



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 24, 2025 ~ 8:30 & 11:00

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Stand

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

HYMN: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

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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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: This is the feast

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

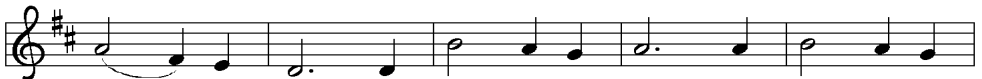


strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin. Grant that we who are reborn to new life in him may live in righteousness and holiness all our days, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON

First Lesson: : Isaiah 58:9b-14

Bible p. 601

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

A: The First Lesson is from the 58th chapter of Isaiah.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. ¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; ¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PIANO/ORGAN DUET: *Holy, Holy, Holy*
Lily Brubaker & Chris Luckenbill

Second Lesson: Psalm 63:1-4

Bible p. 458

Psalm 63 is a song of David. It expresses a deep longing for God. David emphasizes his desire for God's presence, protection, and steadfast love, which he finds more valuable than life itself. The psalm includes a promise to worship and praise Him.

We will read it responsively:

L: O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;

**C: my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

L: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,

C: beholding your power and glory.

L: Because your steadfast love is better than life,

C: my lips will praise you.

L: So I will bless you as long as I live;

C: I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/RESPONSE:

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” ¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” ¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” ¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON:

Pastor Amy

Stand

HYMN: *O God beyond All Praising*



1 O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day

3 Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;

that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,

and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:

we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,

to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.

and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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.

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.***

Sit

OFFERING:

We collect the offering as the pastor prepares the Lord's Table.

Stand

OFFERTORY: *Create in Me*



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 your pres-ence, and take



not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of



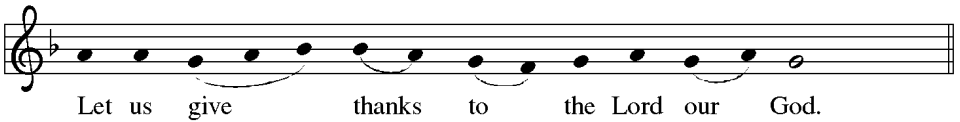
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have 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

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

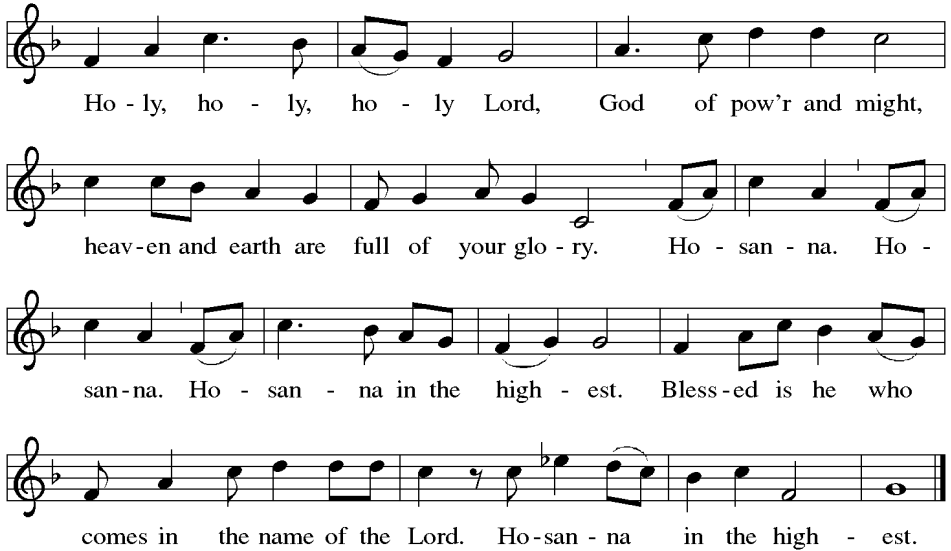


PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

RESPONSE:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

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.

LORD'S PRAYER:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;**

and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

LAMB OF GOD:

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION: *(Please be seated)*

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; and 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."

Stand

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER:

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: **Amen**

BLESSING:

♩ P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Sung Response: **Amen, Amen, Amen**

HYMN: How Great Thou Art

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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

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Mon-Aug 25-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tues-Aug 26-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal 6:30

7:00-Traditional Choir Practice

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New Church Office Hours:

Mondays - Closed

Tuesday & Thursday - 9 to 4

Wednesday & Friday - 9 to 2

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Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Attendance last week:

Sunday Worship: 8:30-46; 9:45-77; 11:00-51

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The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and in memory of Jackie in honor of her Birthday and our Anniversary by Chuck Allen.

September Worship Assistant lists are available in the Narthex.

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 has arrived!!! 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 5th 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. **Sign up now--online at UCDIR.com by clicking "Photography Session Sign-up". Use code: pa1200 and password: photos.**

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. Thank you.

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

USHERS: 8:30-Aiden & Art Keller
11:00-Jeff & Donna Bush

LECTORS: 8:30-Art Keller
11:00-Tammy Ott

ACOLYTES: 8:30-Aubree Keller
11:00-Finn Hanzley

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: 8:30-Jeff Kriner, Art Keller
11:00-Donna Bush, Joyce Cramer

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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