



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH, 2024
16TH 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

James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings a need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CONFESSION

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.

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.**

PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS

GATHERING HYMN — *Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior*

Pass me not, O gen-tle Sa - vior, Hear my hum-ble cry;

While on o - thers Thou art call - ing, Do not pass me by.

Do not pass me by Sa - vior, Sa - vior, Hear my hum-ble

cry While on o - thers Thou art call - ing,

Do not pass me by. Do not pass me by

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes. There are two fermatas (marked with a '2') on the notes for 'Sa - vior' in the third staff and 'Do not pass me by' in the fifth staff.

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

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

Amen.



WORD

PSALM 146

REFRAIN



1 Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the Lord, | O my soul!

2 I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

3 Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

4 When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,

and in that day | their thoughts perish. *R*

5 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,

whose hope is in the | Lord their God;

6 who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;

who keeps promis- | es forever;

7 who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who
hunger.

The Lord sets the | captive free.

8 The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who | are
bowed down;

the Lord | loves the righteous.

9 The Lord cares | for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the
wicked.

10 The Lord shall | reign forever,

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah! *R*

JAMES 2:1-10, 14-17

My siblings, your faith in our glorious Savior Jesus Christ must not allow favoritism. Suppose there should come into your assembly a person wearing gold rings and fine clothes and, at the same time, a poor person dressed in shabby clothes. Suppose further you were to take notice of the well-dressed one and say, "Sit right here, in the seat of honor"; and say to the poor one, "You can stand!" or "Sit over there by my footrest." Haven't you in such a case discriminated in your hearts? Haven't you set yourselves up like judges who hand down corrupt decisions?

Listen, dear siblings: didn't God choose those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom promised to those who love God? Yet you've treated poor people shamefully! Aren't rich people exploiting you? Aren't they the ones who haul you into the courts, and who blaspheme that noble Name by which you've been called?

You're acting rightly, however, if you fulfill the venerable law of the scriptures: "Love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show favoritism, you commit sin, and that same law convicts you as transgressors. Those who keep the whole Law except for one small point are still guilty of breaking all of it.

My family, what good is it to profess faith without practicing it? Such faith has no power to save. If any are in need of clothes and have no food to live on, and one of you says to them, "Goodbye and good luck. Stay warm and well-fed," without giving them the bare necessities of life, then what good is this? So it is with faith. If good deeds don't go with it, faith is dead.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

Rejoice in the Lord always;* again I will say, Rejoice.

GOSPEL— MARK 7:24-37

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

Jesus left Gennesaret and went to the territory of Tyre and Sidon. There he went into a certain house and wanted no one to recognize him, but he could not pass unrecognized. A woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit heard about him. She approached Jesus and fell at his feet. The woman, who was Greek, a Syro-Phoenician by birth, begged Jesus to expel the demon from her daughter.

He told her, "Let the children of the household satisfy themselves at table first. It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She replied, "Yes, Rabbi, but even the dogs under the table eat the family's scraps." Then Jesus said to her, "For saying this, you may go home happy; the demon has left your daughter." When she got home, she found her daughter in bed and the demon gone.

This is the Good news. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SERMON— PR RON

HYMN OF THE DAY— ACS 1043: Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.

- 1 God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. *Refrain*

- 2 May I weep with those who weep;
share the joy of friend and neighbor.
As I live from day to day,
love will be my finest labor. *Refrain*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Awaken in our communities of faith a spirit of radical hospitality. Encourage our churches to celebrate and embrace people of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and abilities. Deepen our commitment to ecumenical and interreligious partnerships. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring forth water to nourish plants and animals in places suffering from drought. Renew our commitments to protect rivers, lakes, and streams, and make us good stewards of water in our homes and communities. Preserve wetland habitats and the creatures that make their homes there. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Inspire leaders of cities, nations, and tribes to lead with wisdom and humility. Bring peace among peoples in conflict and strengthen global commitments to nonviolent solutions. Guide all who seek refuge from war to a safe haven. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Comfort all who live with chronic illness. Surround them in your tender embrace and sustain all who provide ongoing care and support. Bring hope and healing to people struggling with addiction and nourish the spirits of all who are in recovery. Tend to those who are close to our hearts especially Karen, Julie, Sandy, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Lysle and Ken. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Nurture in all people the gift of your creating Spirit. Inspire artists and musicians, woodworkers and quilters, poets and dancers. Revive those whose artistic wells have run dry and enliven all who doubt their creative talents. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

What else do the people of God pray for?

We give you thanks for all who have died and now find their rest in you. May their faithful witness guide us in our daily life with you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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— ELW 612: *Healer of Our Every Ill*

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

- 1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*

- 2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain*

- 3 Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain*

- 4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

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. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

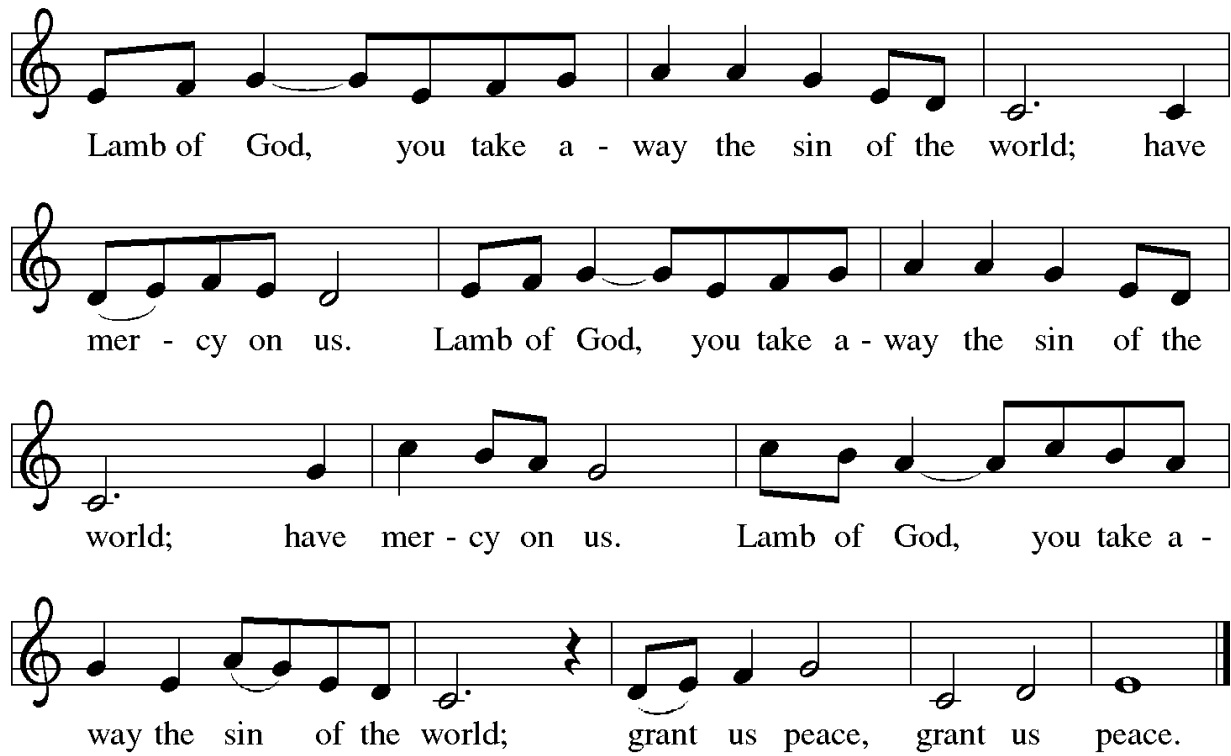
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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

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

AGNUS DEI



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, grant us peace.



COMMUNION HYMN— LBW 336: *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*



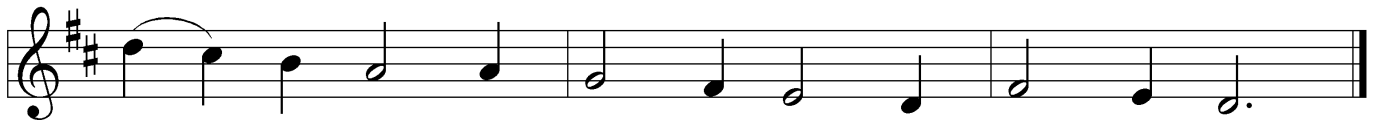
1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can reach, no
2 Oh, grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but thy pure
3 This love un - wea - ried I pur - sue and daunt - less - ly to
4 In suf - f'ring be thy love my peace, in weak - ness be thy



tongue de - clare; u - nite my thank - ful heart to thee,
love a - lone; oh, may thy love pos - sess me whole,
thee as - pire. Oh, may thy love my hope re - new,
love my pow'r; and when the storms of life shall cease,



and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly, thine a -
my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my
burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire! And day and night, be
O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour, be thou my rod and



lone, I am; be thou a - lone my con - stant flame.
heart re - move; my ev - 'ry act, word, thought, be love.
all my care to guard this sa - cred trea - sure there.
staff and guide, and draw me safe - ly to thy side!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Announcements

BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN— *Christ in Me Arise*

§ REFRAIN



Christ in me a - rise and dis - pel all the dark-ness. Christ in me a - rise with your



pow - er and your strength. Christ in me pour out your — bless - ing and heal - ing. to Coda ⊕



Christ in me a - rise and I shall rise with you. you.



1. Be now my vi - sion; o - pen these eyes, show-ing me all that I must see.
2. Be now my foot - steps, lead - ing the way, tak - ing me where — I must go.

§ REFRAIN



1, 2. On - ward to the king - dom, you are the way. A - rise in me and I shall rise with you.

DISMISSAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Worship Volunteers needed for Pastor Ron’s installation. Sign up in the fellowship hall, online, or let Aimee know.

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Ministers: The Congregation

Presiding/Preaching: Pastor Ron Valadez

Minister of Music: Daniel Alley

Guitarists: George Fosselius & Randy Mayer

Lector: Amy T.

Coffee Hour:

Usher:

Communion Set-up/Clean-up:

Worship Assistant:

Flowers:

PASTOR RON’S OFF WEEKS:

September 16th-29th

October 21st-27th

Nov 11th-24th

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

Saturday

2:00 PM Pastor Ron’s Installation

6:00 PM Millenium AA Meeting

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

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

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 Tiekku 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](#).

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