

Sunday - September 6, 2026
15th 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

Paul invites us to put on and embody Christ by loving one another, as that is the fulfilling of the law. In addition to being the season after Pentecost, the time from September 1 to October 4, which is the commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi, is set apart as the Season of Creation. This time is an opportunity to reflect on how God-in-Christ still takes care of all things and invites us to join in as caretakers of God's good creation. We will be celebrating the festival day Creation in Christ on October 4 alongside St. Francis day and the blessing of animals.

PRELUDE

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

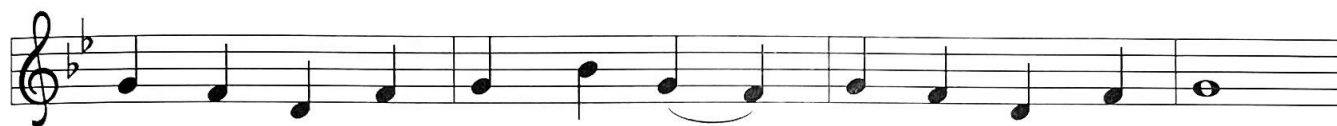
Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: ELW 530 "Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather"



Se - ka - i no to - mo to te o tsu - na - gi,

- 1 Here, O Lord, your ser - vants gath - er, hand we link with hand;
2 Man - y are the tongues we speak, scat - tered are the lands,
3 Na - ture's se - crets o - pen wide, chang - es nev - er cease.
4 Grant, O God, an age re - newed, filled with death-less love;



Jyu - ji - ka no mo - to ni ta - tsu wa - re - ra,

look - ing toward our Sav - ior's cross, joined in love we stand.
yet our hearts are one in God, one in love's de - mands.
Where, oh where, can wea - ry souls find the source of peace?
help us as we work and pray, send us from a - bove



Ka - mi no mi - ku - ni o me a te to shi,

As we seek the realm of God, we u - nite to pray:
E'en in dark-ness hope ap - pears, call - ing age and youth:
Un - to all those sore dis - tressed, torn by end - less strife:
truth and cour-age, faith and pow'r, need - ed in our strife:



Shu Ye - su no mi - chi o su - su - mi yu - kan.

Je - sus, sav - ior, guide our steps, for you are the Way.
Je - sus, teach - er, dwell with us, for you are the Truth.
Je - sus, heal - er, bring your balm, for you are the Life.
Je - sus, mas - ter, be our Way, be our Truth, our Life.

KYRIE

Cantor Lord, have mer - cy. **All** Lord, have mer - cy. **Cantor** Christ, have mer - cy.

All Christ, have mer - cy. **Cantor** Lord, have mer - cy. **All** *poco rit.* Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORY TO GOD

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

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1. King, O God, al - might - v 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.

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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.

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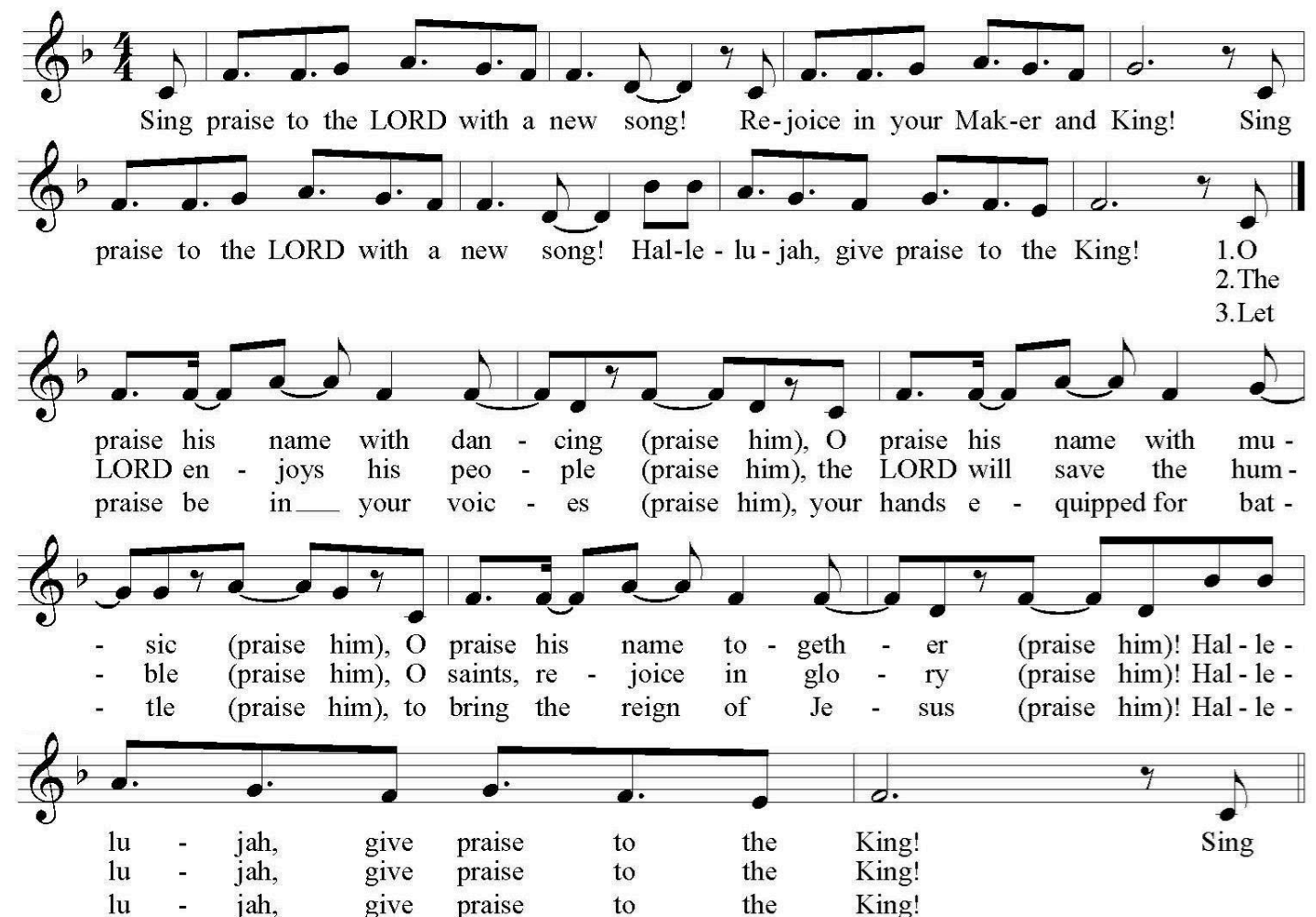
FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, ²"This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male;

you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶ You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷ They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸ They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹ Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰ You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn with fire. ¹¹ This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand, and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD. ¹² I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, from human to animal, and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³ The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴ "This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance." Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 149



Sing praise to the LORD with a new song! Re-joice in your Mak-er and King! Sing
praise to the LORD with a new song! Hal-le - lu - jah, give praise to the King! 1.O
2.The
3.Let
praise his name with dan - cing (praise him), O praise his name with mu -
LORD en - joys his peo - ple (praise him), the LORD will save the hum -
praise be in your voic - es (praise him), your hands e - quipped for bat -
- sic (praise him), O praise his name to - geth - er (praise him)! Hal - le -
- ble (praise him), O saints, re - joice in glo - ry (praise him)! Hal - le -
- tle (praise him), to bring the reign of Je - sus (praise him)! Hal - le -
lu - jah, give praise to the King! Sing
lu - jah, give praise to the King!
lu - jah, give praise to the King!

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1st time: Cantor after: All

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

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

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 18:15-20

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

SERMON: Pr. Kyle Schiefelbein-Guerrero

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 648 "Beloved, God's Chosen"



1 Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment
2 With - in, call forth Wis - dom, to dwell in you rich - ly;
3 Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment



com - pas - sion, for - give - ness, and good - ness of heart.
let peace rule your hearts and that peace be of Christ.
com - pas - sion, for - give - ness, and good - ness of heart.



A - bove all, be - fore all, let love be your rai - ment
And from the heart's cham - ber, be - lov - ed and ho - ly,
A - bove all, be - fore all, let love be your rai - ment



that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so - nant part.
let sing - ing thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er rise.
that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so - nant part.

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

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

Proclaiming God, empower your church throughout the world to announce the words you give us. Open us to receive your word in unexpected ways. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Forming God, renew the cycles of your creation that provide for the needs of all. Protect grasslands, marshes, swamps, and all places of transition. Heal communities crying out after disaster. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Governing God, turn all who create, enforce, or interpret legislation away from selfish gain and toward your promise of good for all, especially the good of all who labor. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Attending God, wake us up to any around us who are in need. Restore broken relationships, failing health, frayed emotions, and the hurts we carry with us. We especially pray for Karen, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., Scott F., and Pr. Sharon. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gathering God, resolve conflicts in this community through your righteousness and grace. Reconcile us to each other, making your good news known even through our imperfections. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

What else do the people of God pray for?

Loving God, all who die in faith have life with you. We give you thanks for the nearness of your salvation for all who have gone before us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING: "Love is the Best" - Words & Music by Randy Mayer

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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

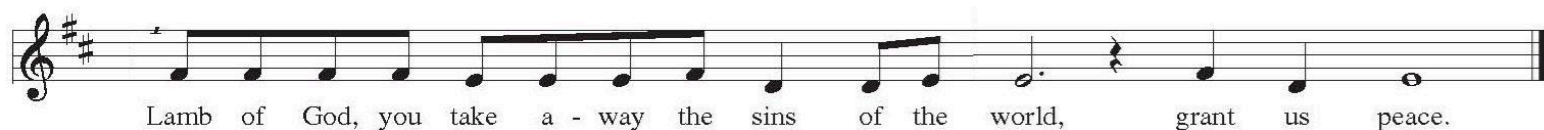
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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: LSB 547 - "The Lamb"



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own right - teous - ness.
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

SENDING HYMN: LSB 847 "Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing"



1 Christ, our hu - man like - ness shar - ing, Heav - en's love on
2 Hear the word that Christ has spo - ken, Help the weak, the
3 Christ, in ev - 'ry con - gre - ga - tion Build Your tem - ple,
4 Come, O liv - ing Christ, re - new us, As of old in



earth por - trayed; Christ the Shep - herd, tend - ing, car - ing,
 hun - gry feed; See the pow'rs of dark - ness bro - ken,
 stone by stone, With Your word as firm foun - da - tion
 wind and flame; With the Spir - it's pow'r en - due us,

In His death our ran - som paid: Christ the Sav - ior,
 Sin - ners par - doned, cap - tives freed: Christ the Sav - ior,
 For a faith ma - tured and grown: Christ the Sav - ior,
 Ser - vants of Your sav - ing name: Christ the Sav - ior,

Christ the Ser - vant, Be Your life in us dis - played.
 Christ the Ser - vant, Help us meet our neigh - bor's need.
 Christ the Ser - vant, Make in us Your Gos - pel known.
 Christ the Ser - vant, Christ whose king - dom we pro - claim.

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sept 13- God's Work Our Hands

October 4- Pet Blessings

October 17- Garage Sale

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This Week at CLC

Today

9 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM CLC Worship

1:30 PM Greater Love Worship

Monday

9 AM- 3:00 PM Senior Center CLOSED

7 PM- 8:30 PM The Scouts

Tuesday

10 AM-3:00PM- WCCAE Respite Care

7 PM Lady AA Meeting

Thursday

4:30-6:30 PM CCCT

Friday

4:30-6:30 PM CCCT

Saturday

6 PM Millennium AA Meeting

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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
Julian Q.

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