# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH





Rev. George Fields, Pastor Sr. Sara Fields, Deaconess Divine Service Each Week with Holy Communion: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages: 9:00 a.m. 4423 I-55 North, Jackson, MS 39206-6102 – (601) 366-2055 www.ChristLutheranJacksonMS.org

# THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST + October 3, 2021 +



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 worshiping with us today!

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

#### **WELCOME:**

"God wanted to present Adam with a beautiful bride, so He caused him to fall into a deep sleep. The Lord Jesus, the Second Adam, also fell into the deep sleep of death on the cross. His side, too, was opened; and from it flowed blood and water, which it is preached in the Gospel, are distributed in the Sacraments. Christian hearts receive this treasure by faith. Thus the Christian Church is built. Thus our hearts are brought to Christ. Thus we are washed of our sins by the Lord Jesus' true holy water, and hallowed by His blood. And just as Adam's heart poured itself out in beautiful love for Eve, so the love of Jesus Christ also burns for our heart."

-Valerius Herberger, The Great Works of God

# 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.

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

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

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

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

# **DIVINE SERVICE III**

#### **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

The congregation may use this time for prayer and meditation.

### **OPENING HYMN**

## Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying #516

## **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

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

- 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 OMNES QUI TIMENT DOMINUM

Psalm 128; Ant. Psalm 128:1



Blessèd is everyone who | fears the LORD,\* who walks | in his ways!

#### You shall eat the fruit of the labor | of your hands;\* you shall be blessed, and it shall be | well with you.

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine with- | in your house;\* your children will be like olive shoots around your | table.

#### Behold, thus shall the | man be blessed\* who | fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from | Zion!\* May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days | of your life!

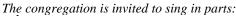
### May you see your children's | children!\* Peace be upon | Israel!

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.

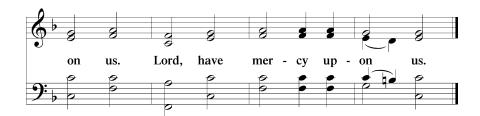
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## Kyrie

Mark 10:47



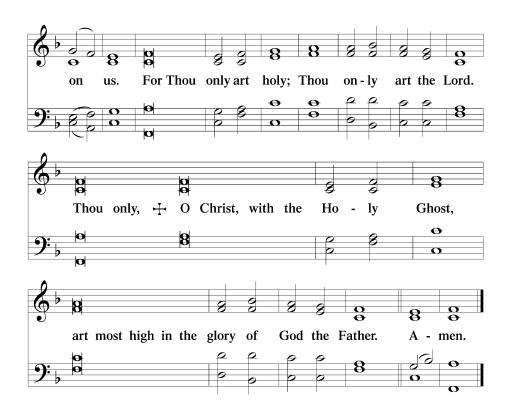




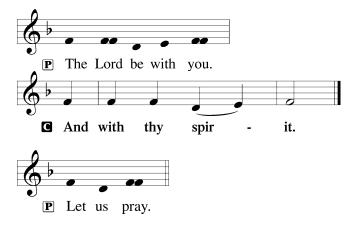
#### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**







#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

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"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man."
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Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### GRADUAL



He will command his angels con- | cerning you\*

to guard you in | all your ways.

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*

and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!

Psalm 91:11; 103:1

Genesis 2:18-25

#### **EPISTLE READING**

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. It has been testified somewhere,

"What is man, that you are mindful of him,

or the son of man, that you care for him?

You made him for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned him with glory and honor,

putting everything in subjection under his feet."

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, saying,

"I will tell of your name to my brothers;

in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise."

And again,

"I will put my trust in him."

And again,

"Behold, I and the children God has given me."

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

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

Please stand



HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

■ The Holy + Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.



Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

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



Please be seated

**OFFICE HYMN** 

Christ Sits at God's Right Hand

#### The Kingdom and the Child

#### SERMON

#### 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

For comfort, health and recovery: Darlene Epple, Jackie Fairly, Bill Hansford, Larry Henderson, Martine Kline, Arlene Kleinschmidt, Sam McGaugh, Angie Williams;

*For those who mourn:* The family and friends of **Joshua Bamberg, Rita Frederick, James Jarratt, Lindberg Moore, Sylvia Taylor;** 

For those who are ill or distressed: Stan Acey, Jenalee Adams, 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, Beth Jarratt, Elaine Johnson, Joslyn Jones, Steve Kennedy, Arlene Kleinschmidt, John Koster, Sandra Landers, Katelyn Lawing, Peggy Lucky, Paul McCullough, Jerry McIntyre, Jerry McMahan, Edlia Miller, Elaine Monaghan, Lindberg Moore, Don Ochs, Mildred Odom, Deborah-Annette Ried, Jon Sandberg, Noah Schultz, Johnnie Pearl Smiley, Bob Smith, Sherri Smith, Deborah Springer, Leonard Watson, Dana Weaver, Cynthia Widlitze, Carol Wright, Jimmy Wright, Marshall Wright, Barbara Zeigler;

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

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

For foreign missionaries: especially those serving in Spain;

This week's prayer family: Keith & Anita Martin and their loved ones.

Please be seated

#### OFFERING

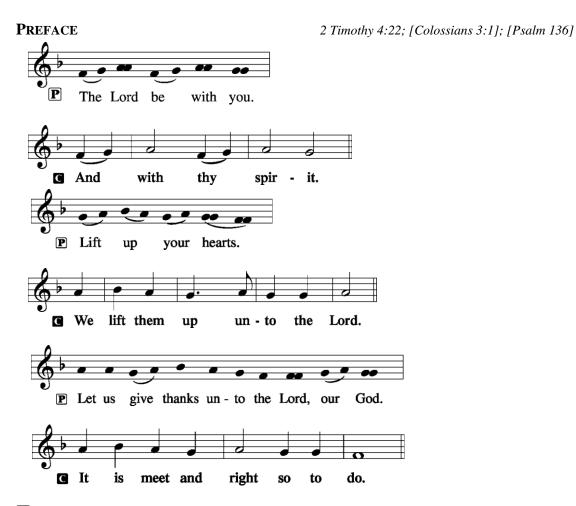
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#### **OFFERTORY**

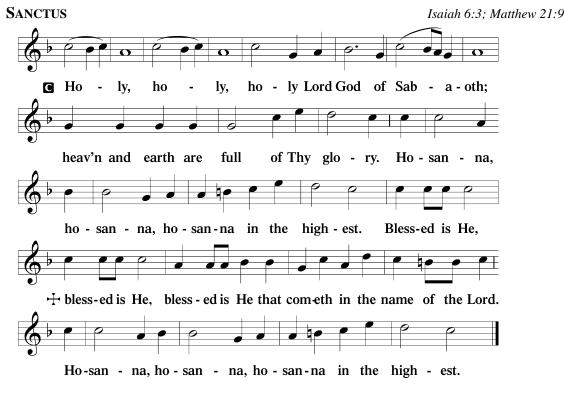
The congregation is invited to sing in parts:



# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



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:



#### LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

 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.



### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

**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."





Please be seated

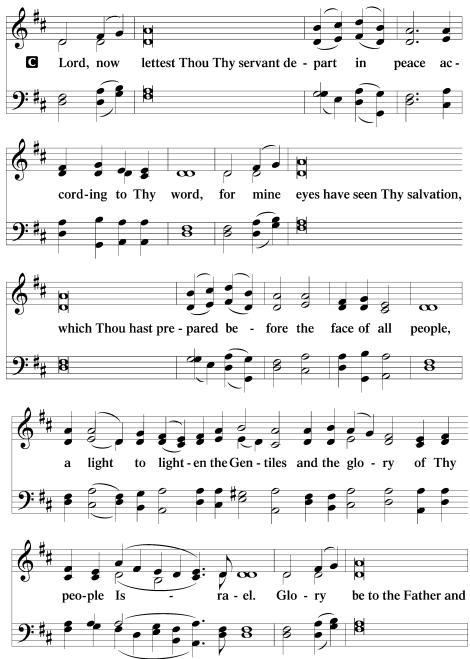
#### **DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

All who are members in good standing of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have introduced themselves to the pastor are welcome to partake of the Holy Communion at Christ Lutheran. If you have not spoken to the 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	
O Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near	#599
God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It	#594
Church of God, Elect and Glorious	#646

Please stand following distribution of communion

**NUNC DIMITTIS** 





## 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.



#### SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

P The Lord be with you.
And with thy spir - it.
P Bless we the Lord.
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.



CLOSING HYMN

#### **Children of the Heavenly Father**

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Elder: Gary Atchley Cantor: Keith Martin Altar Guild: Margaret Haynes

Altar Flowers: This morning's altar flowers are given for the glory of God by the Helds in celebration of William's birthday.

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 Christ Lutheran family! In our Sunday morning worship service this week, we will receive Joshua McKeown and Sarah Flurry into membership. If you have not already, introduce yourself to them and join us for a reception after this morning's Divine Service as we thank the Lord for bringing them into our midst!

**Gemutlichkeit Tonight:** Gemutlichkeiters, get ready for more merry-making tonight at the Goodlett Home (5:00 p.m.)! We shall continue the discussion of our book, *Jesus of Nazareth: The Infancy Narratives*, with chapter 3. Be sure to pick up a study guide in the Fellowship Hall (table underneath the mailboxes). See you there!

**CLC Oktoberfest:** Oktoberfest is on the horizon—don your lederhosen and break out the brats as we celebrate together! Join us on **Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**, at the Goodlett Home (4:00-6:30 p.m.) for an old-fashioned, German good time. See the sign-up in the Fellowship Hall to let us know you are coming!

**Support our Sister!** Good Shepherd Lutheran is hosting its annual Oktoberfest fundraiser on Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Check out their Facebook page to order your brats and German chocolate cake **by October 11**! All proceeds go to benefit Good Shepherd Lutheran School.

**Three Cheers for the New Printer!** You may have noticed your clean, crisp bulletin this morning is devoid of its usual inky streaks and splotches. Thanks to your faithful giving, we were able to replace our tired old office printer with a happy updated one! Thank you to Rush Agent and the rest of the council for helping procure this new beauty, and thanks be to God for His good gifts!

**Readings for next Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, the Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost:** Introit Ps. 112:3-6; Psalm 90:12-17; Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Hebrews 3:12-19; Mark 10:17-22.

#### This week at Christ Lutheran Church: October 4 – October 10

Monday	6:15 p.m. Elders Meeting
Friday	6:30 a.m. Bible & Breaky
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
-	10:30 a.m. Divine Service – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



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