



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10TH, 2024
25TH 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

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.
Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.**
We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.
Unbind us and set us free.
Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.
Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF FORGIVENESS

GATHERING HYMN — TFWS 2153: *I'm Going to Live So God Can Use Me*



1 I'm gon-na live so God can use me
2 I'm gon-na work so God can use me
3 I'm gon-na pray so God can use me



an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time!
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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

READING— 1 KINGS 17:8-16

The Lord's word came to Elijah: Get up and go to Zarephath near Sidon and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to take care of you. Elijah left and went to Zarephath. As he came to the town gate, he saw a widow collecting sticks. He called out to her, "Please get a little water for me in this cup so I can drink." She went to get some water. He then said to her, "Please get me a piece of bread." "As surely as the Lord your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any food; only a handful of flour in a jar and a bit of oil in a bottle. Look at me. I'm collecting two sticks so that I can make some food for myself and my son. We'll eat the last of the food and then die."

Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid! Go and do what you said. Only make a little loaf of bread for me first. Then bring it to me. You can make something for yourself and your son after that. This is what Israel’s God, the Lord, says: The jar of flour won’t decrease, and the bottle of oil won’t run out until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.” The widow went and did what Elijah said. So, the widow, Elijah, and the widow’s household ate for many days. The jar of flour didn’t decrease nor did the bottle of oil run out, just as the Lord spoke through Elijah.

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

PSALM 146

REFRAIN



TONE



1Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the Lord, | O my soul!

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

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

3Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

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

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

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

whose hope is in the | Lord their God;

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

who keeps promis- | es forever;

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

The Lord sets the | captive free.

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

the Lord | loves the righteous.

9The Lord cares | for the stranger;

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

10The Lord shall | reign forever,

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL— MARK 12:38-44

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

As Jesus was teaching, he said, “Watch out for the religious leaders who like to walk around in elaborate robes and want to be greeted with honor in public. They long for places of honor in religious gatherings and at banquets. They are the ones who cheat widows out of their homes, and to show off they say long prayers. They will be judged most harshly.”

Jesus sat across from the collection box for the temple treasury and observed how the crowd gave their money. Many rich people were throwing in large amounts. One poor widow came forward and put in two small copper coins worth a penny. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I assure you that this poor widow has put in more than everyone who’s been contributing to the treasury. All of them are giving out of their abundance. But she, from her poverty, has given everything she had, even what she needed to live on.”

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SERMON— PR RON

HYMN OF THE DAY— *How Long?* - Isaac Wardell



1. How long? Will You turn Your face _____ a - way?
 2. How long 'til Your chil - dren find _____ their rest?
 3. How long 'til Your word will _____ still _____ the storm?
 4. How long? Sweet the _____ dawn that _____ ends _____ the race.



How long? Do You _____ hear us _____ when _____ we pray?
 How long 'til You _____ draw them to _____ Your breast?
 How long 'til You _____ bear Your migh - ty arm?
 How long? Weak our _____ hearts but _____ strong _____ our legs.



On and on, still we walk this pil - grim way how long?
 We go on hol - ding to _____ Your pro - mi - ses how long?
 How we groan 'til You snatches _____ from _____ the thorns how long?
 Loo - king on great that cloudf _____ wit - ne - sses! How long?



'Til You wipe a - way the tears from e - very eye



'Til we see our home de - scen - ding from the sky



Do we wait _____ in _____ vain? _____



Je - sus, _____ give _____ us _____ hope _____ a - gain!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts and pursue peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill especially Karen, Julie, Sandy, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, the family and friends of Ken Reid. Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

What else do the people of God pray for?

Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through 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— *The Lord is My Light and My Salvation* - Lilian Bouknight

The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the Lord is my
light and my sal - va - tion, the Lord is my light and
my sal - va - tion; whom shall I — fear?

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

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

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 666 - *O Little Flock Fear Not the Foe*

1 O lit - tle flock, fear not the foe Who mad - ly seeks
2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs To Him who can
3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor hell's
4. A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer; Great Cap - tain, now

your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.
a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.
sa - tan - ic crew A - gainst us shall pre - vail.
Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a - gain!

And though your cour - age sometimes faints, His seeming tri -
Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - eon shall
Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with us
So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y cho -

umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.
for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.
and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.
rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN— *Child of God* - Mark Miller



1. No mat - ter what peo - ple say,
2. No mat - ter what peo - ple say,
3. No mat - ter what the world says,
4. No mat - ter what the church says, de -



say or think a - bout me, I am a child, I am a child of God.
say or think a - bout you, you are a child, you are a child of God.
says or thinks a - bout me, I am a child, I am a child of God.
ci - sions pro-nounce-ments on you, you are a child, you are a child of



And there is no thing, or no one who can ³se - pa - rate, they can't



³se - pa - rate you from the truth that you're some - one, you are fam - i - ly, you are



³meant to be a child, a child of God!



You are a child, a ³child of God!

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: *Take Care* - Randy Mayer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nov 16th 2-4pm Senior Center 50th
Anniversary

Nov 23rd– Celebrate George! Party with
George and raise money for the Scouts.
More details in the Focus.

Gather Bible Study is back! Starting Nov
24th after church

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The Ministers: The Congregation

Presiding/Preaching: Pr. Ron

Minister of Music: Daniel Alley

Guitarists: George Fosselius & Randy Mayer

Lector: Dee A

Coffee Hour: Helen C.

Usher:

Communion Set-up/Clean-up:

Worship Assistant:

Flowers:

PASTOR RON'S OFF WEEKS:

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

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](#).