

# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ October 27, 2024 ~ 9:45 a.m.

## 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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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for - ev - er, I will sing, I will sing. I will sing of the mer - cies of the 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 known thy faith - ful - ness to all gen - er - a - tions." The score includes a "Fine" marking at the end of the second line and "D.C. al fine" at the end of the sixth line.

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  
*D.C. al fine*  
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 – As the deer

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As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.  
You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to you alone may my spirit yield;  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

## Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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: Jeremiah 31:7-9

*This passage speaks not only of the southern kingdom, Judah, and its homecoming from exile in Babylon, but also of the northern kingdom, Israel, and its restoration.*

A: The First Lesson is from the 31<sup>st</sup> chapter of Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.”

<sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. <sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

A: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Second Lesson: Hebrews 7:23-28

*Human priests of old offered sacrifice for their own sins and served only until their death. In contrast, Jesus is God’s Son, the holy, sinless, resurrected high priest. Death did not terminate his priestly service, but through his death he has interceded for our sins.*

A: The Second Lesson is from the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter of Hebrews.

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup>but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup>Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup>For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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 10:46-52

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> 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] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even

more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”<sup>49</sup> Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.”<sup>50</sup> So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.<sup>51</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.”<sup>52</sup> Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

~ Pastor Jim Neal

## OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Song – Lead me, guide me

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*Refrain:* Lead me, guide me, along the way;  
For if you lead me, I cannot stray.  
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

I am weak and I need thy strength and pow’r  
To help me over my weakest hour.  
Help me through the darkness thy face to see.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness,  
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.  
I am putting all my trust in thee.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *Refrain*

I am lost if you take your hand from me,  
I am blind without thy light to see.  
Lord, just always let me thy servant be.  
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. *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.

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.

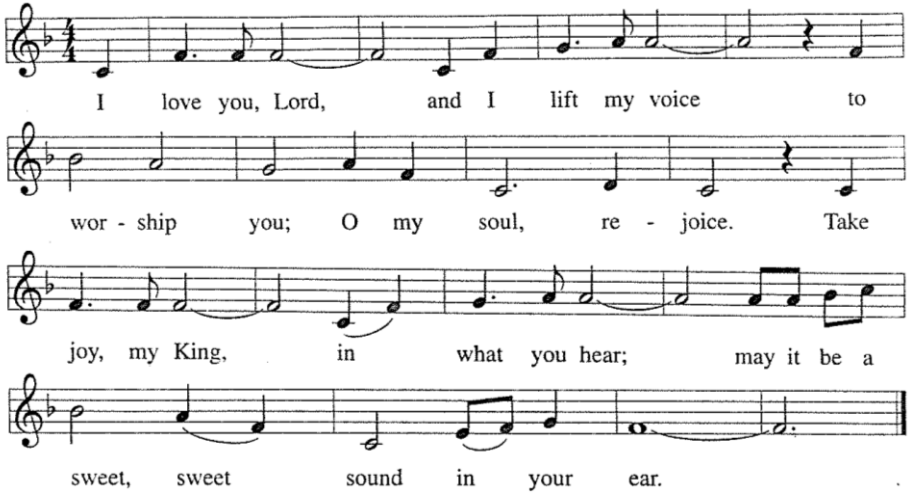
*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*

**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**

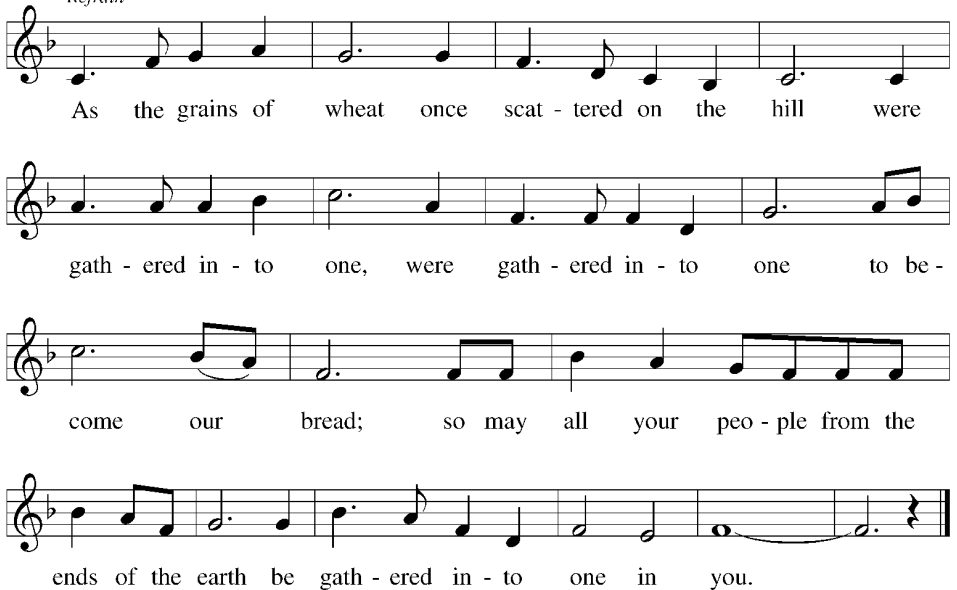


I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to  
wor - ship you; O my soul, re - joice. Take  
joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a  
sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

**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**

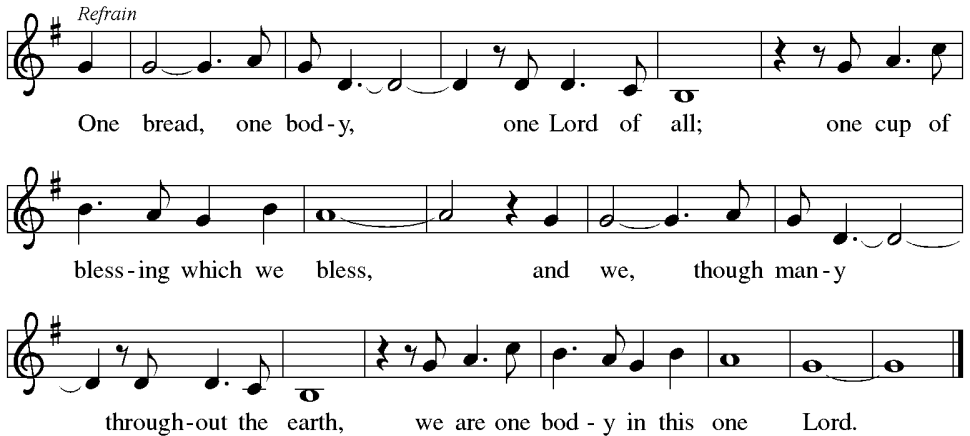
Invitation to Communion

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 Meal

*Please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:*

P: The body of Christ, given for you; and the blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*The communicant may say: "Amen."*

## MUSIC AS WE SHARE COMMUNION

### **Here is bread**

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Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here. *Refrain*

*Refrain:* In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Jesus here. *Refrain*

Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
We'll proclaim till he come Jesus crucified. *Refrain*

### **He who began a good work in you**

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He who began a good work in you,  
He who began a good work in you  
Will be faithful to complete it,  
Will be faithful to complete it.  
He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you.

## 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.

*Refrain*  
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 – I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

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1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

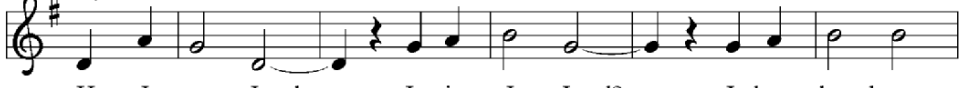


I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

## Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

Postlude

**OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN**

☞ Egypt Pilgrimage through November 5 ☞

**Today**

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Contemporary Worship

10:40-Senior High Brunch

11:00-Traditional Worship

**Monday**-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

**Tuesday**-6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal

**7:00-Traditional Choir Practice**

**FUTURE MINISTRIES**

☞ Egypt Pilgrimage through November 5 ☞

**Sun-Nov 3**-Reformation – wear red!

9:45-Sunday School

**Mon-Nov 4**-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

6:00-Property

**Tues-Nov 5**-6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal

**Thurs-Nov 7**-6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

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Next Sunday's Gospel: John 8:31-36

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**Attendance last week:**

**Sunday Worship: 8:30-45; 9:45-68; 11:00-20; SCS-15**

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The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and in loving memory of Doris & Merrill Raybould by Bob & Carol Mortland.

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We welcome **Pastor Jim Neal** as our worship leader. Thank you for your presence among us today.

**Senior High Youth** will gather for brunch **TODAY** at 10:40 a.m. Good food, good friends and planning for the gift wrapping event. It's not too late to join us.

**Sunday School** for preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> graders **next Sunday** at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Theme: "Samuel: God hears me!"

**Celebration of the Reformation next Sunday, November 3**, at all services. Festival Service of Worship with Holy Communion – Celebration of our Lutheran Heritage. **We invite you to wear RED to celebrate the day!** Red is the color we use in church for Pentecost. We use it on Reformation Sunday because it was the Holy Spirit who led Luther to his discovery and who guided him throughout his lifetime.

**All Saints Day . . . Sunday, November 10.** Festival Service of Worship with Holy Communion at all services – Celebration of All the Saints, and especially those most beloved to us called to God in death this past year. A white rose will be placed on the altar in memory of those who have died since last All Saints Day. We also include their families in the prayers of the church.

**Council . . .** If you are interested in serving on council, please complete the Council interest form in the narthex and return it no later than **Sunday November 10, 2024.**

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

**The Confirmation Youth LOCK-IN** at the church is **Friday-Saturday, November 15-16** from 7 p.m. to 11:30 a.m. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board or email Pastor Amy.

**Coming in early 2024:** For youth in 6th-12<sup>th</sup> grades!! A road trip to Pittsburgh for YouthQuake, **Friday-Saturday, January 24-26, 2025**, at the Marriott Pittsburgh Airport, Coraopolis. Early bird registration deadline is November 6. Registration forms are on the table in the narthex.

**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; items for November are QUICK COOKING OATMEAL and/or EVAPORATED CANNED MILK.