

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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What Is His Will?



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:

"How is God's will done? God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die."

—Fr. Martin Luther, Doctor, The Small Catechism

"They say Aslan is on the move- perhaps has already landed."

—C.S. Lewis, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe

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.

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

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

³ 1 Corinthians 11:28-32

⁴ 1 Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

DIVINE SERVICE V

PRESERVICE MUSIC

The congregation may use this time to pray and meditate.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

#656

The congregation stands to face the back of the church. As the processional cross passes, the congregation turns to face the cross.

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,
- 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.
- 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.

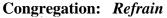
PSALM: DEUS NOSTER REFUGIUM

Psalm 46; Ant. Ps. 46:7

Arr. Sam Eatherton

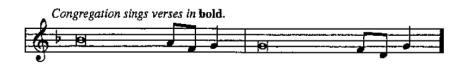
Psalms are historically known in the lectionary by their title in the Latin Psalter, which is simply the first few words of the psalm (not including the antiphon). So, for example, this week's Latin psalm title Deus noster refugium simply means, "God is our refuge."

Cantor: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.





The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.



God is our ref- | uge and strength,* a very present help in | trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,* though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,

though its waters | roar and foam,*
though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.

There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,* the holy habitation of the | Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved;*
God will help her when | morning dawns

The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;* He utters His voice, the | earth melts.

Refrain

The LORD of hosts is | with us;* the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

Come, behold the works | of the LORD,* how He has brought desolations | on the earth.

he makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;*

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots | with fire.

"Be still, and know that | I am God.*

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted | in the earth.

The LORD of hosts is | with us;* the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

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

KYRIE

Kyrie! God, Father

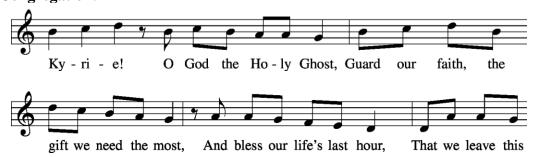
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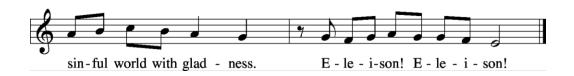
"Kyrie Eleison" is a Greek phrase meaning "Lord, have mercy." In the Kyrie we come before the King of Mercy with the prayer that was on the lips of blind beggars, whom Jesus healed. We approach our Merciful Savior and King as citizens of heaven, seeking his mercy for our salvation.

Choir:

Kyrie! God, Father in heav'n above, You abound in gracious love, Of all things the maker and preserver. Eleison! Eleison! Kyrie! O Christ, our king,
Salvation for all You came to bring.
O Lord Jesus, God's own Son,
Our mediator at the heav'nly throne:
Hear our cry and grant our supplication.
Eleison! Eleison!

Congregation:







SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY



Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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

FIRST READING

Revelation 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

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

GRADUAL Psalm 48:1, 12-14



Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised* in the city | of our God!

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her | towers,* consider well her ramparts, go through her | citadels, that you may tell the next gener- | ation* that this is God, our God forever and | ever.

EPISTLE Romans 3:19–28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL PROCESSION

As the Word of God is brought down into the congregation, so our Lord Jesus Christ comes and speaks graciously in the midst of His people. The congregation may stand and face the crucifix.

Congregation:



Cantor:

Fear not, / little flock,*

for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Congregation:



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 11:12-19

P The Holy

→ Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.



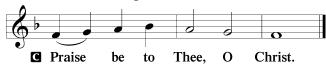
[Jesus said:] "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

"But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn."

"For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

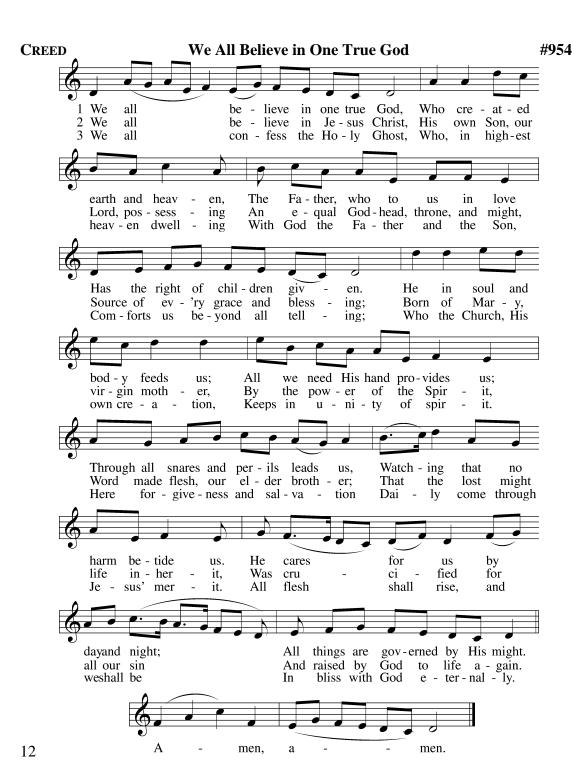


After the crucifix has returned to the chancel, the congregation may be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY Built on the Rock #645

SERMON Upon the Earth

Please stand



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition of the prayer:

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord. **People: Lord, have mercy.**

For comfort, health, and recovery: Marie Ferderer & Child, Thomas Nielson, Sherri Smith, Kelsi Stinson, Eloise Springer, Nicole Tatum, Donny Thomas, Leslie Thomas, Charles Trahan, David Zavoina, Terry Ziegler;

For those who are ill or distressed: Jenalee Adams, Blair Alford, Layne Bagley, Shirley Bagley, W.L. Bagley, Sarah Bowman, Deloris Brent, Martha Brown, Nathan Brown, Hunter Burkhalter, Wayne Burt, Bobby Carroll, James E. Cookston, Joan Cowards, Belinda Cowards-Gonzales, Robert (Andy) Evers, Tahlia Ferderer, George Fields, Randy Fowler, Parker Haines, Dan Hansen, Tim Hansen, Faye Hartman, Valerie Henderson, Sharon Holleman, April Ann Hubmann, Joslyn Jones, Steve Kennedy, John Koster, Katelyn Lawing, Paul McCullough, Jerry McIntyre, Edlia Miller, Elaine Monaghan, Don Ochs, Deborah-Annette Ried, Jon Sandberg, Noah Schultz, Jonnie Pearl Smiley, Bob Smith, Sherri Smith, Deborah Springer, Gary Stoeckmann, Lesley Tatum, Nicole Tatum, Donny Thomas, Leslie Thomas, Nikki Vines, Leonard Watson, Dana Weaver, Cynthia Widlitze, Barbara Zeigler;

For college and graduate students: Sara Fields;

For military servants and their families: Gabriel Escude, Glen Hansford, Holden Hathcock, Bill Nelson, Steven Tatum;

For foreign missionaries

This week's prayer family: Curt & Lesley Dickens and their loved ones.

Please be seated

OFFERING

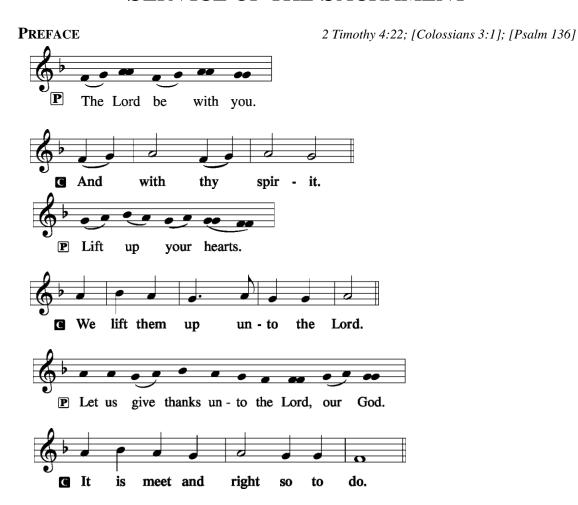
Please stand

OFFERTORY Psalm 51:10-12

The congregation is invited to sing in parts:



SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious

blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

C 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 \(\frac{1}{2}\) us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

SANCTUS Isaiah, Mighty Seer in Days of Old #960



I - sa-iah, might-y seer in days of old, The Lord of all in spir-it



did be-hold High on a loft-y throne, in splen-dor bright, With robes that



filled the tem-ple courts with light. A-bove the throne were flam-ing ser-a-phim;



Six wings had they, these mes-sen-gers of Him. With two they veiled their



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26-28

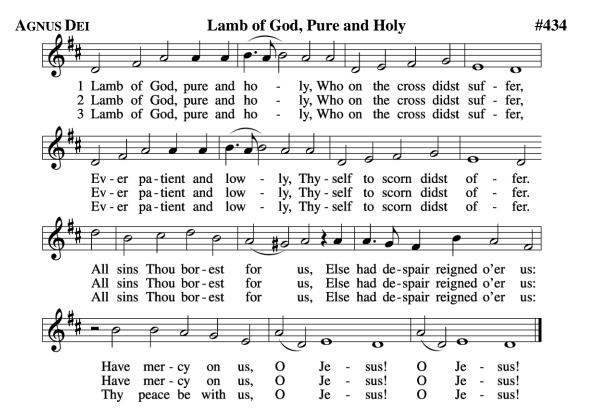
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

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





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

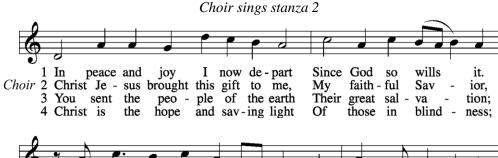
From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee	#607
Choir sings stanza 3	
O Lord, We Praise Thee	#617
Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness	#849

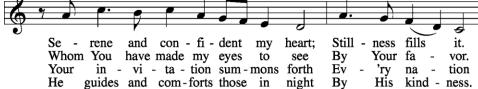
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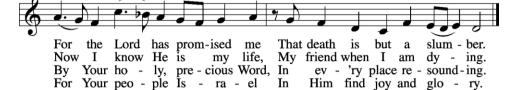
NUNC DIMITTIS

In Peace and Joy I Now Depart

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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.

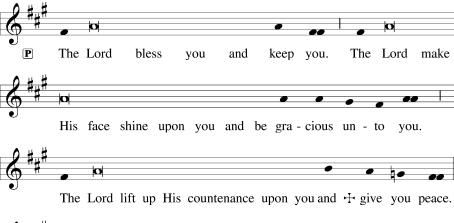


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SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS



BENEDICTIONNumbers 6:24–26





CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

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Serving Today:

Celebrant: Rev. George Fields

Torchbearers: Nathan Hansford & William Hansford

Interpreter: Denee Smith

Elder: Keith Martin
Organist: Sister Sara
Cantor: James Hansford

Altar Guild: Michelle Miller

Altar Flowers: This morning's altar flowers are given for the glory of God by Jo Miller in memory of her husband, David Miller, Sr.

Remembering our Loved Ones: During the celebration of the **Feast of All Saints** next **Sunday, November 3,** we shall remember our loved ones who have preceded us to the Church Triumphant. 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.

Communio Tonight: "Commune" with us tonight at 5:00 as we gather at the Miller Home for our monthly dinner and discussion! We shall continue with chapter two of our book (*Dis*)ordered, by Rev. Christopher Esget. Come with an appetite for learning – and for food, of course!

Christmas Choir: The festival season of the Church year is almost here – and we know what that means: Christmas is coming! Come sing with us as we prepare for Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols; Christmas choir rehearsals begin November 6th (7:00 p.m.) and continue on Wednesday evenings until Christmas. Ask Sister Sara for more details!

Readings for next Sunday, November 3rd, The Feast of All Saints:

Introit Ps. 31:1, 3, 5; Psalm 149; Revelation 7:2-17; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12.

This week at Christ Lutheran Church: October 28 – November 3

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 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 All Saints

A Message from Glen...

Earlier this month, we sent Glen Hansford a care package to keep him going while he is deployed.

Our little package made it to him this week, and he sent the following reply:

Dear CLC family,

I sincerely appreciate your generosity and support. The snacks, gifts, heartwarming words, and beautiful art remind me how truly blessed my family and I are to be a part of you. I would have liked to send a postcard, but at the rate mail gets from here to there, I would beat it home. Hopefully this message will suffice in its place. I will be home soon and eagerly await the opportunity to worship along side of you again.

Glen





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