



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2024
18TH 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

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

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 — ELW 652: *Built On a Rock*



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are
dwell - ing— high in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with
prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

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

WORD

FIRST READING— JEREMIAH 11:18-20

Then the Almighty warned me, and I knew. God opened my eyes to their deeds. I had been like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not realize they plotted against me, saying, “Let us destroy the tree and its fruit. Let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more.” But you, Omnipotent One, who judge justly and test the heart and mind, let me witness your vengeance upon them, for my cause is committed to you.

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

PSALM 54



1. By your name, O God, please save me! Vin - di - cate me by your might.
2. Be - hold God, he is my help - er, Lord, sus - tain - er of my life,
3. Free - ly I will bring my off - 'ring, praise the good - ness of your name,



Hear my prayer, for foes are ris - ing, god - less ones who seek my life.
to my foes re - turns their ev - il. Faith - ful - ly, you set things right.
look up - on my foes in tri - umph, for you res - cue in your grace.

SECOND READING— JAMES 3:13—4:3, 7-8A

If there are any wise and learned among you, let them show it by good living—with humility, and with wisdom in their actions. But if you have the bitterness of jealousy or self-seeking ambition in your hearts, be careful or you'll find yourself becoming arrogant and covering up the truth with lies. This kind of “wisdom” doesn't come from above. It's earthbound, animal-like, and demonic. Where there is jealousy and ambition, there is also disharmony and wickedness of every kind. The wisdom from above, however, has purity as its essence. It works for peace; it's kind and considerate. It's full of compassion and shows itself by doing good. Nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these conflicts and battles among you first start? Isn't it that they come from the desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it, so you're prepared to kill to get it. You have ambitions that you can't satisfy, so you fight to get your way by force. The reason you don't have what you want is that you don't ask for it in prayer. And when you do ask and don't get it, it's because you haven't prayed properly. You have prayed in order to indulge your own pleasures. Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and it will flee from you. Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

“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

God has called us through the proclamation of ¹ the good news,* that we may obtain the glory of our Lord ¹ Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL— MARK 9:30-37

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

Jesus and the disciples left that district and began a journey through Galilee, but Jesus did not want anyone to know about it. He was teaching the disciples along these lines: “The Promised One is going to be delivered into the hands of others and will be put to death, but three days later this One will rise again.” Though they failed to understand these words, they were afraid to question him.

They returned home to Capernaum. Once they were inside the house, Jesus began to ask them, “What were you discussing on the way home?” At this they fell silent, for on the way they had been arguing about who among them was the most important. So Jesus sat down and called the Twelve over and said, “If any of you wants to be first, you must be the last one of all and at the service of all.” Then Jesus brought a little child into their midst and, putting his arm around the child, said to them, “Whoever welcomes a child such as this for my sake welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the One who sent me.”

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SERMON— MC MILLER

HYMN OF THE DAY— ELW 712: *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

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| <p>1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.</p> <p>2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.</p> | <p>3 As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.</p> <p>4 Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.</p> |
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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.

Loving God, you welcome all at your table of grace. Instill in your church a spirit of humility and curiosity, that we embrace all who seek you. We pray especially for ministries of hospitality and faith formation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creating God, you shape the world so there is more than enough for all. Curb our habits of overuse, and guide us toward more sustainable sources of energy, food, and water. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious God, your peace brings justice and solidarity. Encourage peace among peoples, tribes, and nations; heal divisions in our country and local communities, that together we might cooperate for the good of all. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Faithful God, you draw near to you all who are in need. Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer especially Karen, Julie, Sandy, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Lysle and Ken, and Diane. Transform economic, political, and social systems that oppress vulnerable people, especially systems of structural racism and generational poverty. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Transforming God, you accompany all through changes and transitions. Help us to see where you are calling this community to new ways of living the gospel promise; assure us that even as change brings loss, it also brings hope and life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

What else do the people of God pray for?

Merciful God, you embrace us on our final pilgrimage from this life. Accompany all who have died, console those who mourn, and at the last, show us the way to eternal life in 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

*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— Choir Anthem: *Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel*

*Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel?
Then why not every man?*

*He delivered Daniel from the lion's den,
Jonah from the belly of the whale,
And the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace,
then why not every man?*

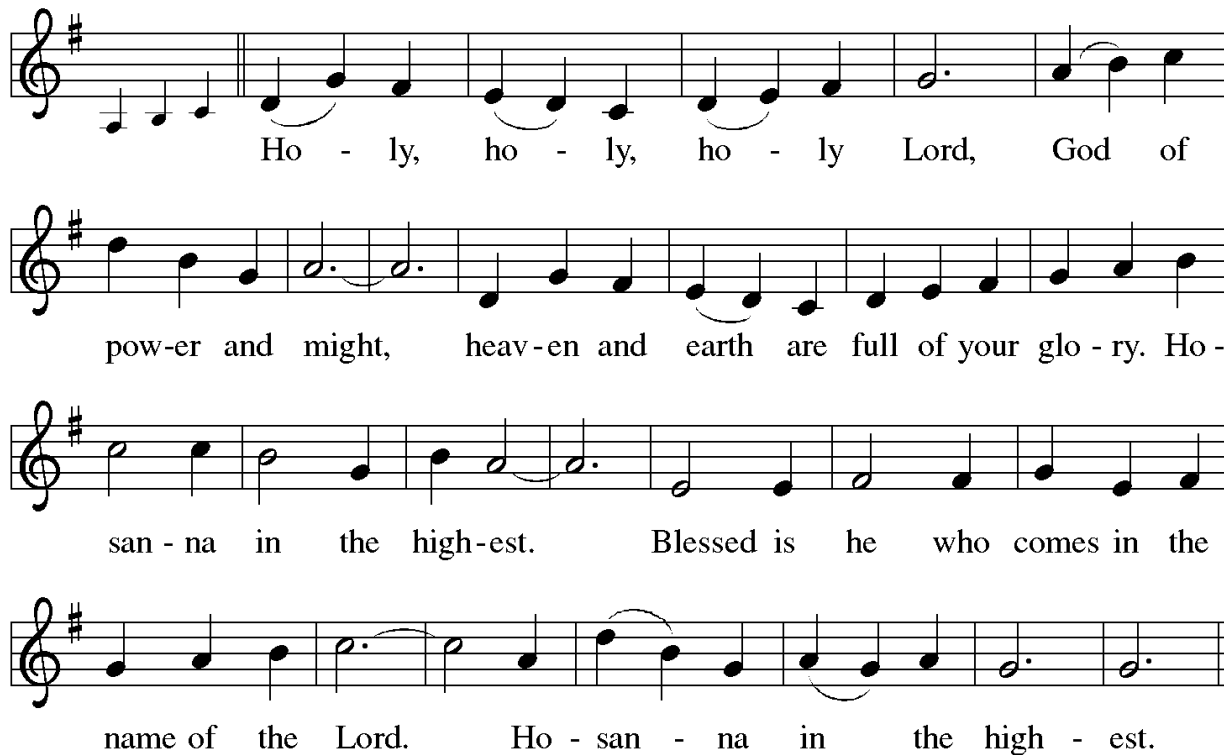
*I set my foot on the Gospel ship,
And the ship began to sail,
It landed me over on Canaan's shore,
And I'll never come back no more!*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

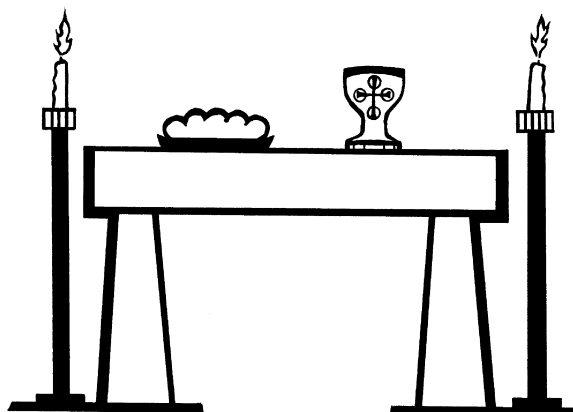
THE LORD'S PRAYER

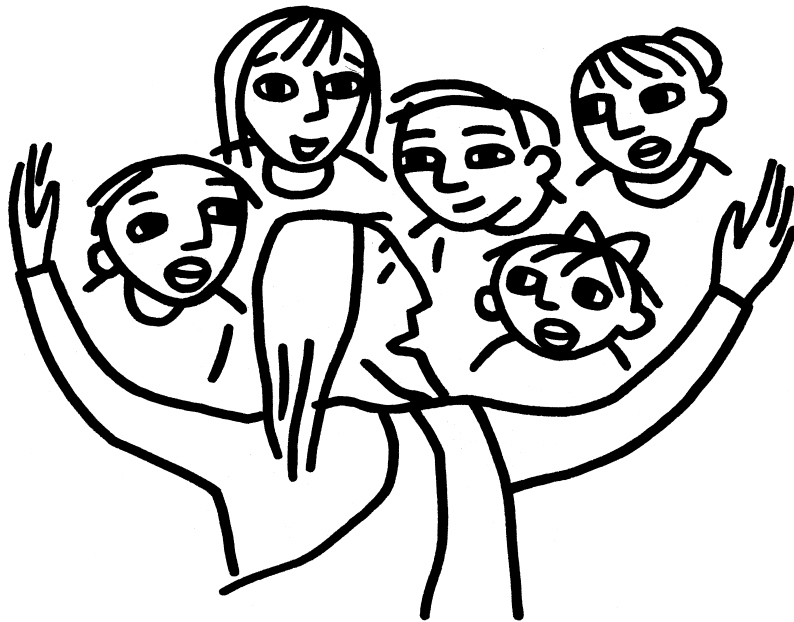
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

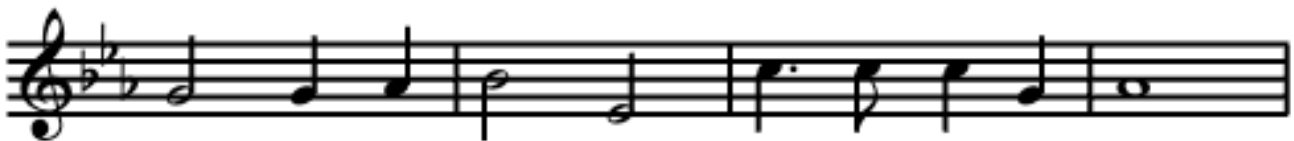
COMMUNION HYMN— UMH 623: *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face*



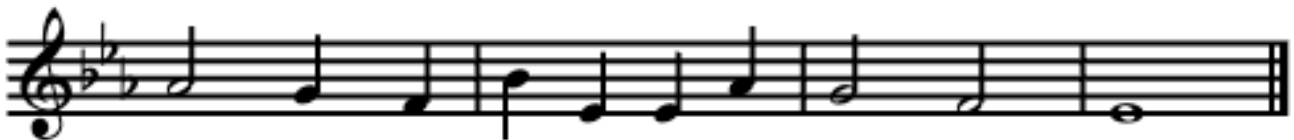
1. Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
2. This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
3. Here would I feed up - on the bread of God,
4. Too soon we rise; but still You lin - ger near
5. Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pas - ses by;



here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen;
this is the heaven - ly ta - ble spread for me;
here drink with thee the ro - yal wine of heaven;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone.
yet, pas - sing, points to the glad feast a - bove,



here grasp with fir - mer hand e - ter - nal grace,
here let me feast, and fea - sting, still pro - long
here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
The bread and wine re - move; but thou art here,
gi - ving sweet fore - taste of the fes - tal joy,



and all my wea - ri - ness up - on thee lean.
the hal - lowed hour of fel - lows - hip with thee.
here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
nea - rer than e - ver, still my shield and sun.
the Lamb's great bri - dal feast of bliss and love.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

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

SENDING HYMN— *For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table*



For ev' - ry - one born,
For wo - man and man,
For young and for old,
For ev' - ry - one born,

a place at the ta - ble,
a place at the ta - ble,
a place at the ta - ble,
a place at the ta - ble,



for ev' - ry - one born,
re - vis - ing the roles,
a voice to be heard,
to live with-out fear,

clean wa - ter and bread,
de - cid - ing the share,
a part in the song,
and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space,
with wis - dom and grace,
the hands of a child
to work, to speak out,

a safe place for grow - ing
di - vid - ing the pow - er,
in hands that are wrin - kled,
to wit - ness and wor - ship,



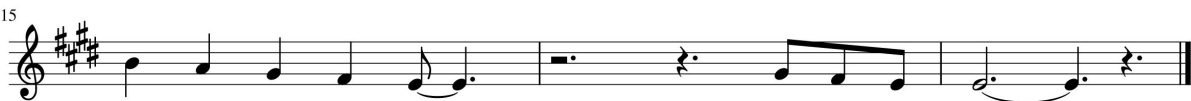
for ev' - ry - one born, a star o - ver - head. **And**
for wo - man and man, a sy - stem that's fair.
for young and for old, the right to be - long.
for ev' - ry - one born, the right to be free.



God will de-light when we are cre - a-tors of jus-tice and joy com-



pas-sion and peace: yes, God will de-light when we are cre -



a - tors of jus - tice jus-tice and joy!

DISMISSAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Handbell Rehearsals—Thursdays 7pm

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

7:00 PM– Handbell Rehearsal

Saturday

6:00 PM Millenium AA Meeting

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Ministers: The Congregation

Presiding/Preaching: MC Miller

Minister of Music: Daniel Alley

Guitarists: George Fosselius & Randy Mayer

Lector: Kim

Coffee Hour: Cordell

Usher:

Communion Set-up/Clean-up:

Worship Assistant:

Flowers:

PASTOR RON'S OFF WEEKS:

September 16th-29th

October 21st-27th

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

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| 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 | Maryann H. | Barbara LM |
| Community | Heidi | 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. | Diane L. |

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 Tiekou 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](#).