# Welcome to Worship!



16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost September 28, 2025 ~ 9:45 a.m.

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# THE SERVICE

**BOLD** lettering indicates a spoken response

\* Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Welcome & 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.

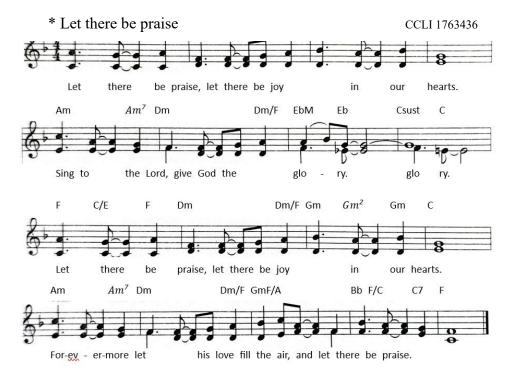
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: 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



#### \* 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.



#### \* 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 son, where leve can grow and peace is an der stood

FIRST LESSON: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Bible p. 747

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

A: The First Lesson is from the 6th chapter of Amos.

<sup>1a</sup> Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. <sup>4</sup> Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, <sup>5</sup> who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, <sup>6</sup> who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! <sup>7</sup> Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 6th Chapter of 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy:

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, 8 but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. 9 But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. 11 But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you 14 to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. 16 It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. <sup>17</sup> As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, 19 thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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 16: 19-31

Bible p. 851

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.



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

[Jesus said:] 19 "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20 And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21 who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. 22 The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. 24 He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.' 25 But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' 27 He said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house 28 for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' 29 Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' <sup>30</sup> He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' 31 He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon ~ Pastor John

## **OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD**



## \* 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



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# \* 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 Prayer

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## P: Merciful Father,

a clean heart, O God,

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

I

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you.

# **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.

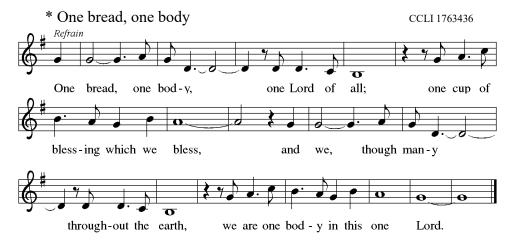
Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying: this cup is the new covenant in my blood shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### \* 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.



#### 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.

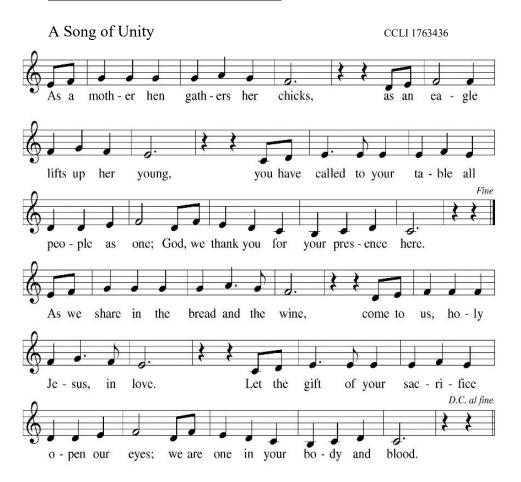
For those at home or taking communion at their seat, please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:

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





# \* Post Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen



#### \* 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



#### \*DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

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

#### + Calendar for this Week +

Today-Sep 28: 9:45a Sunday School

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Mon-Sep 29: 9:00a-Quilters

Tue-Sep 30: 2:00p-Afternoon Bible Study

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

**Thu-Oct 2**: 6:30p-Traditional Choir Practice

7:00p-Evening Bible Study

**Sat-Oct 4:** 5:30p-Family Bonfire Event

Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 17:5-10 Worship Attendance last week: 8:30a-53; 9:45a-74; 11:00a-33

#### + Upcoming Events & Monthly Ministries +

\*OCT 2, 7p to 8p—New Evening Bible Study Group: meets in the Fellowship Hall led by Nate Weber. Meeting every other Thursday. Studies begin with the Gospel of Mark. All are invited to attend.

**\*Saturday, OCT 4, 5:30p—FAMILY EVENT-FALL BONFIRE**: Join us for dinner around the bonfire, music, and kids' activities! → Sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex.

\*OCT 12, 9:45a—Next Sunday School: Children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and youth helpers will gather in the fellowship hall, one room schoolhouse style. (October 5, family worship in the sanctuary.)

\*OCT 12, 6p to 7:30p--Confirmation Event. Looking ahead...next confirmation event Friday-Saturday, NOV 14-15, Overnight Fall Lock-in.

\*NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY: Photos will be taken WED thru FRI, OCT 22-24 from 2p to 8:30p and SAT OCT 25 from 10a to 4p. Sign up online at UCDIR.com-click "Photography Session Sign-up" & use code: pa1200 and password: photos or sign-up before or after worship services.

\*Wednesday, NOV 12--Bus Trip to see *Noah* at Sight & Sound: 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. Friends are welcome. ->Sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex.

<u>Newly available today!</u> \*Pentecost Season Devotions: "Reading through Genesis, Part 3: Genesis 37-50, God & Joseph." Hard copies are in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website. Let's open our Bibles and read God's word together!

\*September Mission of the Month: Pentz Run Youth Services: This group home and emergency shelter provides services for adolescent males and females, ages 10 through 17. The purpose of the program is to provide a safe, secure, nurturing environment for youth that require short or long-term alternatives to family living. If you would like to contribute, please use a pew envelope and write "Pentz Run" in the "other" line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church.

\*September Food Pantry Items: Corned Beef and/or Vegetable Broth

\*\*\*<u>ATTENTION</u>: The Youth Ministry is looking to acquire two gently used couches. They must be from a smoke and pet free home due to allergen concerns. Couches only please, we are not in need of any other furniture. Please contact Abbey Weber at the church office if you have something that might be appropriate to donate. Thank You!!!\*\*\*

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

### Thank you for serving today:

Ushers: Carrie & OJ Witherite Lector: Carol Lieber

Communion Assistants: Debbie Finalle & Janet Peterson

**Restrooms** are in the back hall behind the lobby; a family restroom is 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. Services can be heard via overhead speakers.

# PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ~ September 28, 2025

#### Shut-in & Nursing Home Members & Friends:

Linda Berry ~ Paul Bojalad ~ Edie Brown ~ Karen Deasey ~ Gary Froelich ~ Jeannine Fye ~ Nora Gelnett ~ Mary Jo Gomes ~ George Kramer Sr. ~ Hazel Kriner ~ Jim Norwood ~ Geneva Roberts ~ Hazel Salada ~ Gary Salada ~ Emily Schindley ~ Betty Swanson ~ Shirley Williams

#### **Those Serving in the Military:**

Davey Aughenbaugh ~ Luke Cardellino ~ Cory Good ~ Lyndsey Good ~ Abby Fritz ~ Josh Lanzoni ~ Tyler Lenkerd ~ Paul McCurdy ~ Justin Neeper ~ Mike O'Harrow ~ Wesley Russell ~ Colton Shields ~ Jacey Wells ~ Chuckie White

#### **Long Term Prayer Requests:**

Abby ~ Ron Abrams ~ Carla Adamson ~ Drew Albert ~ Chuck Allen ~ Debbie Anderson ~ Tia Angeletti ~ Jim August ~ Austin Family ~ Stephanie Barnett ~ Julie Baun ~ Dona Bean ~ Sandy Bender ~ Pat Biss ~ Larry Bosco ~ Phil Bosnick ~ Bryson ~ Little Eleanor Bundy ~ Ray Bush ~ CinDee Byer ~ Gary Campbell ~ Deb Clark ~ Louise Cramer ~ Bill Deitman ~ Carol DeLarme ~ Rick Delp ~ Chervl DeSantis ~ Brad Dodd ~ Candy Douthit ~ Patrick Droddy ~ Mia Edwards ~ Emily ~ Ruben Ellis ~ Krista Evans ~ Denise Faulkrod ~ Tim Fuller ~ Lee Gelnett ~ Leah Gelnett ~ Beth Giese ~ Bryson Gray ~ Arnold Gregory ~ Jim Haag ~ Pat Hamlin ~ Dennis Harris ~ Jackie & Bill Hartman ~ Eric Hazuda ~ Brenda Hickman ~ Larry Hickman ~ Bruce Hiles ~ Nancy Hoover ~ Little Carter Horn ~ Gabby Horner ~ Dick & Bev Hudson ~ Vicki Jacklin ~ Lincoln Johnston ~ Cheryl Jones ~ Baby Ben K. ~ Lorraine Kakula ~ Jim Kearney ~ Tish Keen ~ Eli Keim ~ Dave Kness ~ Richard Kolcun ~ Jim Kriner ~ Carol Lawson ~ Cindy & Tom Leete ~ Doug Leidl ~ David Leonard ~ Anne Lettrich ~ Rick Lieber ~ Nancy Lilja ~ Brandon Lokesak ~ Mark M. ~ Karen Markievich ~ Mark Markievich ~ Emily Marshall ~ Mason Martin ~ Barbara Martini ~ Terie McBride ~ Rebecca McCartney ~ Keymo McKay ~ Shea McKinney ~ Walt Michalak ~ Bob Mickey ~ Bob Moline ~ Steve Moore ~ Brenda & Brett Mortimer ~ Gail Nissley ~ Debbie Newell ~ Joy Norwood ~ Mary & Christian Olrich ~ Joyce Opper ~ Karen Ordog ~ Francie Page ~ Stacy Park ~ Linda Peterson ~ Barb Phleger ~ Mary Ann Piccirillo ~ Kristin Plotner ~ Morgan Pope ~ Mike Poulliot ~ Deb & Bill Presnar ~ Liz Preston ~ Nancy R. ~ Cal Ratcliff ~ Scott Reinard ~ Heidi Riley & Family ~ Elaine Russel ~ Marie Russell ~ Brianne Sage ~ Sara ~ Joe Shaffer ~ Molly Shaffer ~ Ann Simbeck ~ Greg Smeal ~ Terri Smouse ~ Ellen Sneddon ~ Tim Spencer ~ Little Faith Spicher ~ Little Levi Spickler ~ Karen Sprague ~ Ruth Sutphin ~ Dathan Swanson ~ Steven Sykes ~ Pat Teats ~ Diane Thomson ~ Karen Tobasco ~ Vickie Trisoline ~ Evelyn Vandervort ~ Eric Waldeck ~ Mary Lou Waldeck ~ Dr. Rod Wall ~ Jean Waltenbaugh ~ Gail Walter ~ Wanda Ward ~Laura Wascovich ~ Melissa Wayne ~ Chloe Welder ~ Donald Wells ~ Shirley Wells ~ Joyce Whaling ~ Tammy Winters ~ Art Whitmore ~ Will ~ Becky Yasick ~ Nora Yasick ~ Charles Yonushonis ~ Jerry Zimmerman

#### Short Term (Four Week) Prayer Requests:

Theresa Sheets, Ashley Knox, George McCurdy, Barbara Brownell, Family of Josh Yohe

To add or remove from this list, call the church office at 814-371-2470.