



CHRIST

LUTHERAN CHURCH

The 16th Sunday
after Pentecost

Divine Service

✠ September 13, 2026 ✠

“Who Forgives All Your Iniquities”

“Thou dost not so much desire thy sins to be forgiven, as He desires to forgive thee thy sins. In proof that thou dost not so desire it, consider that thou hast no mind either to practice vigils, or to give thy money freely: but He, that He might forgive our sins, spared not His Only-Begotten and True Son, the partner of His throne.”

—St. John Chrysostom

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.

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

DIVINE SERVICE III

Preservice Music

The congregation may use this time to pray and meditate.

Opening Hymn

Come Down, O Love Divine

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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,

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: *Benedic anima mea Domino*

Psalm 103:1-12; Antiphon Psalm



As a father shows compassion to his | children,*
so the Lord shows compassion to those who | fear him.

Bless the Lord, | O my soul,*

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

Bless the Lord, | O my soul,*

and forget not all his | benefits,

who forgives all your in- | iquity,*

who heals all your dis- | eases,

who redeems your life | from the pit,*

who crowns you with steadfast love and | mercy,

who satisfies | you with good*

so that your youth is renewed like the | eagle's.

The Lord works | righteousness*

and justice for all who | are oppressed.

He made known his ways to | Moses,*

his acts to the people of | Israel.

The Lord is merciful and | gracious,*

slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

He will not | always chide,*

nor will he keep his anger for- | ever.

He does not deal with us according | to our sins,*

nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.

For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,*

so great is his steadfast love toward those who | fear him;

as far as the east is | from the west,*
so far does he remove our transgres- | sions from us.

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.

As a father shows compassion to his | children,*
so the Lord shows compassion to those who | fear him.

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 is written for two parts, Treble and Bass, in a key of one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score is divided into two systems, each with a Treble and Bass staff. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The music ends with a double bar line.

Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

The congregation is invited to sing in parts:

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

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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.

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 & Collect



P The Lord be with you.

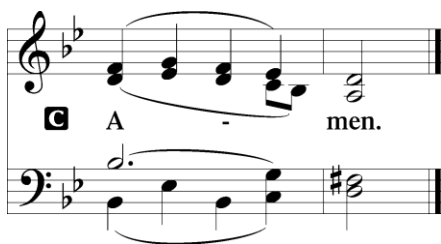


C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, 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

Genesis 50:15-21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His

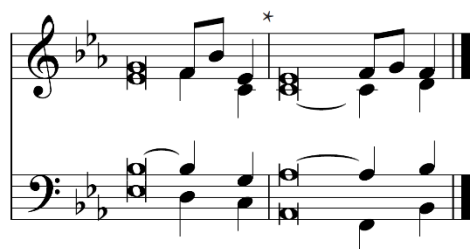
brothers also came and fell down before him and said, “Behold, we are your servants.” But Joseph said to them, “Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones.” Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

Romans 14:1-12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the

Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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.

The musical score for the Alleluia is written on two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key with one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

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

C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

The musical score for the Holy Gospel is written on two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key with one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, consisting of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”

Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since

he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated

Office Hymn ‘Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive’

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Sermon Seventy Times Seven

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
 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)

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

Prayer of the Church

After each petition of the prayer:

P Let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

For comfort, health, and recovery: Charlie Bourne, Deborah Hall White, Krista Hansford, Linda Kirtley, Roger Lindsey, Nicholas Martinez, Beulah Nunnery, Charles Pickering, Sr., Eloise Springer, Nicole Tatum;

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

For college and graduate students: Sara Fields, James Hansford;

For military servants and their families: Glen Hansford, James Hansford, Eion Kemp, Bill Nelson, Steven Tatum;

For foreign missionaries

This week's prayer family: John & Jo Rudsenske and their loved ones.

Please be seated

Offering

As the offering is collected, please sign the red fellowship pad.

Please stand

Offertory

Psalm 51:10-12

The congregation is invited to sing in parts:

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.

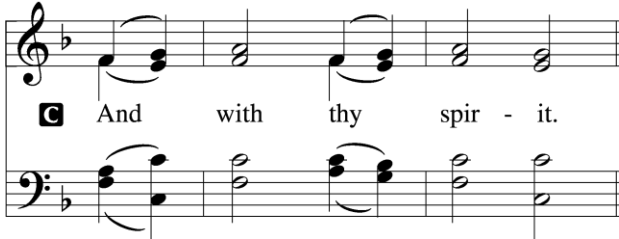
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface

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



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



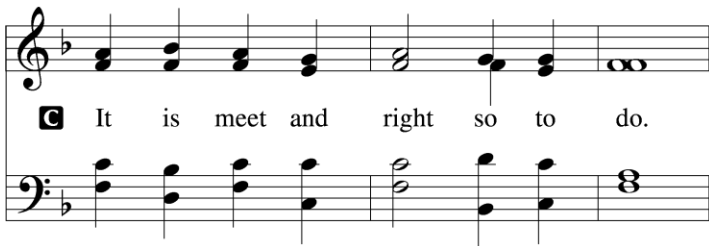
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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



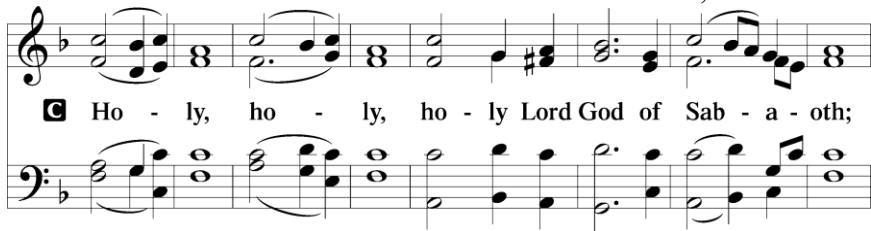
C It is meet and right so to do.

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

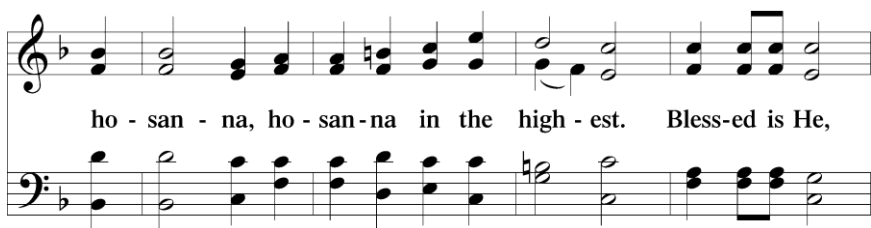
Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



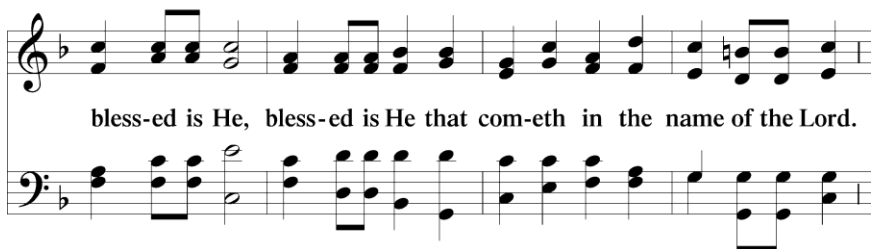
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



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,



bles-sed is He, bles-sed 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

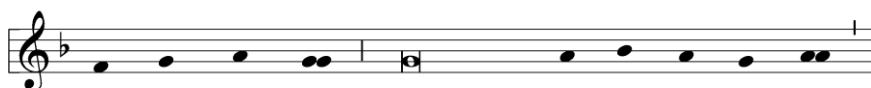
Matthew 6:9-13



P Our Father who art in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as it



is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly bread;



and forgive us our tres - pass - es as we forgive those who



tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in - to



temp - ta - tion, but deliver us from e - vil.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



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



Prayer of Thanksgiving & Words of Institution

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, who of Your tender love for mankind gave Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to take our nature upon Him and to suffer death on the cross for our redemption. Assembled in His name and in the communion of all saints, we pray You send down Your Holy Spirit on us, and through Him to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our savior, Jesus Christ,

Who, 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."

Remembering therefore His whole work of redemption, His conception and birth, His suffering and death, His resurrection and ascension, and looking for His glorious coming again, we here present before You the remembrance which Your Son has commanded us to make, beseeching You graciously to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

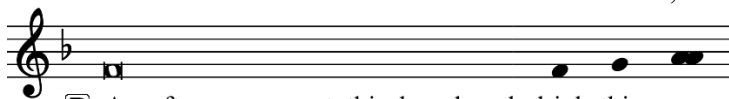
We pray You that so many of us as shall here receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ may be filled with all heavenly benediction and grace. Grant to us, who trust in the multitude of Your mercies, our part and fellowship with all saints, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to You, O Father Almighty, forever and ever.



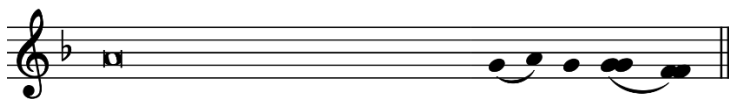
C A - men.

Proclamation of Christ

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20



P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,



we proclaim the Lord's death un - til He comes.

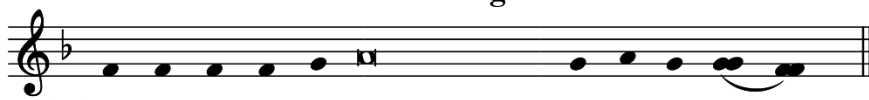


C Amen. Come, Lord Je - sus.

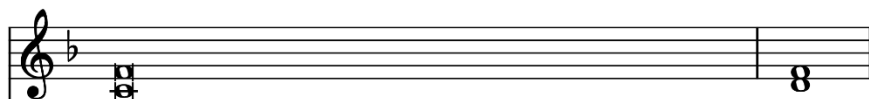


The Invitation: Domine non sum dignus

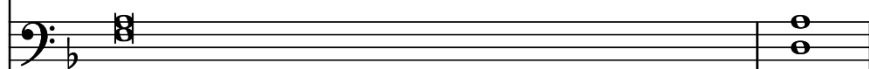
Matthew 8:8



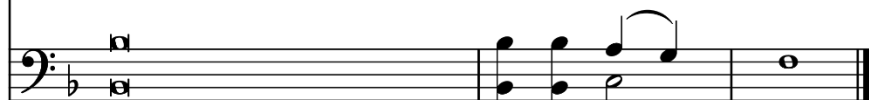
P The ho - ly things of God for the holy peo-ple of God.



C Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof.



But only speak a word, and I will be healed.



Pax Domini

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



A men.



Agnus Dei

John 1:29

The congregation is invited to sing in parts.



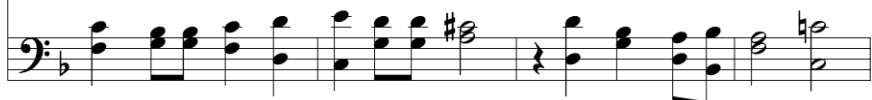
A O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



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



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



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





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 Perfect Life of Love

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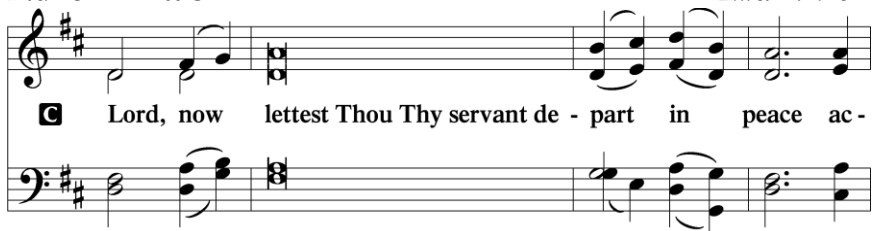
Glory Be to Jesus

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Please stand following distribution of communion

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32



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 with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

Two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff has a treble clef and the second has a bass clef. The melody is in the treble staff, starting on G4, moving to A4, B4, and then a half note G4. The bass staff provides a simple accompaniment with a G4 chord in the first measure and a G4-B4 dyad in the second measure.

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

C 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.

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C A - men.

Salutation & Benedicamus

2 Timothy 4:22

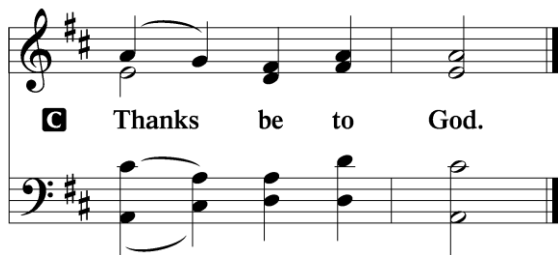
Two staves of music in G major. The first staff has a treble clef and the second has a bass clef. The melody is in the treble staff, starting on G4, moving to A4, B4, and then a half note G4. The bass staff provides a simple accompaniment with a G4 chord in the first measure and a G4-B4 dyad in the second measure.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.



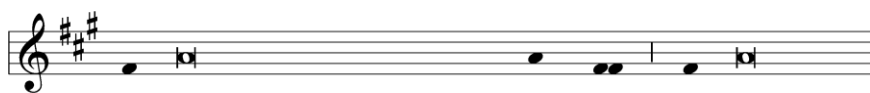
A Bless we the Lord.



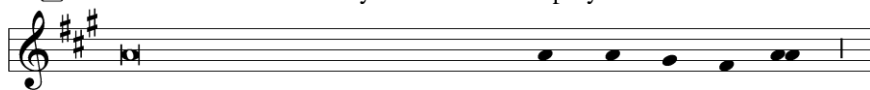
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

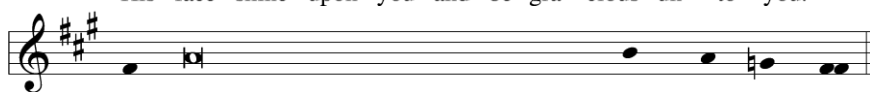
Numbers 6:24–26



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



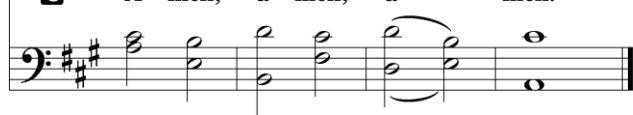
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



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



Closing Hymn

What Wondrous Love Is This

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Serving Today:

Pastor: Rev. George Fields
Altar Guild: Sabrina Goodlett

Elder: Eric Held
Organist: Sr. Sara Fields

Water Woes & Suspended Sunday School: Having lost the ultimate battle, Satan nonetheless has taken it upon himself to be a thorn in our side... or at least, under our parking lot. Our sewer line has collapsed, meaning that we cannot use any of the plumbing at church till further notice. This predicament means that **Sunday school is canceled** until the line is fixed. But we will not give up meeting together! **Come for regular Divine Service at 10:30 a.m.** (and remember to use the restroom before you arrive)!

Special Voters Meeting: The Church Council calls a special congregation meeting immediately after the service on **September 20** for the sole purpose of considering, approving, and ratifying the payment of the cost of repairing the church's collapsed and broken sewer line and to amend the current budget to add that amount.

We cannot wait for the congregation meeting to begin the sewer line repair because that may delay the repair for several weeks.

A video scope of the sewer line located under the parking lot south of the church shows the line is broken and collapsed. The line is seven feet or so down and will require an excavator to dig up the parking lot to repair the line.

We are getting estimates for the sewer line repair and an estimate for the cost of restoring the parking lot.

We will then select the best estimate and schedule the repair as soon as possible.

No Matins This Week: For our usual Wednesday morning attendees, let us spare the plumbing system by paring down the length of our morning activities. We will suspend Matins for now, but continue with LifeLight at 8:30 a.m. And alas, it will be BYOC – bring your own coffee!

Readings for next Sunday, September 20th, the 17th Sunday after Pentecost: Introit Ps. 116:12-13; Psalm 27:1-9; Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30; Matthew 20:1-16.

This week at Christ Lutheran Church: September 14 – September 20

Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	LifeLight
Friday	6:30 a.m.	Bible & Breaky
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Sunday School for All Ages
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Service – 17 th Sunday after Pentecost

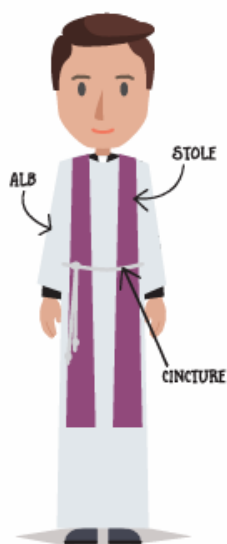


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KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE

What are “vestments”?

When you first see the pastor and his assistants in the Divine Service, what do you notice about them? They are wearing long robes and other unique garments. These are called “vestments.” The word “vestment” comes from the Latin word *vestimentum* which means “garment of office.” Vestments are garments worn by the pastor and the assistants during the Divine Service and other prayer offices.



Why are vestments used?

A person's vestment tells us about who they are and their role during the Divine Service. If you have two or more pastors, one may be dressed in vestments that mark him as the presiding minister. The other pastors may be dressed in vestments that mark them as assisting ministers. Vestments help to keep the proclamation of the Gospel and administration of the Sacraments in good order. Did you know that God's people have been using vestments since Old Testament times? Wow! Vestments are great tools in the church!



Parents: Before the Divine Service, direct your child's attention to the pastor's vestments. What color are they? How are they different from what you are wearing? Be sure to let your child approach the pastor after church to ask him questions about the vestments.



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