



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 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: *Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing* #807

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.

KYRIE:

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, . . . have mer - cy:

A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, . . . have mer - cy:

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, . . . have mer - cy:

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Sit

ANTHEM: *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* {8:30} ~Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST LESSON: Amos 8:4-7

Bible p. 749

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

A: The First Lesson is from the 8th chapter of Amos.

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,⁵ saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances,⁶ buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely, I will never forget any of their deeds.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Bible p. 963

The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church’s focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 2nd Chapter of 1st Timothy:

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, ⁶who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. ⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

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.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 16:1-13

Bible p. 851

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. ² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ ³ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ ⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ ⁷ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ ⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes. ¹⁰ “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. ¹¹ If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? ¹³ No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON:

Stand

Pastor Amy

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.

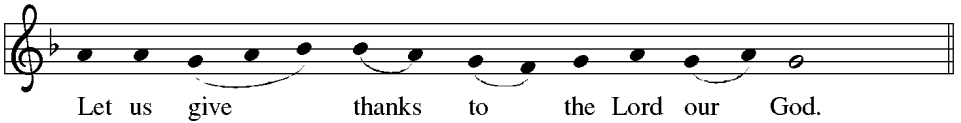
The musical score consists of four staves of music in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff has a 7/8 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The music is a simple, melodic line, likely intended for a soloist or a small group.

OFFERING 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

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

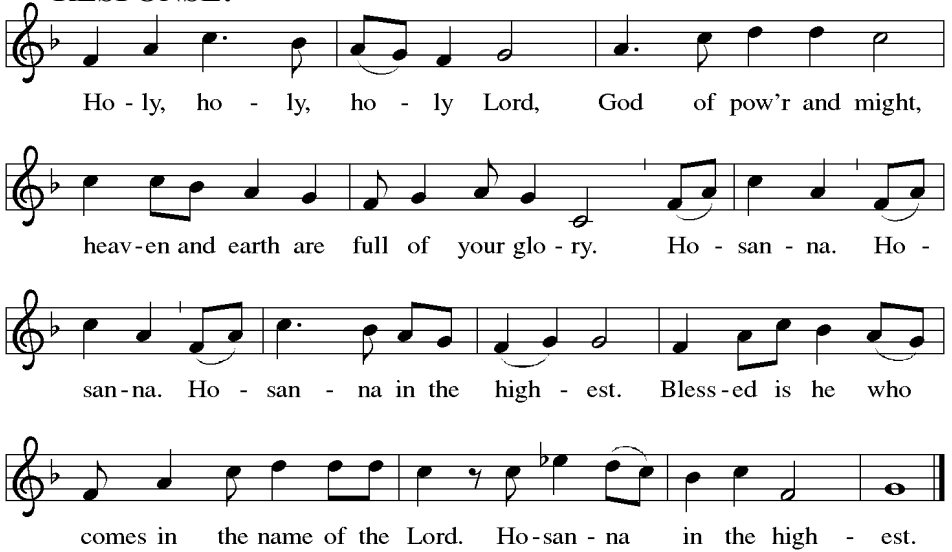


PREFACE:

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 - jice 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: *God of Grace & God of Glory*

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Today

8:30a-Traditional Worship

9:45a-Contemporary Worship

11:00a-Traditional Worship

6:00p-Confirmation Parent/Youth Meeting & Event

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Mon-Sep 22: 9:00a-Quilters

Tue-Sep 23: 2:00p-Bible Study

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

Thur-Sep 25: 6:30p-Traditional Choir Practice

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Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Attendance last week:

Sunday Worship: 8:30-49; 9:45-81; 11:00-40, SCS-13

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The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and in memory of Max Griffith by Grace Griffith.

***TODAY, 6p to 7:30p--First Confirmation Event of the School Year:** Beginning with parent & youth meeting from 6-6:30p. Looking ahead...make note next Confirmation event October 12, 6p to 7:30p.

***September 28, 9:45a--Sunday School:** Children ages 3 through 5th grade and youth helpers will gather in the fellowship hall, one room schoolhouse style. October 5, family worship in the sanctuary.

***September 28, after 9:45a service--First Sr. High Brunch of the School Year.** →Sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex.

***October 2, 7p to 8p--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, October 4th, 5:30p--FAMILY EVENT-FALL BONFIRE:** Join us for dinner around the bonfire, music, and kids' activities! →Sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex.

***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. Sign-ups will also be available before and after worship services beginning TODAY.**

***Wednesday, November 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, depending on the number of people that sign up. Friends are welcome. →Sign-up sheet posted 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!

***Organ Donations.** . . If you would still 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!

***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.

Food Pantry Items for September are CORNED BEEF and/or VEGETABLE BROTH.

USHERS: 8:30-*Darwin & Linda London*

11:00-Tom Schott & Joyce Cramer

LECTORS:8:30-*Linda London*

11:00-Joyce Cramer

ACOLYTES:8:30-*Bentley & Lincoln Bernardo*

11:00-Aubrey Ott

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: 8:30-*Lindsey Bernardo & Linda London*

11:00-Tom Schott & Joyce Cramer

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ~ September 21, 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 ~ Cheryl 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:

Max Little, 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.