

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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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
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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 – Lord, be glorified

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1 In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
 2 In our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
 3 In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
 4 In your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;



in my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
 in our song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
 in your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.
 in your world, Lord, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; 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: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

A: The First Lesson is from the 5th chapter of Amos.

Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 4th chapter of Hebrews.

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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 10:17-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -



- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -



lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”¹⁸ Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’”²⁰ He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.”²¹ Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.”²² When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”²⁴ And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”²⁶ They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?”²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.”²⁹ Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news,³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

~ Pastor Amy

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song – We are an offering

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Sing twice:

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering. Lord, use our voices,
Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours:
we are an offering.
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,
We give to you, we give to you.

After second time, sing:

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to you: we are an offering,
We are an offering.

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.

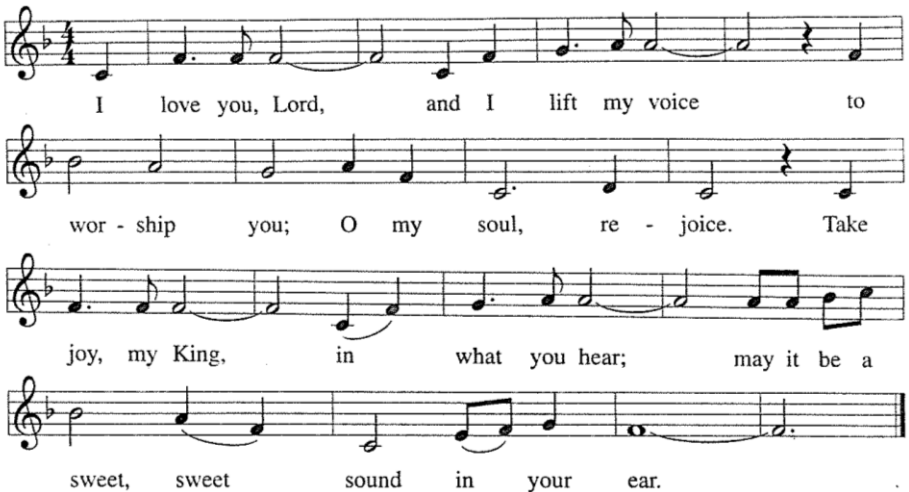
Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

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

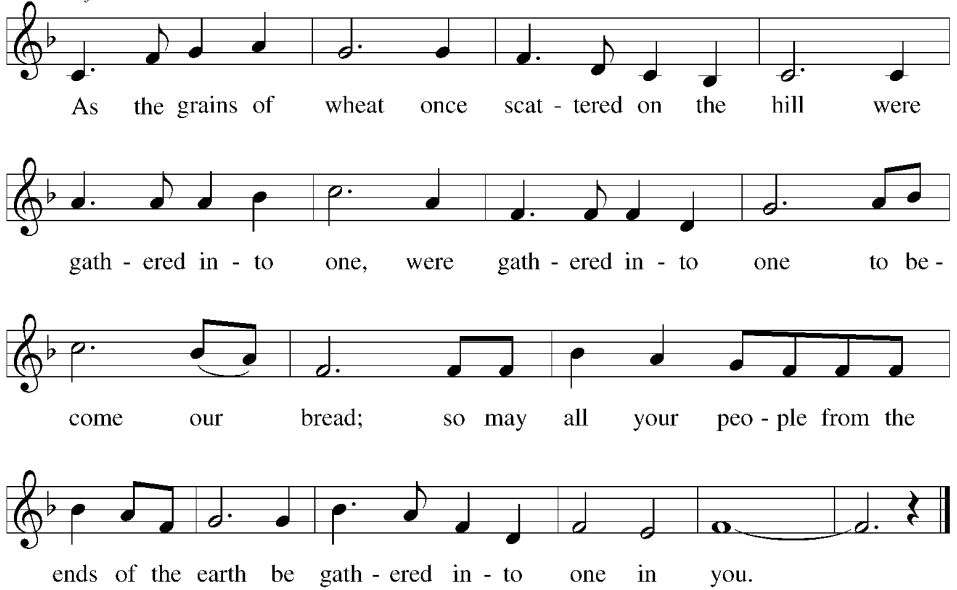


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Offertory - As the grains of wheat

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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 image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with the word 'Refrain' and contains the melody for 'One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of'. The second staff continues with 'bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y'. The third staff concludes with 'through-out the earth, we are one bod-y in this one Lord.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes.

The Meal

Please receive the bread and wine as the pastor says:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: "Amen."

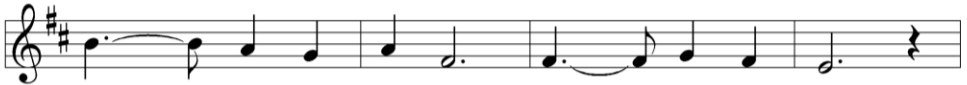
MUSIC AS WE SHARE COMMUNION

What have we to offer?

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1 What have we to of - fer? What have we to share?
2 What have we to of - fer? What have we to bring?
3 What have we to of - fer? What have we to give?



Coins from the cof - fer, hearts filled with care.
Love, ripe with laugh - ter; hope that we can sing;
Eyes that are wide o - pen; lies that we won't live;



God will not fal - ter; so let us dare
dreams of what we're af - ter; prom - is - es of when.
truth that must be spo - ken; jus - tice some - how.



lay it at the al - tar there.
Lay it at the al - tar then.
Lay it at the al - tar now.



4 What have we to of - fer? What have we to



give? Lives we will live.

Open our eyes, Lord

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Open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

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.

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 – Step by step

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O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in your ways,
and step by step you'll lead me,
and I will follow you all of my days.

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning,
And I will learn to walk in your ways,
And step by step you'll lead me,
And I will follow you all of my days,
And I will follow you all of my days,
And I will follow you all of my days,
And step by step you'll lead me,
And I will follow you all of my days.

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

Monday-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

6:00-Property

Tuesday-2:00-Bible Study

5:30-Council

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal

Thursday-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Sun-Oct 20-9:45-Sunday School

Mon-Oct 21-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tues-Oct 22-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal

Thurs-Oct 24-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

Fri-Oct 25-Egypt Pilgrimage begins

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Next Sunday's Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

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Attendance last week:

Sunday Worship: 8:30-57; 9:45-80; 11:00-38; SCS-12

The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and on the occasion of our Anniversary by Brad & Colleen Russell.

Today at the 11:00 worship service we dedicate the Gospel Panel: *“The Baptism of Jesus”* made by our own Mark Vivian and presented in loving memory of Tiernan Conner-Park by his grandmother Josie Harbison & family.

Sunday School for preschool through 5th graders **next Sunday October 20** at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our theme is “Samuel: God hears me!”

Senior High Youth will gather for brunch **Sunday October 27** at 10:40 a.m. Good food, good friends and planning for the gift wrapping event. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

First Communion Instruction to prepare children who are ready to take their first communion will be held in November. The one-and-a-half-hour class is for children and their parents or grandparents. Please contact Pastor Amy if you would like your child to prepare for his or her first communion this fall.

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

Mission of the Month: NALC Disaster Relief is reaching out to help those impacted by the recent hurricanes to help provide critically needed supplies to provide immediate aid. If you would like to contribute towards this effort, please use the pew envelope and write “NALC” in the *other* line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you.

Food Pantry Items for October are CANNED TUNA and/or LIGHT MAYONNAISE.