



**Sunday - August 23, 2026**  
**13th 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

After our long series of readings from Genesis, we move on to Exodus, which narrates the exilic memory of Israelite formation as a people called by God, united by the covenant through God's actions, and led during decades of nomadic life towards residence in Palestine. Think about the many times in history when people have committed horrible atrocities in the name of "following orders". Shiphrah and Puah are ordered by Pharaoh to kill the newborn boys whose mothers they midwife, but they do not because their belief in God convicts them, even as they know this faithfulness puts their own lives in danger.

Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

### 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.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

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

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

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

## GLORY TO GOD

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§ REFRAIN

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on  
earth peace to peo - ple of good will. to Verses

### 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 - v 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

Exodus 1:8—2:10

<sup>8</sup> Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. <sup>9</sup> He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. <sup>10</sup> Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." <sup>11</sup> Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities,

Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. <sup>12</sup> But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. <sup>13</sup> The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude <sup>14</sup> and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

<sup>15</sup> The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, <sup>16</sup> “When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live.” <sup>17</sup> But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. <sup>18</sup> So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?” <sup>19</sup> The midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” <sup>20</sup> So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong. <sup>21</sup> And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. <sup>22</sup> Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live.”

<sup>2:1</sup> Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. <sup>2</sup> The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. <sup>3</sup> When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. <sup>4</sup> His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

<sup>5</sup> The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. <sup>6</sup> When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. <sup>7</sup> Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” <sup>8</sup> Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. <sup>9</sup> Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. <sup>10</sup> When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

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

### PSALM 124

<sup>1</sup> If the LORD had not been on our side, let Israel now say;

<sup>2</sup> **if the LORD had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us,**

<sup>3</sup> then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us;

<sup>4</sup> **then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us;**

<sup>5</sup> then would the raging waters have gone right over us.

<sup>6</sup> **Blessed be the LORD who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**

<sup>7</sup> We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

<sup>8</sup> **Our help is in the name of the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

## SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-8

<sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

<sup>6</sup> We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup> ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup> the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1st time: Cantor after: All

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff is for the Cantor, starting with a forte (f) dynamic. The second staff is for the All (congregation), starting with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. The third staff continues the melody. The lyrics are: 'Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.' The notation includes various note values (quarter, eighth, and half notes) and rests, with a final long note on 'lu' in the third staff.

*God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life*

## GOSPEL     Matthew 16:13-20

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

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup> And they said, "Some say John the

Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”<sup>15</sup> He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”<sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.”<sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.<sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”<sup>20</sup> Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

SERMON Pr. Kyle Schiefelbein-Guerrero

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 652 - “Built on a Rock”



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
 2 Not in our tem - ples made with hands God, the Al - might - y, is  
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, built for 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'n's 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 God's Word where he this



chim-ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the  
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
 life and sal - va - tion. Were two or three to 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 would 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

### THE APOSTLES' 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.

God, our rock, you are the foundation on which the church is built. Strengthen and encourage your faithful people everywhere they gather, that they boldly proclaim your word of life to all the world. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You spoke and all creation came into being. Field and forest, wetland and wilderness—all reveal your glory. Sustain and nourish your creation. Teach us to be wise stewards of all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You bring deliverance to nations and peoples. Come to the aid of nations experiencing war, conflict, disease, famine, and disaster. Guide the work of relief agencies and peacemaking organizations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You regard the lowly and hear us when we cry out to you. Be present among all who struggle with addiction, housing insecurity, incarceration, and mental illness, that they know they are not alone. Hear our prayers for all in need this day, especially for Karen, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., Scott F., Kim M. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You draw together people with differing gifts. Lift up the many and varied gifts and talents of this congregation and strengthen the bonds of fellowship that all may be united as the body of Christ. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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

Your steadfast love endures forever. We give thanks for the faithful who died in the hope of this promise. Strengthen us in faith until the day we join them at your eternal banquet. 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 OFFERING ELW 729 - "The Church of Christ in Ev'ry Age"

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor) and a piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The piano accompaniment consists of a simple harmonic pattern in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand, providing a steady accompaniment for the voices.

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.



## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

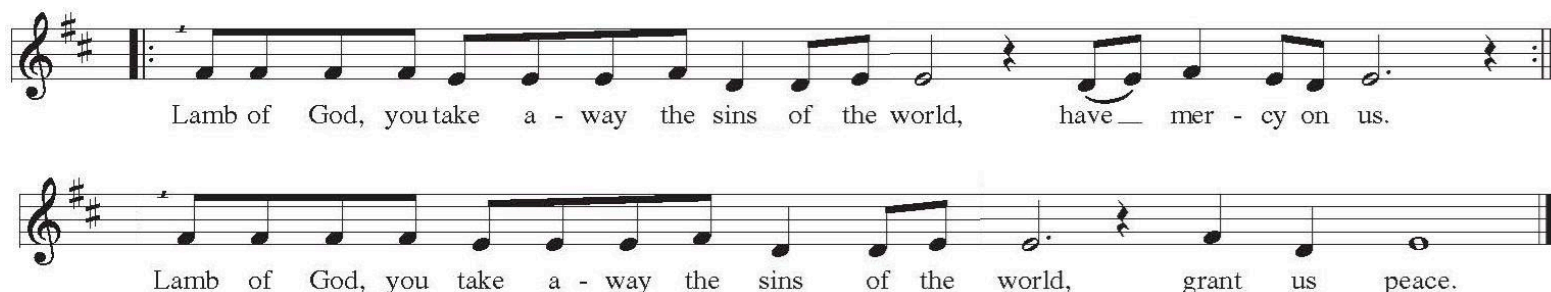
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## HOLY, HOLY

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  
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.**

### LAMB OF GOD



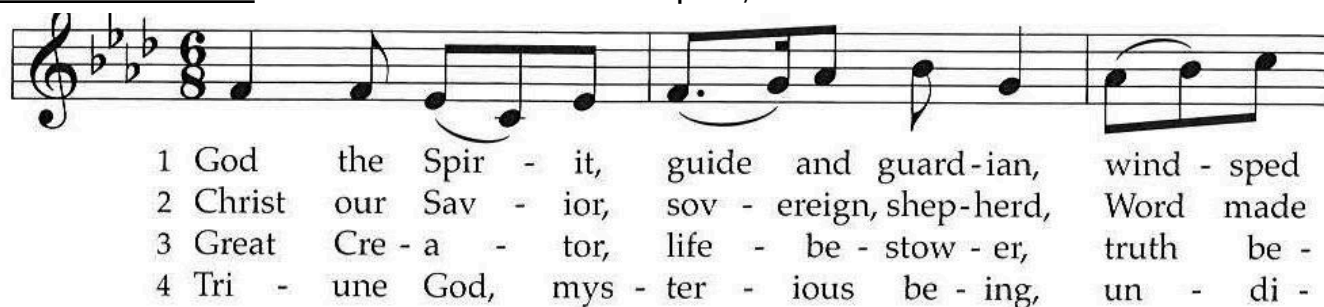
### COMMUNION HYMN

ELW 623: *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

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| <p>1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,<br/>let me hide myself in thee;<br/>let the water and the blood,<br/>from thy riven side which flowed,<br/>be of sin the double cure;<br/>cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.</p> | <p>3 Nothing in my hand I bring;<br/>simply to thy cross I cling.<br/>Naked, come to thee for dress;<br/>helpless, look to thee for grace;<br/>foul, I to the fountain fly;<br/>wash me, Savior, or I die.</p>            |
| <p>2 Not the labors of my hands<br/>can fulfill thy law's demands;<br/>could my zeal no respite know,<br/>could my tears forever flow,<br/>all for sin could not atone;<br/>thou must save, and thou alone.</p>     | <p>4 While I draw this fleeting breath,<br/>when mine eyelids close in death,<br/>when I soar to worlds unknown,<br/>see thee on thy judgment throne,<br/>Rock of Ages, cleft for me,<br/>let me hide myself in thee.</p> |

### SENDING HYMN

GTG 303 - God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian





flame and hov - ering dove, breath of life and  
flesh, Love cru - ci - fied, teach - er, heal - er,  
yond all thought's re - call, fount of wis - dom,  
vid - ed and di - verse, deep - er than our

voice of proph - ets, sign of bless - ing, power of love:  
suf - fering ser - vant, friend of sin - ners, foe of pride:  
womb of mer - cy, giv - ing and for - giv - ing all:  
minds can fath - om, great - er than our creeds re - harse:

give to those who lead your peo - ple fresh a -  
in your tend - ing may all pas - tors learn and  
as you know our strength and weak - ness, so may  
help us in our var - ied call - ings your full

noint - ing of your grace; send them forth as  
live a shep - herd's care; grant them cour - age  
those the church ex - alts o - ver - see its  
im - age to pro - claim, that our min - is -

bold a - pos - tles to your church in ev - ery place.  
and com - pas - sion shown through word and deed and prayer.  
life stead - fast - ly, yet not o - ver - look its faults.  
tries u - nit - ing may give glo - ry to your name.

### DISMISSAL

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting Today

Thursday 27th- 6pm GRIP Sandwich Making

October 17th- Garage Sale

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| <u><b>PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP</b></u><br><br><b>PRESIDING/PREACHING</b><br>Kyle Schiefelbein-Guerrero<br><br><b>MINISTER OF MUSIC &amp; LITURGY</b><br>Daniel Alley<br><br><b>GUITARS</b><br>George Fosselius & Randy Mayer<br><br><b>DRUMS</b><br>Dominic Moisant<br><br><b>WORSHIP ASSISTANT</b><br>Christine H.L.<br><br><b>COFFEE HOUR</b><br>Eleanor, George G, Carla | <u><b>This Week at CLC</b></u><br><br><b>Today</b><br>9 AM Choir Rehearsal<br>10 AM CLC Worship<br>Congregational Meeting After Worship<br>1:30 PM Greater Love Worship<br><br><b>Monday</b><br>9 AM- 3:00 PM Senior Center<br>7 PM- 8:30 PM The Scouts<br><br><b>Tuesday</b><br>7 PM Lady AA Meeting<br><br><b>Thursday</b><br>6 PM GRIP Sandwich Making<br><br><b>Saturday</b><br>6 PM Millennium AA Meeting<br><br><b>Next Sunday</b><br>9AM Choir Rehearsal<br>10 AM CLC Worship<br>1:30 PM Greater Love Worship |
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## **PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:**

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| Diane L.<br>Lysle P.<br>Mike S.<br>The Vale Community<br>Robin & Wendy<br>George F.<br>Jimmy D.<br>Vince | Laurie P.<br>Carolina S.<br>Karen H.<br>Fred W.<br>Chad B.<br>TJ B.<br>Carla L.<br>Mark | Chris<br>Phil C.<br>Scott F.<br>Kim M.<br>Christine H.L.<br>Thelma & Mike G.<br>John Z. |
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