**Twenty First Sunday of Pentecost**

**October 13, 2024**

**9:30am**



**Christ Lutheran Church**

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**Welcome to worship! We’re glad you’re here!**

To assist in your worship:

**bold** print means we respond together

**\*** meansrise in body or spirit,

+ you may make the sign of the cross should you so desire.

**It is our joy to worship with your whole family this morning!**

We encourage everyone of all ages and abilities to worship together.

We offer a “pray-ground” located in the back left of the Sanctuary for those with littles to have some room for movement and activity. The Narthex (gathering space at the entry) also has some resources for families, including activity bags filled with crayons, paper and storybooks. These supplies can be used in the Narthex or brought into the Sanctuary. For those that find themselves in the Narthex, there is a speaker with which you can still hear the service. Lastly, a changing table is located in the restroom off the Narthex. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.

**TODAY’S worship THEME**

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark’s gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

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**PRELUDE** Roger Halvorson

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**\*GATHERING SONG**  *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing ELW #531*

**Verse 1**

The trumpets sound the angels sing

The feast is ready to begin

The gates of heav'n are open wide

And Jesus welcomes you inside

**Chorus**

Sing with thankfulness

Songs of pure delight

Come and revel in

Heaven's love and light

Take your place at the

Table of the King

The feast is ready to begin

The feast is ready to begin

**Verse 2**

Tables are laden with good things

O taste the peace and joy He brings

He'll fill you up with love divine

He'll turn your water into wine

**Chorus**

**Verse 3**

The hungry heart He satisfies

Offers the poor His paradise

Now hear all heaven and earth applaud

The amazing goodness of the Lord

**Chorus**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God**, have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.** **Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing,

your sins are forgiven**. Amen.**

**\*GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE** *ELW pg.184*

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**Verse 4**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word;

that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

 (Refrain)

**Verse 2**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;

that we may live out truth and justice and grace,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

 (Refrain)

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. *A brief silence****.* Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

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**CHILDREN’S CHAT**

*After this time, children will be invited to Sunday school. They will return during the passing of the peace.*

**PSALM** Psalm 90:12-17Pew Bible Old Testament Pg.606

12So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.  
**13Turn, O LORD! How long? Have compassion on your servants!** 14Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.  
 15Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.  
 16Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.  
 **17Let the favor of the LORD our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands — O prosper the work of our hands!**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Hebrews 4:12-16 Pew Bible New Testament Pg.236

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Make Me A Servant W&P #96*

Make me a servant humble and meek

Lord let me lift up those who are weak

And may the prayer of my heart always be

Make me a servant make me a servant

Make me a servant today

**\*GOSPEL** Mark 10:17-31 Pew Bible New Testament Pg. 47

The Gospel comes from Mark, the 10th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading concludes: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON** Pastor Nikki Fielder

**\*SERMON HYMN** *Take My Life, That I May Be ELW #583*

*(verses 1, 2, and 3)*

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**\*APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 OF THE CHURCH**

Challenged by God’s Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*SHARING OF PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY***There is None Like You Marvin Moon*

*Lenny Le Blanc*

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Refiner’s Fire*

Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver.

Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

Chorus:

Refiner’s fire: My heart’s one desire is to be holy, set apart for You, Lord.

I choose to be holy, set apart for You, my Master: Ready to do Your will.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray together, **Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord**. **Amen.**

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus.*

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord,**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…

…and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** *Holy, Holy, Holy ELW pg.173*

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**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

…Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as 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.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

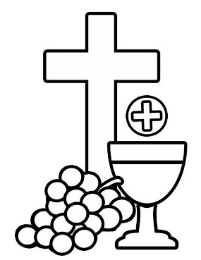
We believe that this is Jesus' table. All are welcome and invited to commune.  We serve communion by “intinction”; receive the bread and dip it in the chalice of red wine. Currently we are offering individual communion cups as an alternative to intinction if you so desire. Both wine and grape juice (white) are offered in the tray. Gluten free wafers are available; let your server know. Should you choose not to commune, you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest to let us know to give you that blessing.

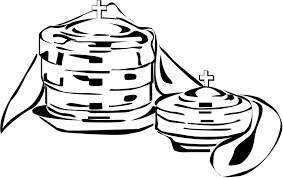
**HEALING PRAYER**

*This morning we offer healing prayer. If you would like our healing minister to pray with and for you, please go to the right transept after taking communion.*

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

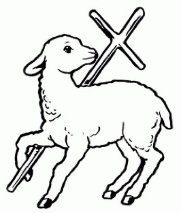




**lamb of god** *Lamb of God ELW pg.174*

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**COMMUNION SONG** *We Come to the Hungry Feast ELW #479*

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**\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray, **Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**\*BLESSING**

God all mighty, God most merciful ☩ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN** *How Great Is Our God*

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty

Let all the Earth rejoice, all the Earth rejoice.

He wraps himself in light, and darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice.

How great is our God, sing with me

How great is our God, and all will see

How great, how great is our God.

Age to age he stands, and time is in His hands

Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.

The Godhead Three in One, Father Spirit Son

The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

How great is our God, sing with me

How great is our God, and all will see

How great, how great is our God.

Name above all names

Worthy of our praise

My heart will sing

How great is our God.

You're the name above all names

You are worthy of our praise

And my heart will sing

How great is our God.

How great is our God, sing with me

How great is our God, and all will see

How great, how great is our God!

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Roger Halvorson

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**Mission Statement**

Living by Christ’s example, we welcome, serve, and love all through God’s grace.

**Vision Statement**

Embracing the truth that God’s love and grace is for all, Christ Lutheran Church is a vibrant and active community spreading the good news through acceptance, action, and benevolence.

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**Our Position**

Christ is ALIVE!

**Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Welcome Statement**

Christ Lutheran Church is a congregation who joyfully welcomes everyone who enters our doors. We recognize that each of us is a unique creation made in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has bestowed on us. We proclaim ourselves to be an open and affirming congregation to all of God's children, welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status. We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space. We believe that through our openness we all grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.

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