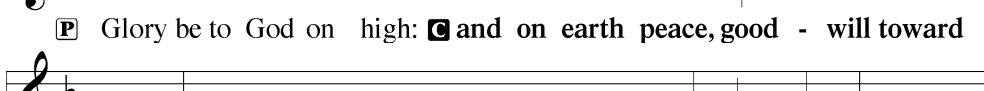
## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

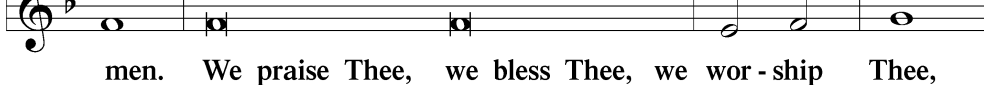
*The congregation is invited to sing in parts, which can be found on LSB page 187.*



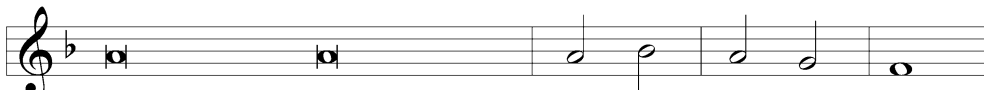
Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

The musical score consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system begins with a square box containing a 'C' (C-clef). The lyrics are: "Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward". The second system continues the lyrics: "men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,". The third system continues: "we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.". The fourth system concludes with: "O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty." The vocal line features a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



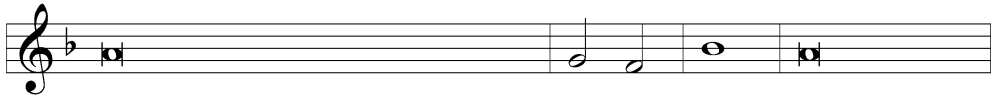
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



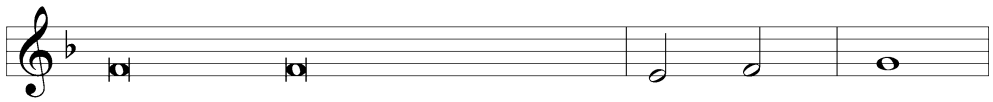
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

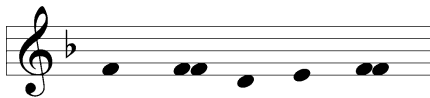


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Please be seated*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

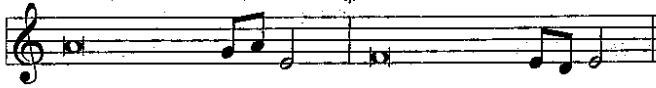
*Ezekiel 33:7-9*

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



**GRADUAL***Psalm 34:9, 19*

**Fear the LORD, | you his saints,\*  
 for those who fear him lack | nothing!  
 Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,\*  
 but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.**

**EPISTLE READING***Romans 13:1-10*

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

**ALLELUIA**

**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 18:1-20*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

**OFFICE HYMN**

**“As Surely as I Live,” God Said**

**(Tune #655)**

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|---|---|
| 1 “As surely as I live,” God said,<br>“I would not see the sinner dead.<br>I want him turned from error’s ways,<br>Repentant, living endless days.”     | 4 “What you will bind, that bound shall be;<br>What you will loose, that shall be free;<br>To My dear Church the keys are giv’n<br>To open, close the gates of heav’n.” |
| 2 And so our Lord gave this command:<br>“Go forth and preach in ev’ry land;<br>Bestow on all My pard’ning grace<br>Who will repent and mend their ways. | 5 All praise to You, O Christ, shall be<br>For absolution full and free,<br>In which You show Your richest grace;<br>From false indulgence guard our race.              |
| 3 “All those whose sins you thus remit<br>I truly pardon and acquit,<br>And those whose sins you will retain<br>Condemned and guilty shall remain.      | 6 Praise God the Father and the Son<br>And Holy Spirit, Three in One,<br>As was, is now, and so shall be<br>World without end, eternally!                               |

**SERMON**

*Faithful Watchmen*

*Please stand*

## NICENE CREED

**C** **I believe in one God,** (Rom 10:10; Deut 6:4)  
**the Father Almighty,** (Mt 6:9; Ex 6:3)  
**maker of heaven and earth** (Gen 1:1; Jn 1:1)  
**and of all things visible and invisible.** (Col 1:16)  
**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,** (Rom 10:9)  
**the only-begotten Son of God,** (Jn 3:16; Mt 16:16)  
**begotten of His Father before all worlds,** (Jn 1:2)  
**God of God, Light of Light,** (Jn 17:22; Jn 8:12; Jn 1:1)  
**very God of very God, (Col 2:9) begotten, not made,** (Jn 1:2)  
**being of one substance with the Father,** (Jn 10:30)  
**by whom all things were made;** (Heb 1:2; Jn 1:3)  
**who for us men and for our salvation** (1 Tim 2:4; Rom 3:23)  
**came down from heaven** (Jn 6:41; Lk 15:20)  
**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary** (Lk 1:34-35)  
**and was made man;** (Jn 1:14)  
**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.** (Mk 15:25; Jn 19:16-18)  
**He suffered and was buried.** (Jn 19:1-3; Lk 23:53)  
**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures** (1 Cor 15:4; Lk 24:6)  
**and ascended into heaven** (Acts 1:9)  
**and sits at the right hand of the Father.** (Acts 7:55)  
**And He will come again with glory** (Mt 26:64)  
**to judge both the living and the dead,** (Acts 10:42; Mt 3:12)  
**whose kingdom will have no end.** (2 Pt 1:11)  
**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,** (Jn 14:26; Gen 1:2; Acts 2:38)  
**the Lord and giver of life,** (Gen 1:2; Jn 3:6)  
**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,** (Jn 15:26)  
**who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,** (Mt 3:16-17)  
**who spoke by the prophets.** (Eze 11:5)  
**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,** (1 Pt 2:5; Eph 2:19-22)  
**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,** (Eph 4:5)  
**and I look for the resurrection of the dead** (1 Cor 15:35-49; 1 Thess 4:13-18)  
**and the life** † **of the world to come.** (Mk 10:29-30; Mt 10:40-42)  
**Amen.** (Ps 106:48)

*Us men* means all people.

*Christian:* the ancient text reads “catholic,” meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*After each petition of the prayer:*

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: Hear our prayer.**

*For comfort, health and recovery:* **Doug Gilmore, Dan Hansen, Thomas Nielsen, Judy Quarles, Robert Quarles, James Richard Thornell, Ronnie Willis;**

*For those who are ill or distressed:* **Stan Acey, Jenalee Adams, Kimberly Airhart, Layne Bagley, Rose Bagley, Shirley Bagley, W.L. Bagley, Sarah Bowman, Mimi Bradley, Richard Bradley, Deloris Brent, Martha Brown, Nathan Brown, Tina Burke, Wayne Burke, Paula Burkhalter, Bobby Carroll, Arthur Collins, James E. Cookston, Joan Cowards, Belinda Cowards-Gonzales, Robert (Andy) Evers, Michele Rae Fowler, Randy Fowler, Parker Haines, Dan Hansen, Paul Hansen, Tim Hansen, Valerie Henderson, Sharon Holleman, Hugh Hunt, Beth Jarratt, Jimmy Jarratt, Elaine Johnson, Joslyn Jones, Steve Kennedy, Arlene Kleinschmidt, Eleanor Koster, John Koster, Sandra Landers, Katelyn Lawing, Peggy Lucky, Paul McCullough, Jerry McIntyre, Jerry McMahan, Mark Millard, Edlia Miller, Mark Miller, Elaine Monaghan, Lindberg Moore, Jerry Mutter, Don Ochs, Mildred Odom, Janea Parker, Deborah-Annette Ried, Elmira Roever, Jon Sandberg, Noah Schultz, Johnnie Pearl Smiley, Bob Smith, Sally Smith, Sam Schneider, Sherri Smith, Deborah Springer, MariLyn Unger, Betty Venator, Leonard Watson, Dana Weaver, Cynthia Widlitze, Carol Wright, Jimmy Wright, Marshall Wright, Barbara Zeigler;**

*For college and graduate students:* **Jake Everly, Sara Fields, Jonathan Kettler, Roselynn Nelson, Will Nelson;**

*For military servants and their families:* **Gabriel Escude, James (Glen) Hansford, Holden Hathcock, Christopher Martin, William Nelson, Steven Tatum, John Weidner Jr.;**

*For foreign missionaries:* **David and Shelee Warner;**

*This week's prayer family:* **Jerry & Bobbie Mutter** and their loved ones.

*Please be seated*

## **OFFERING**

# OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

*The congregation is invited to sing in parts:*

**C** Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**P** *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~~ us from evil.*



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.



## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

**P** The peace ✠ of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

*The congregation is invited to sing in parts.*

Musical notation for Agnus Dei, first system. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The treble staff contains a series of chords and single notes, while the bass staff contains a similar accompaniment. The lyrics "O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the" are written below the staves.

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the

Musical notation for Agnus Dei, second system. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The treble staff contains a series of chords and single notes, while the bass staff contains a similar accompaniment. The lyrics "world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that" are written below the staves.

world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Please be seated*

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

*All who are members in good standing of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have introduced themselves to one of the pastors are welcome to partake of the Holy Communion at Christ Lutheran. If you have not spoken to a pastor, but would like to receive the Lord's blessing, you may still come to the rail and kneel, crossing one arm over the other in the shape of an 'X'. This symbolizes that one is marked by the cross and Triune name of Almighty God.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

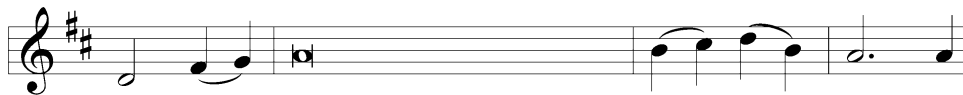
**Today Your Mercy Calls Us**

**#915**

*Please stand following distribution of communion*

# NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

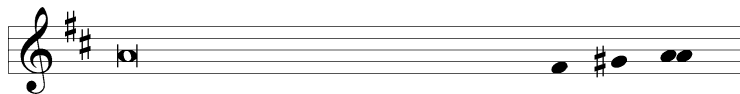


to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

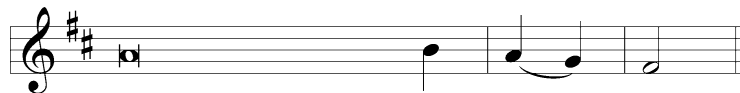


is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A-men.

# THANKSGIVING



O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- A** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

- P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

- P** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24–26*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

## My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker

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## **Serving Today:**

**Celebrant:** Rev. James R. Holowach

**Acolyte:** Emily Held

**Interpreter:** Cathy Brown

**Ushers:** Allen Goodlett, Eric Held; Bruce Bodkin, Mark Ochs

**Liturgist:** Rev. George Fields

**Organist:** Sr. Sara Fields

**Altar Flowers:** This morning's altar flowers were given for the glory of God by Bob and Gloria Pedersen and Anna Grace Lorence in celebration of Anna Grace's birthday.

**Let there be... LifeLight!** In yet a new phase of our gradual reopening here at CLC, LifeLight will resume its study of the book of Exodus on **Wednesday, September 16, at 9:30 a.m.** We rejoice to be meeting together once more to study God's Word!

### **Attention All Early Birds: Friday Morning Bible Study Resumes This Week**

Greet the dawn and step into the light of God's Word with us every Friday morning as we resume our Friday Morning Bible Study. We will meet at the church at 6:30am, then head over to Broadstreet for breakfast at 7:00am.

**Welcome to Our New Members!** *How pleasant it is when brothers dwell together in unity.* And indeed, we have the pleasure of welcoming new brethren into our midst! In our Sunday morning worship service this week, we will receive Reagan Dodge, and Jake and Carol Yenish along with their two children Mark and Caroline into membership. Although we will not have our customary reception following the service, please take a moment to introduce yourselves and welcome them into their new church family!

**Good Shepherd Lutheran School Oktoberfest:** Be German for a day and celebrate with our sister congregation as Good Shepherd Lutheran School holds its annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Find an order form for to-go dinners at that back of this bulletin – there is no better way to support Lutheran education than through the copious consumption of brats and German chocolate cake!

### **Readings for next Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost:**

Introit Ps. 143:1-2; Psalm 103:1-12; Genesis 50:15-21; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35.

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### ***This week at Christ Lutheran Church: September 7 – September 13***

**Friday**            **6:30 p.m. Divine Service – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday**           **10:30 a.m. Divine Service – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



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**Matthew 18:4 – “(Jesus said), ‘Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.’ ”**

What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly, Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is *childish*. We are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts – with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we’ll take His advice!

# Oktoberfest To-Go Dinners

**Brat Meal:** w/ German Potato Salad,  
Sauerkraut, Dessert & Drink

or

**Hot Dog Meal:** w/ German Potato Salad,  
Small bag of Pretzels, Dessert & Drink

\$10 per meal



**Saturday, October 24th**



Drive-Thru pick-up between

**5:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church & School

**All proceeds benefit GSLS**

Please return bottom portion, along with payment, to Jessica or Carolyn Sawyer by  
October 4th

## ORDER FORM

Name & Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**# of Meals (enter Qty):** Brat \_\_\_\_\_ Hot Dog \_\_\_\_\_

**Select Dessert for each meal (enter Qty):**

Carrot Cake \_\_\_\_\_ German Chocolate Cake \_\_\_\_\_

Brownie \_\_\_\_\_ Chocolate Chip Cookie \_\_\_\_\_

**Select Drink for each meal (enter Qty):**

Water \_\_\_\_\_ Diet Coke \_\_\_\_\_ Sprite \_\_\_\_\_ Coke \_\_\_\_\_

CapriSun \_\_\_\_\_ Root Beer \_\_\_\_\_

**# of kids in your family (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_

(we will have some Halloween treat bags for your kids)

**CASH OR CHECK (PLEASE MAKE PAYMENTS TO GSLS)**



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