

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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19th Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 2024 ~ 9:45 a.m.

THE SERVICE

BOLD *lettering indicates a spoken response*

Prelude

Announcements

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your

Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen

Gathering Song – I will sing of the mercies of the Lord

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The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will sing, I will sing. I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will sing of the mercies of the Lord. With my mouth will I make known thy faith - ful - ness, thy faith - ful - ness. With my mouth will I make known thy faith - ful - ness to all gen - er - a - tions." The score includes performance directions: "Fine" at the end of the second line and "D.C. al fine" at the end of the sixth line.

I will sing of the mer - cies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will
sing, I will sing. I will sing of the mer - cies of the *Fine*
Lord for - ev - er, I will sing of the mer - cies of the Lord.
With my mouth will I make known thy
faith - ful - ness, thy faith - ful - ness. With my mouth will I make
D.C. al fine
known thy faith - ful - ness to all gen - er - a - tions.

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: God is our light and our salvation,

C: our refuge and our stronghold.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: we praise your name, O God.

P: For with you is the fountain of life,

C: and in your light we see light.

Opening Song – He has made me glad

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I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart,

I will enter his courts with praise.

I will say this is the day that the Lord has made;

I will rejoice for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad, he has made me glad.

I will rejoice for he has made me glad.

He has made me glad, he has made me glad,

I will rejoice for he has made me glad.

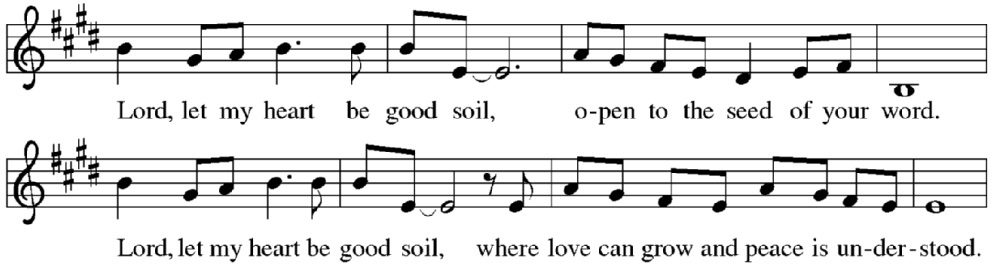
Prayer of the Day

P: God of love, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

First Lesson: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Soon after the Israelites set out from Mt. Sinai, the complaining begins. God hears Moses' cry and bestows His Spirit on seventy elders who will share the leadership burden.

A: The First Lesson is from the 11th chapter of Numbers.

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors?' ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me

to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: James 5:13-20

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 5th chapter of James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise

them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.
¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.



John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.”³⁹ But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.”⁴⁰ Whoever is not against us is for us.⁴¹ For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea.”⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell,⁴⁸ where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire.”⁵⁰ Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

~ Pastor Amy

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song – They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes they’ll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, We will walk hand in hand,

And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, We will work side by side,
We will work with each other, We will work side by side,
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, From whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

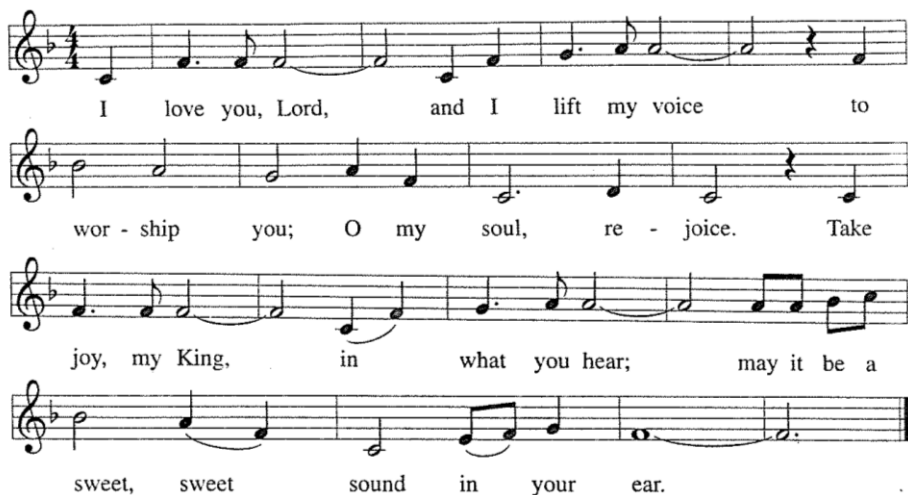
**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.



I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to
wor-ship you; O my soul, re-joice. Take
joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a
sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

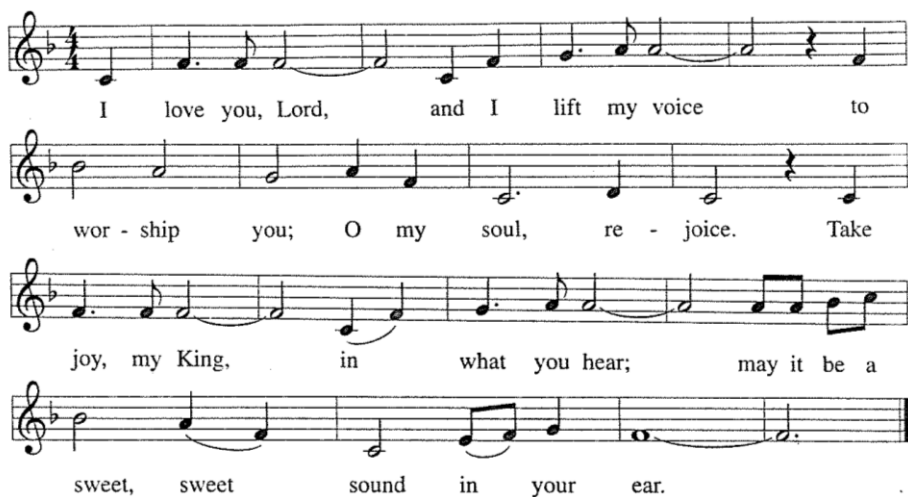
Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P: . . . Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: +Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen



I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to
wor-ship you; O my soul, re-joice. Take
joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a
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Offertory - As the grains of wheat

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Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were



gath - ered in - to one, were gath - ered in - to one to be -



come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from the



ends of the earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.

Offertory Prayer

P: God, our Creator,

C: you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Prayer

P: Come, all you beloved of the Lord, come and eat the food that He gives freely. Be filled again with the goodness of God.

C: Lord God, giver of all good things, we hear Your invitation, we see Your gifts of life and grace.

P: Come to the table of the Lord.

C: We come with our wounds and faults ready to eat and to drink. Our hearts are glad.

P: Yes, dear Lord our God, our hearts are truly glad.
We are filled with thankfulness, because in Your great love You did not abandon us to sin and death, but in Jesus, You came to us, to rescue us, restore us, and give us new life.

We remember the way that Jesus showed us this love:
In the night in which He was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:
Take and eat; this is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying:
this cup is the new covenant in my blood
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

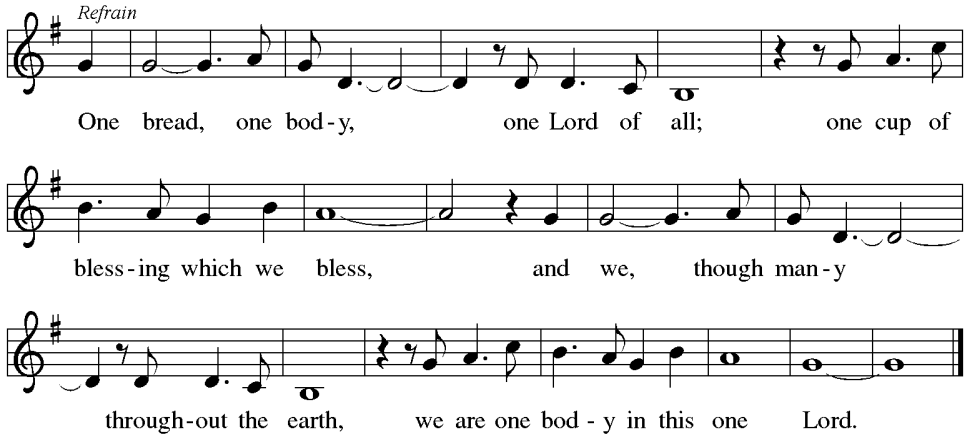
Invitation to Communion

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in Him.

One bread, one body

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Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

The Meal

Please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: "Amen."

MUSIC AS WE SHARE COMMUNION

That we may be filled

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Not as we ought but as we are a - ble, we
of - fer our thanks as we come to your ta - ble. Through
Word and Spir - it bless us; through bread and wine re - fresh us that
we may be filled, that we may be filled with love.

We remember you

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In broken bread and the cup that we share,
We remember you.

In broken bread and the cup that we share,
We remember you.

We remember you, Jesus.

We remember your love for us.

We remember the blood you shed.

We remember you.

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

Post Communion Canticle – You’re Worthy of My Praise CCLI 1763436

I will wor - ship_____ with all of___ my___ heart._____

I will praise You_____ with all of___ my strength.

I will seek You_____ all of___ my___ days.

I will fol - low_____ all of___ Your ways.

Refrain
I will give___ You all my wor - ship___ I will give___ You

all my praise._____ You a - lone___ I long___ to wor - ship,___

You a - lone_____ are wor - thy. of___ my praise._____

Prayer

P: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

SENDING

Blessing

P: God sends us into the world, to accept the cost and to discover the joy of discipleship. Therefore go – carrying with you the peace of Christ, +the love of God, and the encouragement of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Closing Song – Lord, I lift your name on high

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Lord, I lift your name on high,
Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Today

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Contemporary Worship

11:00-Traditional Worship

7:00-Egypt Meeting

Monday-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tuesday-6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal

Thursday-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Sun-Oct 6-9:45-Sunday School / 6:00-Confirmation Event

Mon-Oct 7-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tues-Oct 8-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal

Thurs-Oct 10-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

Sat-Oct 12-4:00-6:00-Church Family Bonfire

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Next Sunday's Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

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Attendance last week: Sunday Worship: 8:30-56; 9:45-65; 11:00-34; SCS-13

The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and in loving memory of Frances & John Jansen by Bob & Carol Mortland.

Sunday School for preschool through 5th graders *next Sunday October 6* at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our new theme is "Samuel: God hears me!"

Confirmation Event for youth in 6th through 8th grades is *next Sunday October 6* from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Christ Church Fall Event and Bonfire . . . Saturday, October 12, 4-6 pm! Everyone is invited to an evening full of activities, yummy food and a bonfire. We'll meet behind the church pavilion. Bring a lawn chair and a snack to share. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Pentecost Season Devotions: Road Trip through the Bible are on the table in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website.

Mission of the Month: Compassion International is a child-advocacy ministry. Their aim is to positively impact long-term development of children living in poverty. We have been sponsoring Antony Musyoka, who lives in Kenya since 2014. If you would like to make a financial gift to our sponsored child, please use the pew envelopes and write "Antony" in the "other" line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you.

Food Pantry Items for September are SPAGHETTI and/or SPAGHETTI SAUCE; items for October are CANNED TUNA and/or LIGHT MAYONNAISE.