



**SUNDAY OCTOBER 6TH, 2024**  
**19TH 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's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

**GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE—** *God, Give Me Faith Like A Child*

**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 322: *Oh, Love, How Deep***

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| 1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high,<br>beyond all thought and fantasy,<br>that God, the Son of God, should take<br>our mortal form for mortals' sake! | 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,<br>for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,<br>he bore the shameful cross and death;<br>for us he gave his dying breath. |
| 2 God sent no angel to our race,<br>of higher or of lower place,<br>but wore the robe of human frame,<br>in Christ our Lord to this world came.              | 6 For us he rose from death again;<br>for us he went on high to reign;<br>for us he sent his Spirit here<br>to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.   |
| 3 For us baptized, for us he bore<br>his holy fast and hungered sore;<br>for us temptation sharp he knew;<br>for us the tempter overthrew.                   | 7 All glory to our Lord and God<br>for love so deep, so high, so broad;<br>the Trinity whom we adore<br>forever and forevermore.                     |
| 4 For us he prayed; for us he taught;<br>for us his daily works he wrought,<br>by words and signs and actions thus<br>still seeking not himself, but us.     |  |

## **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— GENESIS 2: 18-24**

Then God said, “It is not good for the earth creature to be alone. I will make a fitting companion for it.” So, from the soil God formed all the various wild beasts and all the birds of the air, and brought them to the earth creature to be named. Whatever the earth creature called each one, that became its name. The earth creature gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all the wild animals. But none of them proved to be a fitting companion, so God made the earth creature fall into a deep sleep, and while it slept, God divided the earth creature in two, then closed up the flesh from its side. God then fashioned the two halves into male and female, and presented them to one another.

When the male realized what had happened, he exclaimed, “This time, this is the one! Bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh! Now, she will be Woman, and I will be Man, because we are of one flesh!” This is why people leave their parents and become bonded to one another, and the two become one flesh.

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

**PSALM**

**CANTOR:**

*Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

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**CONGREGATION:**



Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is your name in all \_ the \_ earth.



Lord, our \_\_\_ Lord, how ma - jes - tic is \_\_\_ your name in all \_\_\_\_\_ the earth.

**CANTOR:**

*You have set your glory in the heavens,*

*We lift our eyes to the wonders you have made.*

*Your fingers shaped the moon and stars that light the night like day,*

*Yet you made us, Lord, to worship, serve, and pray.*

**CONGREGATION:**



Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is your name in all \_ the \_ earth.



Lord, our \_\_\_ Lord, how ma - jes - tic is \_\_\_ your name in all \_\_\_\_\_ the earth.

**CANTOR:**

*Who am I, that you care for me?*

*Who am I, that you remember me?*

*Who am I, that you would die for me?*

*Who am I, that you have set me free?*

**CONGREGATION:**



Lord, our Lord, how ma-jes-tic is your name in all the earth.



Lord, our Lord, how ma-jes-tic is your name in all the earth.

**CANTOR:**

*You have crowned us with glory and with honor.  
You made us just a little lower than the angels.  
You have given us dominion over all the works of your hands:  
your flocks, your seas, your flowers, your trees, your lands.  
Oh, who am I that you care for me?  
Who am I, that you remember me?  
Who am I, that you would die for me?  
Who am I, that you have set me free?  
O Lord, our Lord, you are magnificent!  
Lord, our Lord, you are almighty!  
Lord, our Lord, you are exalted as our King.  
How majestic is your name, O Lord!*

**CONGREGATION:**



Lord, our Lord, how ma-jes-tic is your name in all the earth.



Lord, our Lord, how ma-jes-tic is your name in all the earth.

**SECOND READING— HEBREWS 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

In times past, God spoke in fragmentary and varied ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these final days, God has spoken to us through the Only Begotten, who has been made heir of all things and through whom the universe was first created. Christ is the reflection of God's glory, the exact representation of God's being; all things are sustained by God's powerful Word. Having cleansed us from our sins, Jesus Christ sat down at the right hand of the Glory of heaven, as far superior to the angels as the name Christ has inherited is superior to theirs.

God didn't create the inhabited earth of which we speak to have it be ruled by angels. Somewhere this testimony is found: "Who are we that you should be mindful of us? We are mere mortals, and yet you care for us! You have made us little less than the angels and crowned us with glory and honor. You have put all things under our feet." In subjecting all things to us, God left nothing unsubjected. At present, we don't see all things thus subject; but we do see Jesus, who was made "little less than the angels, crowned with glory and honor" by dying on the cross—so that, through the gracious will of God, Jesus might taste death for us all.

Indeed, it was fitting that, when bringing many to glory, God, for whom and through whom all things exist, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. The one who makes holy and those who are made holy are all from the One God. And because of this, Jesus is not ashamed to call us siblings, as it is written: "I will proclaim your Name to my kin, I will sing your praise in the midst of the assembly."

"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*

If we love one another, God<sup>l</sup> lives in us\* and God's love is perfect-<sup>l</sup>ed in us

## **GOSPEL— MARK 10:2-16**

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

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and, as a test, asked, “Is it permissible for husbands to divorce wives?” In reply Jesus asked, “What command did Moses give?” They answered, “Moses permitted a husband to write a decree of divorce and to put her away.” But Jesus told them, “Moses wrote the commandment because of your hardness of heart. From the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female. This is why one person leaves home and cleaves to another, and the two become one flesh.’ They are no longer two, but one flesh. What God has united, therefore, let no one divide.” Back in the house again, the disciples questioned Jesus once more about this. He told them, “If a man divorces his wife and marries another, he commits adultery against her; and if a woman divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing their children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples scolded them for this. When Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not stop them. It is to just such as these that the realm of God belongs. The truth is, whoever doesn’t welcome the realm of God as a little child, won’t enter it.” And Jesus took the children in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

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

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

## **SERMON— PR. RON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY—** *Once in Royal David's City*

Once in Royal David’s city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her Baby  
In a manger for His bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven,  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable,  
And His cradle was a stall;  
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,  
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

For he is our childhood’s pattern;  
Day by day, like us He grew;  
He was little, weak and helpless,  
Tears and smiles like us He knew;  
And He feeleth for our sadness,  
And He shareth in our gladness.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
Through His own redeeming love;  
For that Child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in heaven above,  
And He leads His children on  
To the place where He is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
With the oxen standing by,  
We shall see Him; but in heaven,  
Set at God’s right hand on high;  
Where like stars His children crowned  
All in white shall wait around.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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

God of our ancestors, we give thanks for the church in all times. May we listen for the prophets of this age who bear messages that stir the church toward renewal and justice. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creator of every creature on earth, direct our lives toward the renewal and sustaining of cattle, birds of the air, animals of the field, and those who share our homes. Reveal the ways we can work alongside creation for the health and well-being of all. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, we give thanks that you are mindful and benevolent to even us, mere mortals. Accompany us when hardness of heart gets in the way of justice between people and nations. Endow leaders with minds for justice and hearts for compassion. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering especially Karen, Julie, Sandy, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Lysle and Ken, and Diane. Work through medical professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Unifying God, humans were created for relationship with the earth, its creatures, and one another. Forgive us when division threatens companionship, mutual support, and unity among us. May your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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

God of resurrection, you prepare a place in the kingdom through Christ's death and resurrection. We give thanks for the saints who have taken their place at your heavenly banquet. 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.**

## **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**— Handbell Ensemble: "Shall We Gather at the River"

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

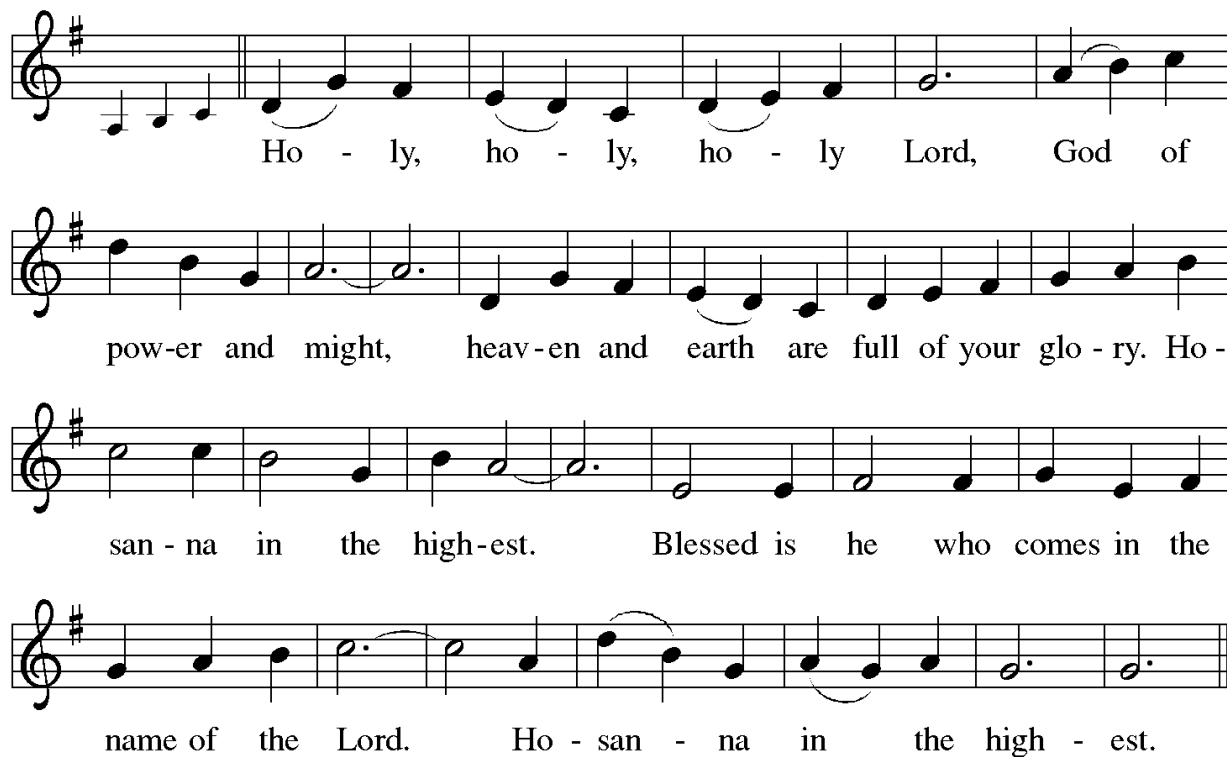
### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

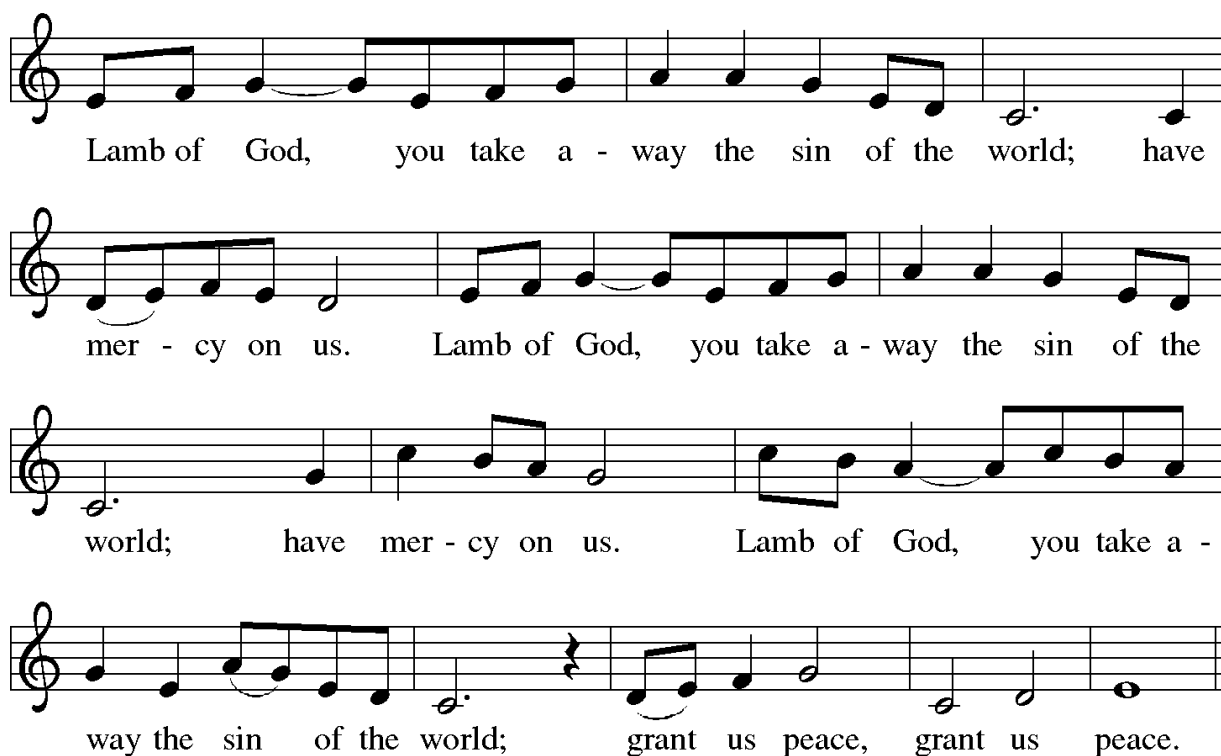
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

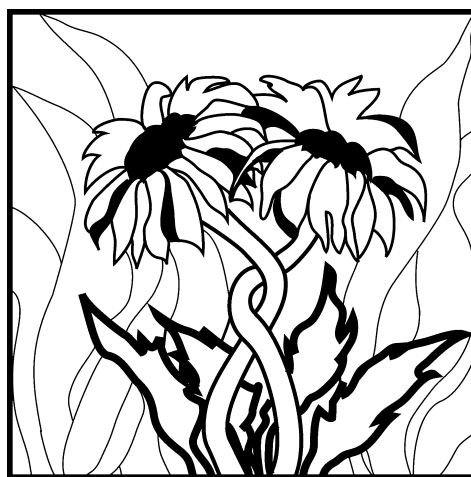
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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—** LSB 683: *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*



1 Je - sus, Thy bound - less love to me No thought can reach, no  
2 O 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**

**SENDING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING**

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

**SENDING HYMN—** *Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery*



CANTOR ONLY: 1. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-tery, in the dawn-ing of the King.  
ALL: 2. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-tery, He the per-fect Son of Man.  
3. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-tery, Christ the Lord up-on the tree.  
4. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-tery, slain by death the God of life.



He, the theme of heav-en's prais-es, robed in frail hu-man-i-ty.  
In His liv-ing, in His suf-fering, nev-er trace nor stain of sin.  
In the stead of ru-ined sin-ners hangs the Lamb in vic-tor-y.  
But no grave could e'er re-strain Him; praise the Lord; He is a-live!



In our long-ing, in our dark-ness, now the light of life has come!  
See the true and bet-ter Ad-am, come to save the hell-bound man.  
See the price of our re-demp-tion, see the Fa-ther's plan un-fold.  
What a fore-taste of de-liv-'rance, how un-wav-er-ing our hope.



Look to Christ who con-de-scend-ed, took on flesh to ran-som us.  
Christ, the great and sure ful-fill-ment of the law; in Him we stand.  
Bring-ing man-y sons to glo-ry, grace un-meas-ured, love un-told.  
Christ in pow-er res-ur-rect-ed as we will be when He comes.

**DISMISSAL**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Handbell Rehearsals—Thursdays 7pm

## PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

**The Ministers:** The Congregation

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

**Minister of Music:** Daniel Alley

**Guest Cantor:** Z Hansen

**Guitarists:** George Fosselius & Randy Mayer

**Lector:** Pete

**Coffee Hour:**

**Usher:**

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

**Worship Assistant:**

**Flowers:**

## PASTOR RON'S OFF WEEKS:

October 21st-27th

November 11th-24th

December 25th-31st

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT CLC

### **Sunday**

10:00AM CLC Worship

12:00PM Good Table Worship

### **Monday**

9:00-3:00 Senior Center

### **Tuesday**

7:00 PM Lady AA Meeting

### **Thursday**

7:00 PM— Handbell Rehearsal

### **Saturday**

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 F.
Carolina S.	Pat	Ken R.& Lysle P.
Orlando G.	Duwayne	Thelma & Mike G.
Karen H.	Joan	Diane L.
Laurie P.	Pastor Doris Ng	
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](#).