



Sunday - August 16, 2026
12th 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

In the concluding scene of the Joseph saga in Genesis, God is credited for having elevated a slave to become a ruler second only to Pharaoh and, through this turn-around, having saved the Israelite clan from starvation during a famine. Even the Egyptians, the epitome of the ancient enemy, benefit from God's actions through Joseph. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.** Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God, **we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

*When Cain killed Abel in a fight
and Jacob stole another's right,
when Joseph's brothers gave him chase,
God wept, & mourned their fall from grace.
In every family, small or great,
when jealousy twists love to hate
and rivals turn to enemies,
God weeps at our hostilities.*

*And when in church and world today
such feelings still come into play,
when brothers, sisters stand apart,
God weeps for every broken heart.
Good Christians, join in God's lament,
weep now and mourn, be penitent,
and pray to God: Forgive us all.
Restore us as before our fall*

KYRIE

*Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.***

GLORIA

4 **REFRAIN**

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on

to Verses

earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

VERSE 1

1. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you,

1. we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great

1. glo - ry, Lord God, heav - en - ly

1. King, O God, al - might - y Fa - ther.

REFRAIN

VERSE 2

2. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, —

2. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

2. you take — a - way the sins of — the world, have mer - cy on

2. us; — you take — a - way the

2. sins of — the world, re - ceive our prayer; —

2. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa -

2. ther, have mer - cy on us. —

REFRAIN

VERSE 3

3. For you a - lone — are the Ho - ly One, —

3. you a - lone are the Lord, —

3. you a - lone are the Most — High, —

3. Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the

3. glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. —

REFRAIN

FIRST READING

Genesis 45:1-15

[After Judah offered himself in place of his brother Benjamin,] ¹ Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.’

¹² And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 133

*Behold, how pleasant and how good that we, one Lord confessing,
Together dwell in brotherhood, our unity expressing;
'Tis like the oil on Aaron's head, the seal of ordination,
That o'er his beard the sweetness shed of perfect consecration.*

*Behold, how pleasant and how good that we, one Lord confessing,
Together dwell in brotherhood, our unity expressing;
'Tis like the dew from Hermon fair on Zion's hill descending;
The Lord commands His blessing there in life that is unending.*

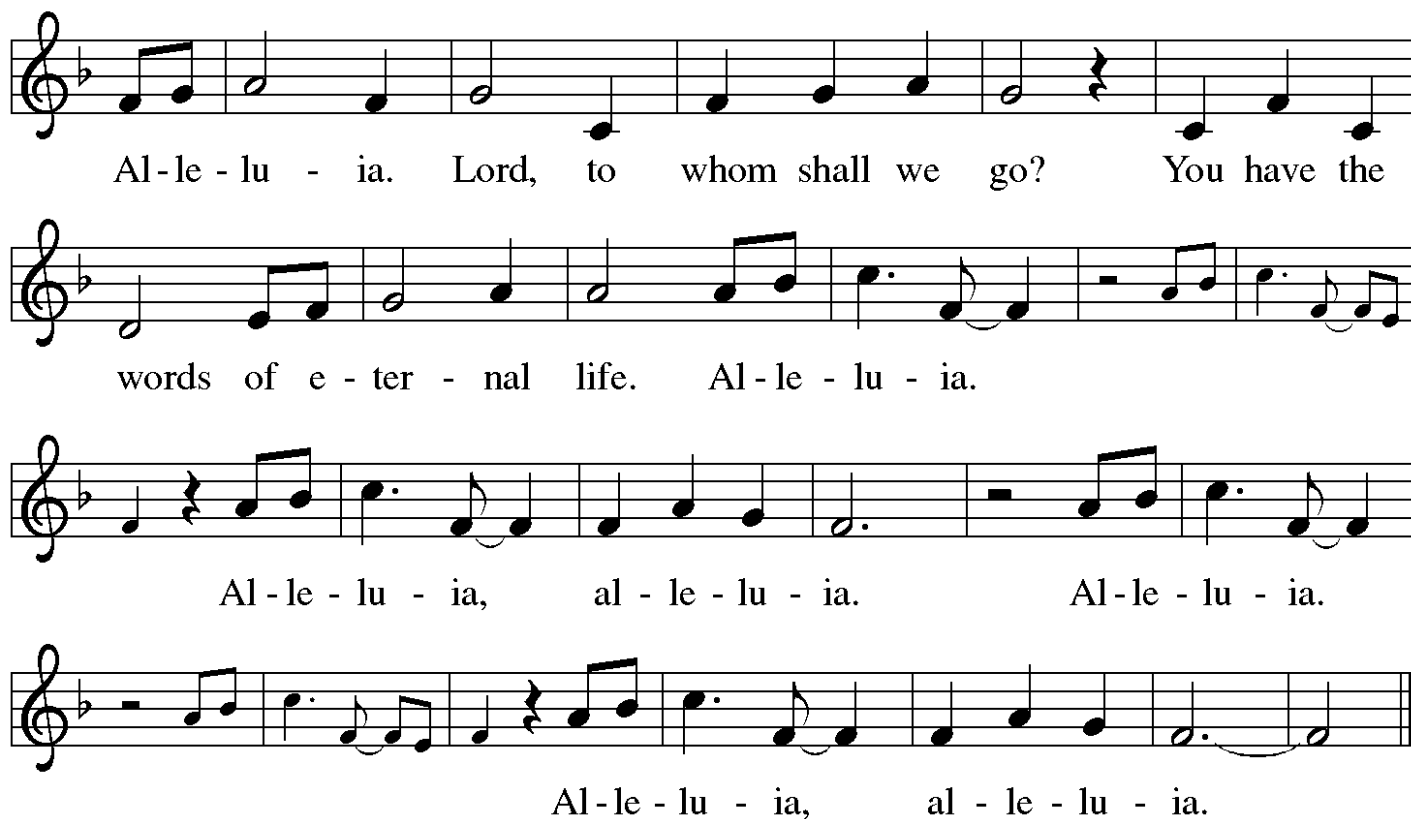
SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a} God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O God.**

[¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” ¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” ¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” ¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” ¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

SERMON

Pr. Dee Emmert

HYMN OF THE DAY

All the Poor and Powerless

All the poor and pow-er-less All the lost and lone-ly
All the hearts who are con-tent All who feel un-worth-y

All the thieves will come con-fess And know that You are ho-ly
All who hurt with no-thing left Will know that You are ho-ly

And know that You are ho-ly

All will sing out Hall-e-luj-ah we will cry out Hall-e-lu-jah

All will sing out Hall-e-luj-ah we will cry out Hall-e-lu-jah

Shout it Go on and tell it from the mou-nt-ain

Go on and tell it to the Mass-es that He is God

Shout it Go on and tell it from the mou-nt-ain Go on and tell it to the

Mass-es that He is God

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With bold trust in God's unfailing provision, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

For believers around the world who stream to your holy mountain, that all be united in faith and harmony in the body of Christ. Let your church on earth be a witness to the beloved community of your heavenly kingdom. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For your wondrous creation, that it thrives and flourishes as you intend. Raise up wise stewards to defend the natural world against carelessness and destruction. Safeguard endangered species and their habitats. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the nations of the world and all in authority, that they heed the cry of the outcast and ensure care for the most vulnerable. Give wisdom to leaders of countries, congregations, and communities, that they lead and serve justly. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all who are lonely, grieving, or struggling with chronic pain, that they find comfort, community, and hope. Send relief to all who struggle with illness of any kind especially for Karen, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., Scott F., Kim M. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For this congregation, for visitors and those new to this faith community, that all may recognize the presence of Christ in each new face. Draw this community together in love and strengthen it in unwavering faith. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

What else do the people of God pray for?

For the saints before us whose work is done, that their faithful example continues to direct your church. May their witness remind us that your gifts and calling are irrevocable, whether in life or death. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY - "Jacob and Sons"

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, Lord God, Lord God of
hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the
high - est.

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.

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have — mer - cy on us.

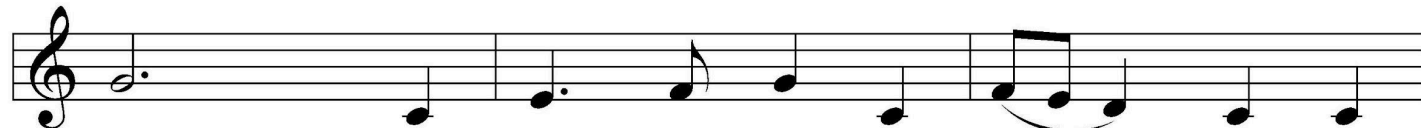


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN LSB 754 Entrust your Days and burdens



1 En - trust your days and bur - dens To God's most lov - ing
2 Re - ly on God your Sav - ior And find your life se -
3 Take heart, have hope, my spir - it, And do not be dis -
4 Leave all to His di - rec - tion; His wis - dom rules for



hand; He cares for you while rul - ing The
cure. Make His work your foun - da - tion That
maged; God helps in ev - 'ry tri - al And
you In ways to rouse your won - der At



sky, the sea, the land. For He who guides the
your work may en - dure. No anx - ious thought, no
makes you un - a - fraid. A - wait His time with
all His love can do. Soon He, His prom - ise



tem - pests A - long their thun - d'rous ways Will
wor - ry, No self - tor - ment - ing care Can
pa - tience Through dark - est hours of night Un -
keep - ing, With won - der - work - ing pow'rs Will



find for you a path - way And guide you all your days.
win your Fa - ther's fa - vor; His heart is moved by prayer.
til the sun you hoped for De - lights your ea - ger sight.
ban - ish from your spir - it What gave you trou - bled hours.

SENDING HYMN

O For a thousand tongues to sing

1. O For a thousand tongues to sing

My dear Redeemer's praise!

The glories of my God and King,

The triumphs of His grace!

'Tis music in the sinner's ears,

'Tis life, and health, and peace.

2. On this glad day the glorious Sun

Of righteousness arose,

On my benighted soul he shone,

And filled it with repose.

6. He speaks, and, listening to his voice,

New life the dead receive;

The mournful, broken hearts rejoice;

The humble poor believe.

3. Then with my heart I first believed,

Believed with faith divine;

Pow'r with the Holy Ghost received

To call the Saviour mine.

7. With me, your chief, ye then shall know,

Shall feel your sins forgiven;

Anticipate your heaven below,

And own that love is heaven

4. My gracious Master and my God,

Assist me to proclaim,

To spread through all the world abroad

The honors of Thy name.

8. O For a thousand tongues to sing

My dear Redeemer's praise!

The glories of my God and King,

The triumphs of His grace!

5. Jesus! the Name that charms our fears,

That bids our sorrows cease;

DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 23- Congregational Meeting After Worship

<u>Participating in Worship</u> Presiding/Preaching: Pr Dee Minister of Music and Liturgy: Daniel Alley Guitarists: George Fosselius & Randy Mayer Lector: Communion Set-up/Clean-up: Worship Assistant: Flowers: Coffee Hour:	<u>Happening This Week at CLC</u> Today 9 AM Choir Rehearsal 10 AM CLC Worship 1:30 PM Greater Love Worship Monday 9 AM- 3:00 PM Senior Center 7 PM- 8:30 PM The Scouts Tuesday 7 PM Lady AA Meeting Saturday 6 PM Millennium AA Meeting Next Sunday 9AM Choir Rehearsal 10 AM CLC Worship Congregational Meeting After Worship 1:30 PM Greater Love Worship
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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

Diane L. Lysle P. Mike S. The Vale Community Robin & Wendy George F. Louise O., Lucas, and El Cerrito High School Jimmy D. Vince	Laurie P. Carolina S. Karen H. Fred W. Chad B. TJ B. Carla L. Mark Thelma & Mike G.	Chris Phil C. Scott F. Kim M. Christine H.L. The family and friends of Julie Dienstein
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