



Sunday - August 30, 2026
14th 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

The story of the call of Moses, who is stereotypically a shepherd, is situated at Mount Horeb, another name for Sinai. The terrifying fire of the divine, cited at Sinai, is here a mysterious burning bush, as God announces plans to free the ancestral people from Egypt and lead them to Canaan. Moses is called to fulfill a mission. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

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.**

GATHERING HYMN: *Go Down, Moses*

When Is - real was in E - gypt land,
We need not al - ways weep and mourn,
The de - vil thought he had us fast,

Let my peo - ple go, — Op - pressed so hard they
And wear these slav - 'ry
But we thought we'd break his

could not stand, — Let my peo - ple go. —
chains for - lorn, —
chains at last, —

Go down Mo ses — Way down in E-gypt land, —

Tell old — Pha - raoh, Let my peo - ple go. —

KYRIE

Cantor All Cantor

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

All Cantor All *poco rit.*

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORY TO GOD

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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

REFRAIN

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

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 3:1-15

¹ Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. ² There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³ Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and

look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up.” ⁴ When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵ Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶ He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” ¹² He said, “I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

¹³ But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ” ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,

and this my title for all generations.”

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

PSALM 105

Give thanks unto the Lord and call on His name everyone!

Make known among the nations all the wondrous things He’s done.

Sing unto Him, sing praise to Him—tell of His wondrous deeds.

Rejoice and glory in His name, all those who the Lord seek.

Look to the Lord and to His strength, and seek His face always;

Remember wonders He has done for which we give Him praise.

The miracles which His hand wrought and judgments He decreed;

O Abraham’s and Jacob’s seed, His chosen ones indeed.

The king sent and released him then, the ruler set him free;

He made him master of his house, a ruler then was he.

He taught the princes as he pleased, instruction he did give;
Then Isr'el entered Egypt, and in Ham did Jacob live.

The Lord blessed all His people—they grew more than all their foes,
Whose hearts He turned to hate His flock; His people they opposed.
Then He sent Moses—Aaron too—His servants whom He chose;
And they performed great miracles in Ham's land, full of foes.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰ Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1st time: Cantor after: All

Cantor *f* Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

(All) ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

lu - ia.

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

GOSPEL Matthew 16:21-28

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

²¹ From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷ “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

SERMON

Pr. Kyle Schiefelbein-Guerrero

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 632 “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

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.

For the church in every land, that its mission and ministry is anchored in the love of Christ. When threats or challenges arise, teach us to take up our cross and follow you in faith. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the well-being of your creation, that all that lives and grows on the earth may thrive. Bring relief to areas ravaged by droughts, floods, fires, storms, and other disasters. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the nations and all in authority, that they seek to live in peace with one another. Bless the work of international and diplomatic organizations and all who work to bring peace to a world scarred by violence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For all those in need, that they be satisfied. Ensure all your children have safe access to food, water, shelter, and medical care. Bring healing to all who bear wounds in body, mind, and spirit especially for Karen, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., Scott F., and Pr. Sharon. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For the congregation gathered here to serve you, that they remain strong in faith and united in purpose. Guide our committees, study groups, and other meetings toward honesty and humility, always seeking genuine love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

What else do the people of God pray for?

For the faithful departed, that their witness continues to strengthen and guide the church. Renew our hope in your promises in this life and the life to come. 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: Choir Anthem "Take Up Your Cross"

Take up your cross and follow me.

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself;

Whoever wishes to come after me must take up his cross and follow me

Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,

Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Why gain the whole world but lose your soul?

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.***

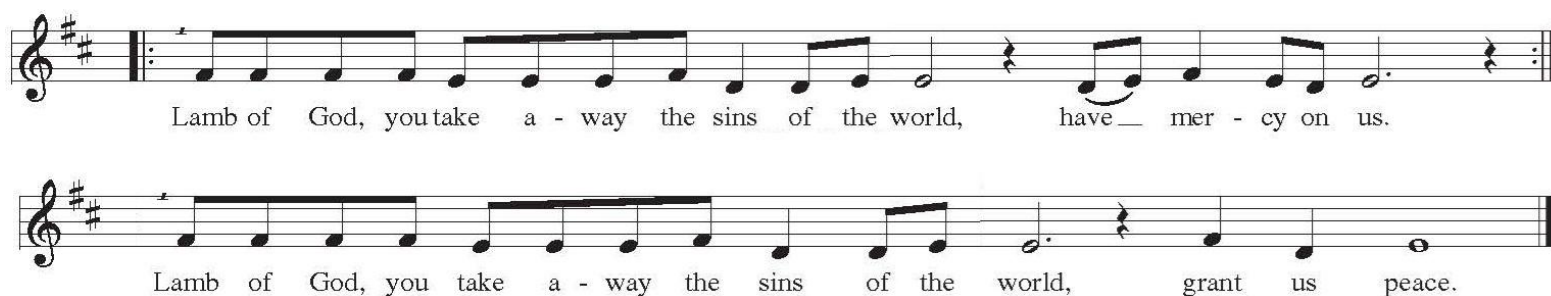
HOLY, HOLY

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 -

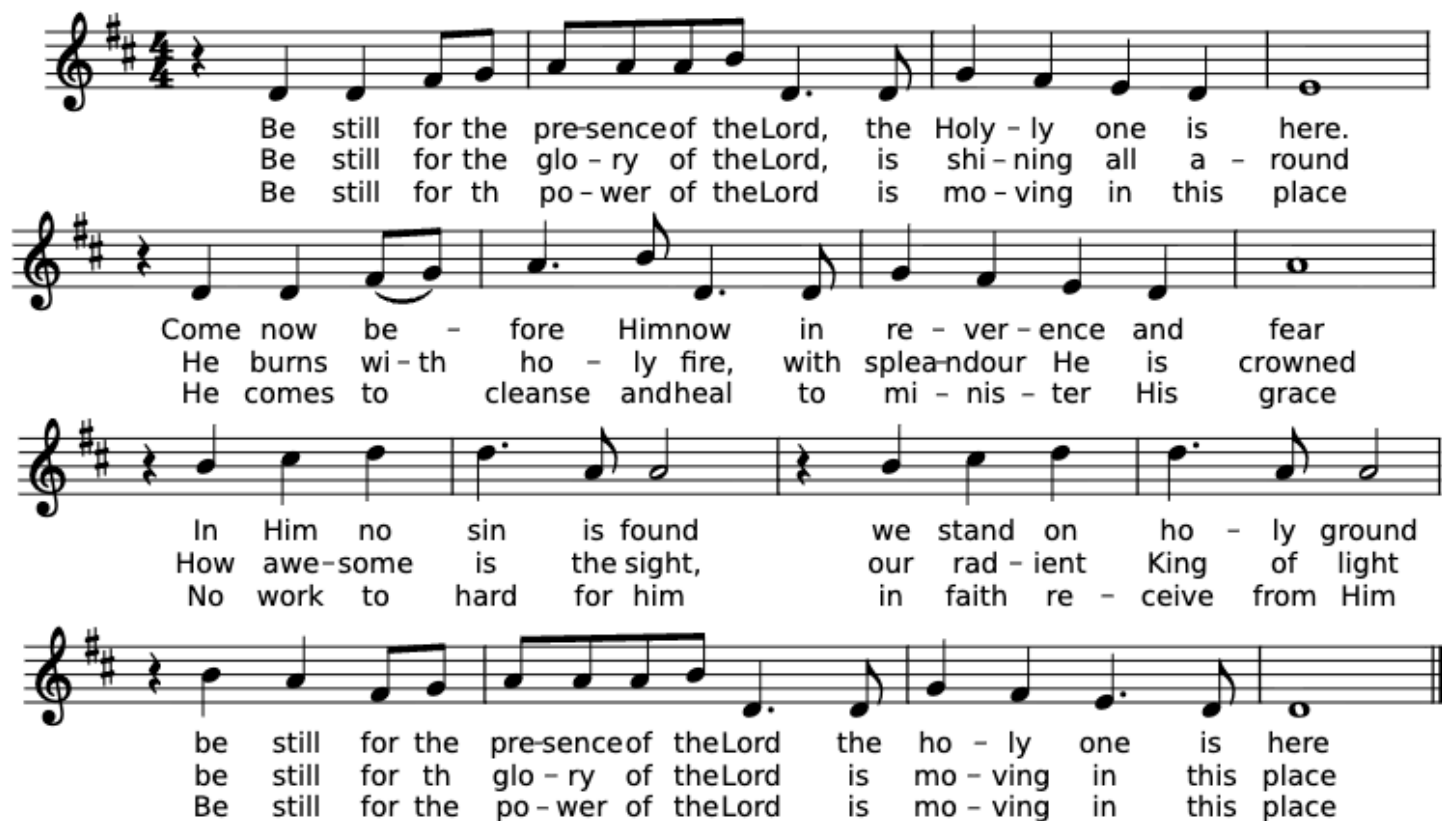


Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us. **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN: Be Still for the Presence of the Lord



SENDING HYMN: ACS 1085 "Hope of the World"



1 Hope of the world, O Christ of great com - pas - sion,
2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
4 Hope of the world, who by your cross did save us
5 Hope of the world, Christ ris'n from death vic - to - rious,



speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent.
bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life:
show - ing to wan - d'ring souls the path of light:
from death and deep de - spair, from guilt and sin:
who by this tri - umph con - quered grief and pain:



Save us, your peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
still let your Spir - it un - to us be giv - en
walk close be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways
we ren - der back the love your mer - cy gave us;
we would be faith - ful to your gos - pel glo - rious;



who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.
to heal earth's wounds and end all bit - ter strife.
lure us a - way from you to end - less night.
work through our lives to bring your pur - pose in.
you are our Lord and will for - ev - er reign!

DISMISSAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sept 13th- God's Work Our Hands

October 17th- Garage Sale

<u>PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP</u> PRESIDING/PREACHING Kyle Schiefelbein-Guerrero MINISTER OF MUSIC & LITURGY Daniel Alley GUITARS George Fosselius & Randy Mayer DRUMS Graham Viegut WORSHIP ASSISTANT Christine H.L. COFFEE HOUR Cordell	<u>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 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. Jimmy D. Vince	Laurie P. Carolina S. Karen H. Fred W. Chad B. TJ B. Carla L. Mark	Chris Phil C. Scott F. Christine H.L. Thelma & Mike G. John Z. Pr. Sharon
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