



**SUNDAY AUGUST 18TH, 2024**  
**13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



**OUR MISSION:** God calls us to live and share the amazing love and grace of Jesus Christ with all people.

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. Christ Lutheran Church is a *Reconciling in Christ* congregation that welcomes all. May God bless us in Word and Sacrament, music and community in our worship today. The service is complete in this bulletin. The spoken responses are **bolded text**.

We acknowledge that our building of worship is built upon the territory of xučyun (Huichin), the unceded land stewarded by the Ohlone people who speak to their Creator and loved ones in the language of Chochenyo.

**INTRODUCTION**

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

**CONFESSION**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's  
abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,  
**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to**

**share.**

**We question your ways when they differ  
from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your  
ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

**PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS**

## GATHERING HYMN — ELW 487: *What Feast of Love*

- 1 What feast of love is offered here,  
what banquet come from heaven?  
What food of everlasting life,  
what gracious gift is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the bread come down from heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
How sweet the manna given!
- 2 What light of truth is offered here,  
what covenant from heaven?  
What hope of everlasting life,  
what wondrous word is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sun come down from heaven.  
Oh, see and hear and sing!  
The Word of God is given!
- 3 What wine of love is offered here,  
what crimson drink from heaven?  
What stream of everlasting life,  
what precious blood is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sweetest wine of heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
The Son of God is given!

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING— PROVERBS 9: 1-6

Wisdom has built her house; she has set up her seven pillars. She has prepared her food, decanted her wine, and set her table. She has sent out her household staff to call from a spot overlooking the city. “Whoever wants enlightenment, step this way!” she says, inviting all who lack common sense. “Come, eat my bread and drink the wine which I have prepared for you. Abandon your foolishness that you may live, and walk the path of understanding!”

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

### PSALM 34

The angel of the LORD surrounds  
and guards continually  
All those who fear and honour him;  
he sets his people free.  
Come, taste and see—the LORD is good;  
who trusts in him is blessed.  
O fear the LORD, you saints; with need  
you will not be oppressed.

Young lions may grow weak and faint  
and hunger for their food,  
But those who wait upon the LORD  
will not lack any good.  
Come here, my children! Gather round  
and listen to my word;  
And I will help you understand  
how you may fear the LORD.

Does anyone delight in life  
and long to see good days?  
Then keep your tongue from evil speech,  
your lips from lying ways.  
Depart and turn from evil paths  
and practice what is right.  
Desire to know the way of peace;  
pursue it with your might.

## SECOND READING— EPHESIANS 5:15-20

Keep careful watch over your conduct. Don't act like fools, but like wise and thoughtful people. Make the most of your time, for these are evil days. Don't continue in ignorance, but try to discern the will of God. Avoid getting drunk on wine for that is debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, meditating on psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making music to God in your hearts. Always give thanks to God for everything, in the name of Jesus our Messiah.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL— JOHN 6:51-58

The Gospel according to... **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus continued, “I myself am the living bread come down from heaven. If any eat this bread, they will live forever; the bread I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Temple authorities then began to argue with one another. “How can he give us his flesh to eat?”

Jesus replied, “The truth of the matter is, if you don't eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Chosen One, you won't have life in you. Those who do eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Everyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me, and I live in them. Just as the living God sent me and I have life because of God, so those who feed on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. It's not the kind of bread your ancestors ate, for they died; whoever eats this kind of bread will live forever.”

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

## SERMON— PR. RON

## HYMN OF THE DAY— ACS 971: *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*

- 1      Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,  
         she who danced when earth was new.  
         Follow closely what she teaches,  
         for her words are right and true.  
         Wisdom clears the path to justice,  
         showing us what love must do.
- 2      Listen to the voice of Wisdom,  
         crying in the marketplace.  
         Hear the Word made flesh among us,  
         full of glory, truth, and grace.  
         When the word takes root and ripens,  
         peace and righteousness embrace.
- 3      Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;  
         nurture all who seek rebirth.  
         Spirit-guide and close companion,  
         bring to light our sacred worth.  
         Free us to become your people,  
         holy friends of God and earth.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Wisdom has built her house. May the church be a house of wisdom for all who enter. May we continue to grow and stretch in ways we never thought possible. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Wisdom has mixed her wine. May the harvest seasons be plentiful this year. We pray for orchards, vineyards, farms, and all of creation. Protect and conserve the earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Wisdom has employed her laborers. Be with all who seek adequate employment. Guide our economic and governmental leaders to support the people of our world with fair wages and safe working conditions. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Wisdom has invited her guests. Make your presence known to all who feel lost, abandoned, or hurting at this time. Direct your spirit of care to all who seek healing and comfort especially Karen, Julie, Sandy, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., the family and friends of Michael H., the family and friends of Carol F, and the family and friends of Rev Marty Schaefer. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Wisdom has set her table. May this congregation be a welcome table to all who seek the refuge of God. Break down walls and barriers that prevent us from offering a seat at this table to anyone who comes. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*What else do the people of God pray for?*

Wisdom has shown her path of insight. May we journey on her paths, looking toward a bright future while remembering from where we have come. We give our thanks for those who have gone before us. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.  
**Amen.**

## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

*Those worshipping online who wish to join in communion are invited to prepare elements at this time.  
For those in person—The white juice in the center rim is non-alcoholic, the red on the outside is wine.  
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

## **OFFERING**

For nearly two thousand years, churches across the globe have collected a weekly offering for God's work in the world. In addition to paying our staff and utilities, these monies also go toward feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, caring for the ill, and natural disaster work, in partnership with Lutherans around the world.

## **OFFERTORY MUSIC— ACS 963: *Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior***



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior,  
2 Christ says, "Come, that you may ev - er  
3 This be - lieve with faith un - shak - en:  
4 Christ says, "Come to me, you wea - ry;  
5 Nour - ished, go to thank - ful la - bor,



took our sin a - way for - ev - er,  
here re - mem - ber God's great fa - vor.  
Je - sus' meal is to be ta - ken  
all your bur - dens I will car - ry.  
bear - ing fruit in love for neigh - bor.



bear - ing bit - ter grief and pain,  
 Take this bread, my bod - y; dine.  
 by all those with hearts dis - tressed,  
 There is noth - ing you can do  
 Those you serve can taste from you



free - dom from death for us to gain.  
 My blood I give for you in wine."  
 by all who yearn for peace and rest.  
 to earn this mer - cy; take it new."  
 what won - ders God in love will do.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.

**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.**

**SANCTUS**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

### **COMMUNION HYMN—** ELW 471: *Let Us Break Bread Together*

- 1 Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.

#### *Refrain*

When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

- 2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees. *Refrain*

- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees. *Refrain*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**



# SENDING

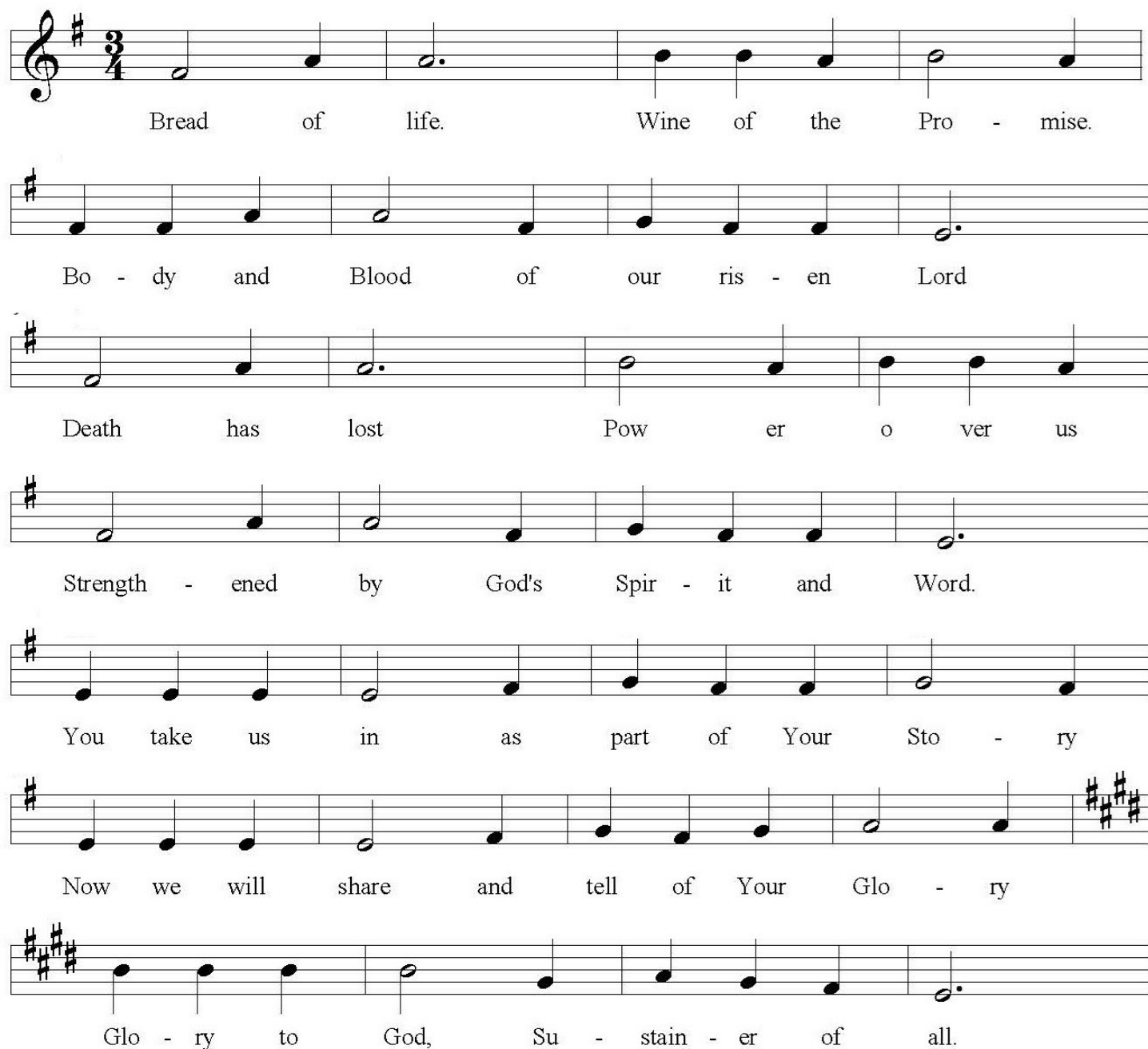
## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Community Announcements*

## BLESSING

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN— *Bread of Life*



Bread of life. Wine of the Pro - mise.

Bo - dy and Blood of our ris - en Lord

Death has lost Pow er o ver us

Strength - ened by God's Spir - it and Word.

You take us in as part of Your Sto - ry

Now we will share and tell of Your Glo - ry

Glo - ry to God, Su - stain - er of all.

Glo - ry to God, Re - deem - er of all.

Glo - ry to God Cre - a - tor of all.

Glo - - - - ry to God.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:**

Julie D.	Orlando G.	Maryann H.	Evie D.	George & Cindy F.
Mike and Liz S.	Karen H.	Heidi	Dee	Ken R.& Lysle P.
Chad B.	Laurie P.	Jan	Anna	Family and friends of Michael H.
TJ Baar	Fred	Roz	Brook	Family and friends of Carol F.
The Vale Community	Molly B.	Pat	Jerome S.	Family and friends of Rev. Marty Schaefer
Robin & Wendy	Mark M.	Duwayne	Barbara LM	
Sandy Z.	George G.	Joan	Robin	
Carolina S.	Philip Y.	Pastor Doris Ng	Will K.	

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**This Thursday: August 22nd– 6pm** GRIP  
Sandwich Making

**Save the Date: August 25th– 10:30am** Outdoor  
joint worship– Kennedy Grove

**Save the Date: Sept 14th– 2pm** Pastor Ron’s  
Installation.

## **PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

**The Ministers:** The Congregation

**Presiding/Preaching:** Pr. Ron Valadez

**Minister of Music:** Daniel Alley

**Guitarists:** George Fosselius & Randy Mayer

**Lector:** Elsa-Jennie

**Coffee Hour:** Christine Hult-Lewis

**Usher:**

**Communion Set-up/Clean-up:**

**Worship Assistant:** Christine Hult-Lewis

**Flowers:** Cordell

## **HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CLC**

**Sunday**

10:00AM CLC Worship

12:00PM Good Table Worship

**Monday**

9:00-3:00 Senior Center

6:00-9:00 PM Irma's De Chico

**Tuesday**

7:00 PM Lady AA Meeting

**Thursday**

6:00 PM GRIP Sandwich Making

**Saturday**

6:00 PM Millenium AA Meeting

## **PASTOR RON’S OFF WEEKS:**

August 26th-Sept 1st

September 16th-29th

October 21st-27th

## **DON’T FORGET YOUR OFFERING**

Thank you for your continued financial support of Christ Lutheran. It is very much appreciated. Options for giving include bringing offerings in person, mailing checks, or giving electronically with Tithely. For the latter, simply click the “Giving” tab on the church website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Amy Tieku at 510-290-2125

## **WORSHIP FROM HOME!**

Join us and invite friends and neighbors to our Sunday worship service!

**Facebook Livestream:** Every Sunday morning there will be a video livestream of worship available on our church [Facebook](#).

**Online Bulletins:** Bulletins for each worship service are available online every week. To download a copy, go to the church website and visit our [Bulletins page](#).