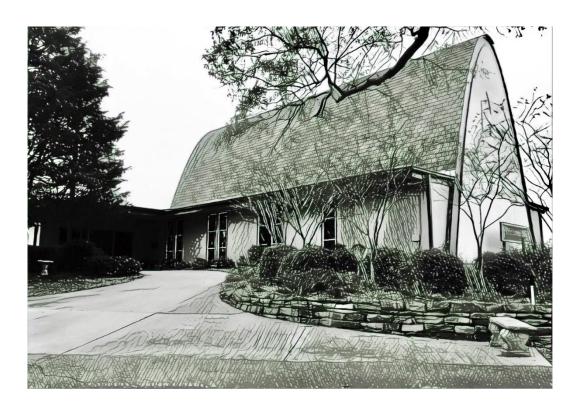
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH





Rev. George Fields, Pastor Sr. Sara Fields, Deaconess

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THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST + October 24, 2021 +

"Let Me Recover My Sight"



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:

"Human nature, then, cried out to Jesus as He passed through Jericho, that is, through this life, for Jericho is a low place. Jesus took pity on human nature, and because of its faith in Him, He made it whole, and it put off the old garment of sin. Having been made whole, human nature followed Jesus in the way, that is, striving to keep Christ's doctrines in this life."

-Blessed Theophylact, The Explanation of the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark

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 Communion¹, and that these are means by which He forgives our sins², 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 meal³. 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 faith⁴, you are still welcome to come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.

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

²Matthew 26:28; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19

³1 Corinthians 11:28-32

⁴1 Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

DIVINE SERVICE III

PRESERVICE MUSIC

The congregation may use this time for prayer and meditation.

OPENING HYMN

In God, My Faithful God

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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,
- 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.
- 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

INTROIT: DE PROFUNDIS CLAMAVI

Psalm 131; Ant. Psalm 130:1-2



Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!*

O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not | raised too high;*
I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvel- | ous for me.

But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its | mother;* like a weaned child is my soul with- | in me.

O Israel, hope | in the LORD* from this time forth and for- | evermore.

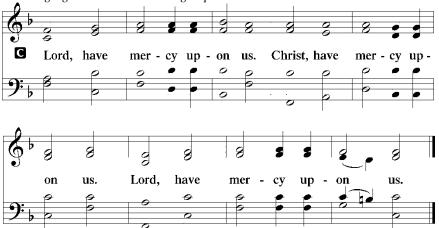
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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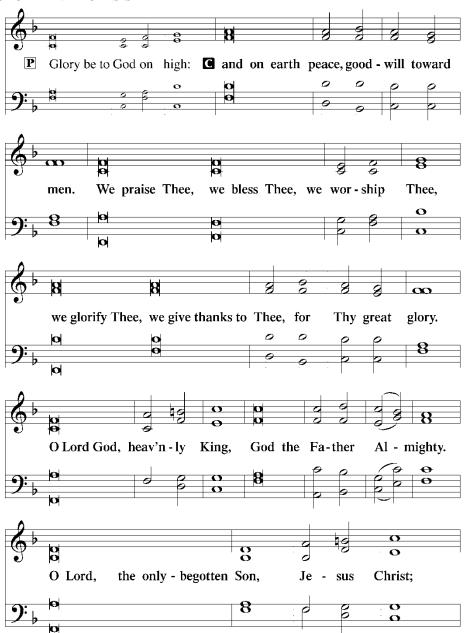
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KYRIE Mark 10:47

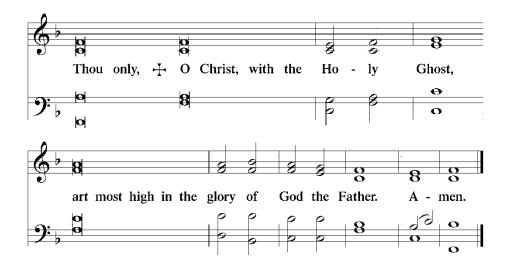
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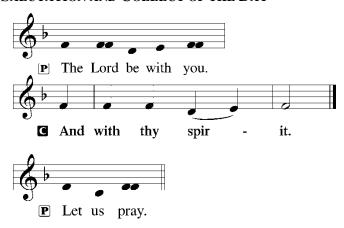
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS







SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



P O God, the helper of all who call on You, have mercy on us and give us eyes of faith to see Your Son that we may follow Him on the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

Thus says the LORD:

"Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say,

'O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.'

Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame,

the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back,

I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble,

for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalm 91:11; 103:1



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!

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of

the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

Please stand



HOLY GOSPEL Mark 10:46-52

P The Holy

→ Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.



And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you." And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated

Please stand

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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)
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Us men means all people. Christian: the ancient text reads "catholic," meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

For comfort, health and recovery: Brad Browning, Michele (Cookston) Fowler, Arlene Kleinschmidt, Sam McGaugh, Don Ochs;

For those who mourn: the family and friends of Joseph Benson;

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, 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: **Bailey Martin** and her loved ones.

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OFFERING

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OFFERTORY Psalm 51:10-12

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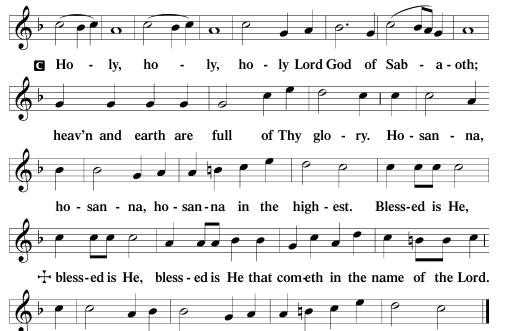


SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



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:

SANCTUS Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



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 from evil.



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

 \blacksquare The peace + of the Lord be with you always.



AGNUS DEI John 1:29

The congregation is invited to sing in parts.





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

Just as I Am, without One Plea #570 Jesus Comes Today with Healing #620

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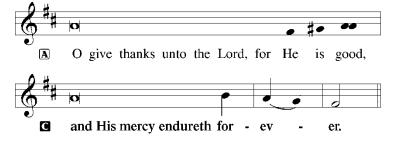
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Luke 2:29-32





THANKSGIVING



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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.



P Bless we the Lord.



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

Praise Be to Christ

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Serving Today:

Celebrant: Rev. George Fields Elder: Gary Atchley

Acolyte: William Held
Cantor: Natalie Rudsenske
Interpreter: Denee Smith
Altar Guild: Margaret Haynes

Greeters: Rush & Allison Agent

Koinonia Tonight: Join us for a night of food and fellowship at the Dickens Home tonight at 5:00 p.m. We will continue our book *Saving Leonardo* by Nancy Pearcy, chapter four. See you there!

Sunday School Nursery Nanny: Are you a baby-whisperer? Are you talented with toddlers? We have a need for you! Our nursery needs a babysitter during the weekly Sunday School hour before church. If you are interested, or know of someone who would enjoy helping, please contact Lesley Dickens at jaxhershey@yahoo.com.

Ladies' Night Out! Come relax a la Georgia Blue with the Lutheran ladies for this month's Ladies' Night Out! Catch up with each other over scrumptious Southern eats on Wednesday, October 27, at 6:00 p.m. If you can come, please RSVP to Lori Held by Sunday, October 24. See you there!

Remembering Our Loved Ones: During the celebration of **All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 7,** we shall remember our loved ones who have died. The list from last year is posted in the Church Narthex (entryway). Please add names of those baptized Saints who have *died in the faith* during the *past year* whom you would like to have remembered in the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.

Readings for next Sunday, October 31st, the Feast of the Reformation Introit Ps. 34:1-2, 11, 22; Psalm 46; Revelation 14:6-7; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36.

This week at Christ Lutheran Church: October 25 - October 31

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Ladies' Night Out Friday 6:30 a.m. Bible & Breaky

Sunday 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

10:30 a.m. Divine Service - The Feast of the Reformation



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