

# Welcome to Worship!



10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
August 17, 2025 ~ 9:45 a.m.

## **CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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## THE SERVICE

**BOLD** lettering indicates a spoken response

\* Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

## 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: God of love and forgiveness,

**C: We confess to you and to one another that we fall far short of your expectations. We have not responded well to your gracious act of dying on the cross for our forgiveness. We have neglected you, and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are a sinful people. Please free us from the guilt and power of our sinfulness. Please help us see more clearly your love for us, and respond appropriately. Amen**

P: Purely by God's grace, through Jesus on the cross, all your sins are forgiven. Now may you be strengthened daily to believe in Jesus and to live the joy and freedom his forgiveness brings.

**C: Amen**

\* Let there be praise

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Let there be praise, let there be joy in our hearts.

Am Am<sup>7</sup> Dm Dm/F EbM Eb Csust C

Sing to the Lord, give God the glo - ry. glo ry.

F C/E F Dm Dm/F Gm Gm<sup>2</sup> Gm C

Let there be praise, let there be joy in our hearts.

Am Am<sup>7</sup> Dm Dm/F GmF/A Bb F/C C7 F

For-ev - er-more let his love fill the air, and let there be praise.

\* 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.**

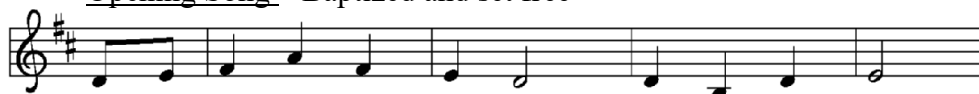
P: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

**C: Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**

P: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.

**C: For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.**

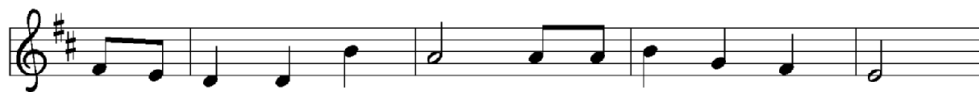
\* Opening Song – Baptized and set free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

## \* Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

## WORD OF GOD

### Scripture Readings



First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:23-29

Bible P. 634

*Because Jeremiah preaches the unpopular message of God's judgment, he suffers rejection. Today's reading distinguishes between the true prophet, like Jeremiah, who speaks God's word, and the false prophet who misleads the people. God's Word is like wheat; lies are like worthless straw.*

A: The First Lesson is from the 23rd chapter of Jeremiah.

Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

A: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

## Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Bible p. 978

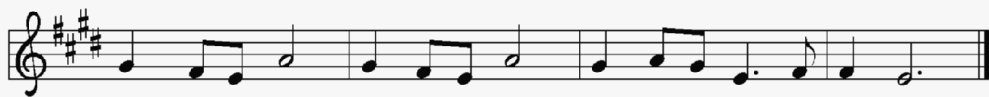
*The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this “cloud of witnesses,” we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.*

A: The Second Lesson is from the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> chapters of Hebrews.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. <sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. <sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. <sup>12:1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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: Luke 12:49-56

*Bible p. 848*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup>“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

~ Pastor John

# OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\* Song – You are mine

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1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,

2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,

3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,

(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom,

I



I will lift you from all your fear.

I am eyes for all who long to see.

heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.

am the peace the world can - not give.

(2) In the



You will hear my voice,

shad - ows of the night,

All the blind will see,

I will call your name,

I claim you as my choice.

I will be your light.

the lame will all run free, and

em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here.

Come and rest in me.

all will know my name.

up, now walk and live!

*To stanza 2*

*To refrain*

*To refrain*

*To refrain*



\* 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.



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

*The Pastor will offer prayers for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and special concerns.*

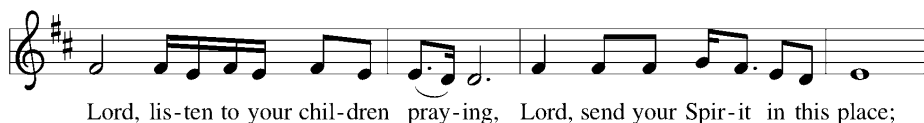
*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*

**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**



### **\* Sharing of God's Peace**

*We follow Jesus' direction in Matthew chapter 5 and make peace with each other before coming to the altar: Jesus said, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."*

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

Offering

*Contemporary Worship Team*

\* Offertory – Create in me

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve

you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that

I might be re - newed. So fill me and

heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -

ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

Chords: C<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub>, C<sup>7</sup>, F, C/E, C/D, Dm, Dm/C, Gm, F/A, C, Am<sup>7</sup>, Dm<sup>7</sup>, Gm<sup>7</sup>, Gm/D, C<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub>, C<sup>7</sup>, F, C/E, C/D, Dm, Dm/C, Gm, F/A, C, F

\* Offertory Prayer

P: Merciful Father,

**C:** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

# HOLY COMMUNION

## \* Communion Prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: We are so grateful God that you welcome us to this table.

**C: We have done nothing to earn your gifts,**

P: we cannot claim to deserve your favor,

**C: but in your mercy, you welcome us freely.**

**We lift our hearts in thanksgiving.**

## \* Words of Institution

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For this we give you thanks. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith in this holy supper.

**C: Amen. Come Lord Jesus.**

P: 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: This is the true bread which came down from heaven and gave life to the world. Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

\* 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 be seated*)

*Our Lord Jesus is the host at this supper. It is for all who wish to experience the forgiveness Jesus offers. Therefore, Jesus invites all of us to receive Him in this meal.*

*For those at home or taking communion at their seat, 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."*

*If you desire to receive communion up front, please come forward via the center aisle. As the pastor and communion assistant give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:*

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

*The communicant may say: "Amen."*

## MUSIC AS WE SHARE COMMUNION

Holy Holy

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1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 2 Gracious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther, we're so blest to be your  
 3 Precious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus, we're so glad that you've re -  
 4 Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it, come and fill our hearts a -  
 5 Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, . . .

Lord God Al - might - y; and we lift our hearts be - fore you as a  
 chil - dren, gra - cious Fa - ther; and we lift our heads be - fore you as a  
 deemed us, pre - cious Je - sus; and we lift our hands be - fore you as a  
 new, . . . Ho - ly Spir - it; and we lift our voice be - fore you as a  
 . . . . . hal - le - lu - jah; and we lift our hearts be - fore you as a

to - ken of our love, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.  
 to - ken of our love, gra - cious Fa - ther, gra - cious Fa - ther.  
 to - ken of our love, pre - cious Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus.  
 to - ken of our love, Ho - ly Spir - it, Ho - ly Spir - it.  
 to - ken of our love, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

# Open our eyes, Lord

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O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see

Je - sus, to reach out and touch

him, and say that we love him.

O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to

lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,

Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

## \* 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 – Give thanks

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Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,  
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.  
Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,  
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am  
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And  
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am  
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

\* Prayer

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen**



## SENDING

### \* Blessing

P: May you be strengthened with the power of God, + the love of Jesus, and the help of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

### \* Closing Song– The Trees of the field

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You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,

and the moun-tains and the hills will break forth be - fore you.

There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field

will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

The trees of the field will clap their hands.

The trees of the field will clap their hands,

while you go out with joy.

\* DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God**

\*POSTLUDE:

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Please join us for fellowship and refreshments  
in the fellowship hall following worship.

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### OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

#### Today

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Contemporary Worship

11:00-Traditional Worship

**Blessing of Backpacks at all services today!**

5:00-Church Picnic

### FUTURE MINISTRIES

**Mon-Aug 18**-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

**Tues-Aug 19**-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal

**7:00-Traditional Choir Practice**

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**New Church Office Hours:**

**Monday - Closed**

**Tuesday & Thursday - 9 to 4**

**Wednesday & Friday - 9 to 2**

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Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 13:10-17

**Attendance last week:**

**Sunday Worship: 8:30-46; 9:45-72; 11:00-42**

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The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and in memory of BJ Kessler, Robert & Margaret Kessler, & Arnold & Margaret Hearn by Robert & Diana Kessler.

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**TODAY Sunday, August 17, join your church family for an afternoon of fellowship, fun and great food at our annual Church Picnic! Dinner is at 5:00!**

**\*\*\* It's not too late to join the fun!!! \*\*\***

**Newly available today! Pentecost Season Devotions: "Reading through Genesis, Part Two: Genesis 12-35, God, Abraham, Isaac & Jacob."** Hard copies are in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website. Let's open our Bibles and read God's word together!

**Our New Organ** installation is now scheduled to begin on Tuesday, August 19th! **Mark your calendars now . . .** Dedication of our new organ will take place on **Sunday, September 14 at 3 p.m.** Everyone is welcome to this glorious and festive afternoon of music. Reception to follow. Plan to attend!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF!** Sunday school will begin on September 14 at 9:45 a.m. Children age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and youth helpers will gather in the fellowship hall, one room schoolhouse style. There will be class September 14 and 28. We encourage parents to bring their children to worship on September 7 and 21 and help them to use the bulletin and participate as they are able.

**New Organ Donations.** . . If you would like to contribute toward the new organ, pledge cards and donation envelopes are available by the organ pipe display in the narthex. They may be placed in the offering plate or left in the church office. Thank you!

**Bus Trip to see Noah at Sight & Sound . . . Wednesday November 12.** Morning departure from DuBois with lunch at the Shady Maple smorgasbord restaurant. The show is at 3 p.m. The cost includes transportation, lunch and show ticket is *estimated* to be \$160 per person, depending on the number of people that sign up. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Friends are welcome. **SIGN UP TODAY.**

**It's time for a NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY and it won't be complete without you!** Photos will be taken Wednesday thru Friday October 22-24 from 2 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday October 25 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The first opportunity to sign up will be at the church picnic today.

**Mission of the Month: NALC Disaster Response.** The recent flooding in Texas caused massive devastation and loss of life. NALC Disaster Response provides resources for responding rapidly when domestic natural disasters occur; to enable those affected to begin the rebuilding process. To make a monetary donation to this effort, please use the pew envelopes, and write “*Disaster Response*” in the “other” line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Thanks.

**Food Pantry Items** for August are CEREAL and/or CANNED MILK.

**USHERS:** Michelle & Drew London

**LECTOR:** Mark Lopez

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Jessica Deasey & Janet Peterson

**Restrooms** are in the back hall directly behind the lobby; a family restroom is located in the education wing on the far end of the building.

An **unstaffed nursery** is available during worship services and is located just off the lobby. Worship services can be heard through overhead speakers.

If you desire a pastoral visit or wish to share information, please call the pastors at the church office – 814-371-2470.

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