

Sunday - September 27, 2026
18th 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

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God. In the reading from Exodus, the people are reminded that God has not abandoned them, even when the journey becomes difficult. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, putting the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

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: *I'm Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table*

sung by cantor

1. I'm gonna sit at the welcome table
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days!
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Sit at the welcome table one of these days!

2. I'm gonna feast on milk and honey [etc.]

3. All God's children gonna sit together [etc.]

4. I'm gonna sit at the welcome table [etc.]

KYRIE

The Kyrie musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The first staff has three measures: the first measure is labeled 'Cantor' and contains the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.'; the second measure is labeled 'All' and contains 'Lord, have mer - cy.'; the third measure is labeled 'Cantor' and contains 'Christ, have mer - cy.' The second staff also has three measures: the first is labeled 'All' and contains 'Christ, have mer - cy.'; the second is labeled 'Cantor' and contains 'Lord, have mer - cy.'; the third is labeled 'All' and contains 'Lord, have mer - cy.', with a 'poco rit.' marking and a fermata over the final note.

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

The Gloria to God musical score is in G major and 4/4 time. It begins with a 4-measure rest, followed by a double bar line. The 'REFRAIN' section starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp, and a 4-measure rest. The first line of the refrain has three measures of eighth notes: 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on'. The second line continues with 'earth peace to peo - ple of good will.' and ends with a double bar line. The third line is labeled 'to Verses' and contains a whole note rest. The fourth line is labeled 'VERSE 1' and contains a whole note rest.

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

earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

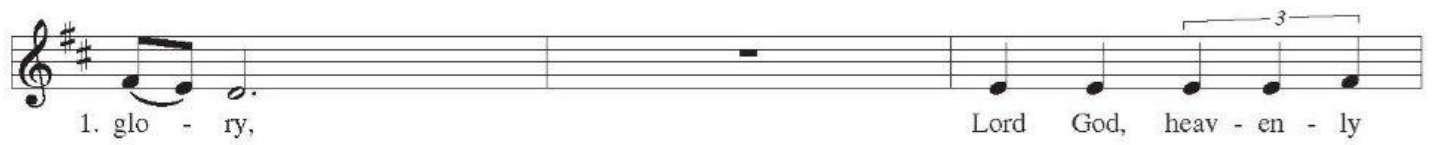
to Verses

VERSE 1

The first verse of the Gloria to God is written in G major and 4/4 time. The first line has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It contains the lyrics '1. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you,'. The second line continues with '1. we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great'. The score includes a 3-measure rest at the beginning of the second line and a 3-measure rest at the end of the first line.

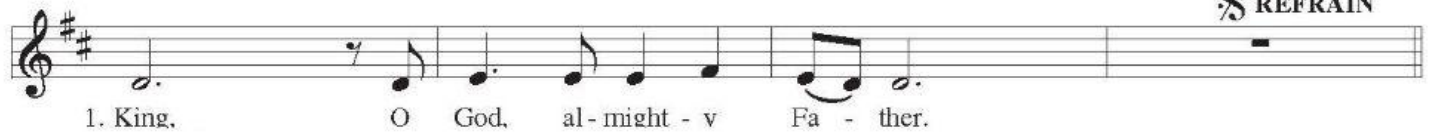
1. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you,

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, —

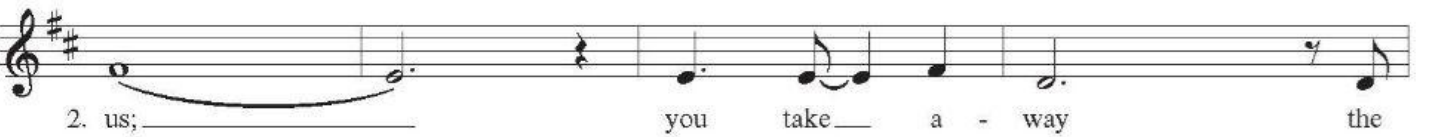


2. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, —



2. you take — a - way

the sins of — the world, have mer - cy on



2. us; —

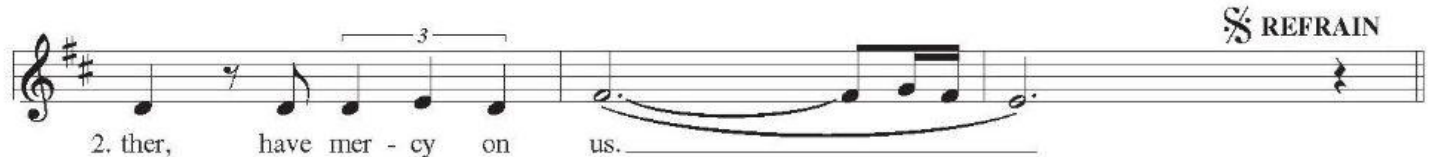
you take — a - way the



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



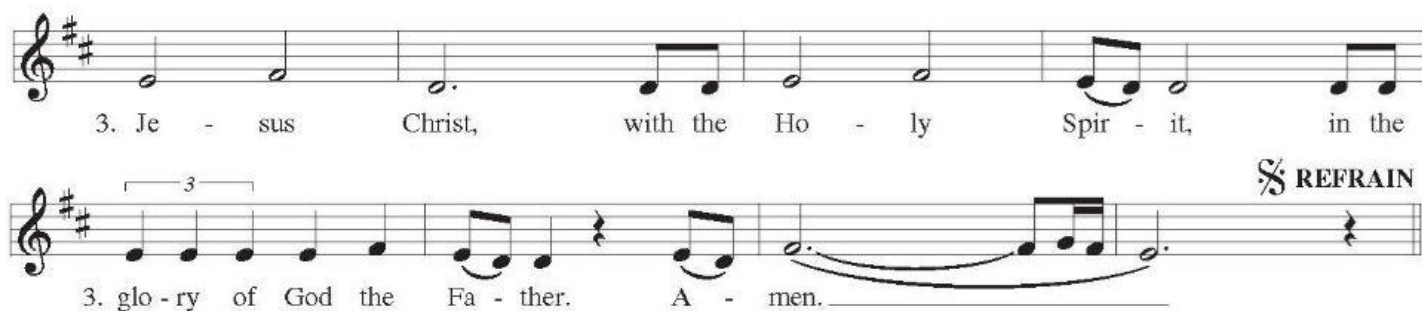
3. For you a - lone — are the Ho - ly One, —



3. you a - lone are the Lord, —



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



FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

PSALM 78

Give ear my people to my words come listen to my song,
And I will speak a parable, dark sayings from of old,
Things that our fathers told to us what we have known and heard
And to our children we'll reveal the wonders of the Lord.

To Israel he gave a law, a teaching to be taught
That generations yet unborn might put their hope in God
And not forget the works of God, but keep his holy way,
And not be like their forefathers whose hearts had gone astray.

See Ephraimites, armed with the bow, On battle day withdraw.
They did not keep God's covenant and walk within his law.
For they forgot the works he did, the wonders he had shown
In Egypt, in their father's sight, upon the fields of Zoan.

He split the sea and let them pass, the waters piled high.
By day he led them with a cloud, all through the night with fire.
He opened rocks in desert land and out came gushing streams.
When water like a river flowed they drank as from the deep.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others.

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,

¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence
but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling,

¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good
pleasure.

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 - ia.

(All) 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 21:23-32

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

²³ When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴ Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’ ²⁶ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.”

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

SERMON: Pr. Kyle Schiefelbein-Guerrero

HYMN OF THE DAY: ACS 954 - "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.

You, Lord, are both prince and slave.

You, peacemaker and sword-bringer
of the way you took and gave.

You, the everlasting instant;
you, whom we both scorn and crave.

2 Clothed in light upon the mountain,
stripped of might upon the cross,
shining in eternal glory,

beggared by a soldier's toss,
you, the everlasting instant;
you, who are both gift and cost.

3 You, who walk each day beside us,
sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow,
have a love that reaches wide.

You, the everlasting instant;
you, who are our pilgrim guide.

4 Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and vict'ry;
worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, who are our death and life.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic 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.

A brief silence.

Center your church in humility as we strive to follow in your way. Help us listen to the cries of those who have been unfairly hurt by the church and dare to name difficult truths. Show all your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You call us to care for your creation. Lead us into your promise of a better world through sustainable practices and respect for your handiwork. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Inspire all in positions of authority to act honorably. Remind them of their call to use their authority for the sake of the common good. Give them the gift of humility. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Comfort those who come before you in fear and trembling. Calm troubled hearts with your forgiveness. Help all those in need especially pray for Karen, Fred, George G., Maryann H., Evie D., Diane, Carla, Laurie & John P., Scott F., and Pr. Sharon, and those we name at this time. Grant us your salvation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Change this congregation's heart when we say no to your call. Open us to courageous learning and service in our community, especially in new or challenging places. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

I invite you, the people of God gathered here, to offer your prayers at this time, spoken aloud, in silence, or typed in the livestream chat.

Your steadfast love holds all the saints who have finished their work and are at rest. As we grieve, remind us of your mercy so we may also give thanks. 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: The Servant King



From heav'n You came, help - less babe,
There in the gar - den of tears,
Come see His hands and His feet,
So let us learn how to serve,

en - tered our world, Your glo - ry veiled; not to be served, but to
my heav - y load He chose to bear; His heart with sor - row was
the scars that speak of sac - ri - fice; hands that flung stars in - to
and in our lives en - throne Him; each oth - er's needs to pre -

serve, and give Your life that we might live. This is our
torn, "Yet not My will, but Yours," He said.
space, to cru - el nails sur - ren - dered.
fer, for it is Christ we're serv - ing.

God, the Ser - vant King. He calls us now to fol - low

Him, to bring our lives as a dai - ly of - fer - ing of wor - ship

to the Ser - vant King.

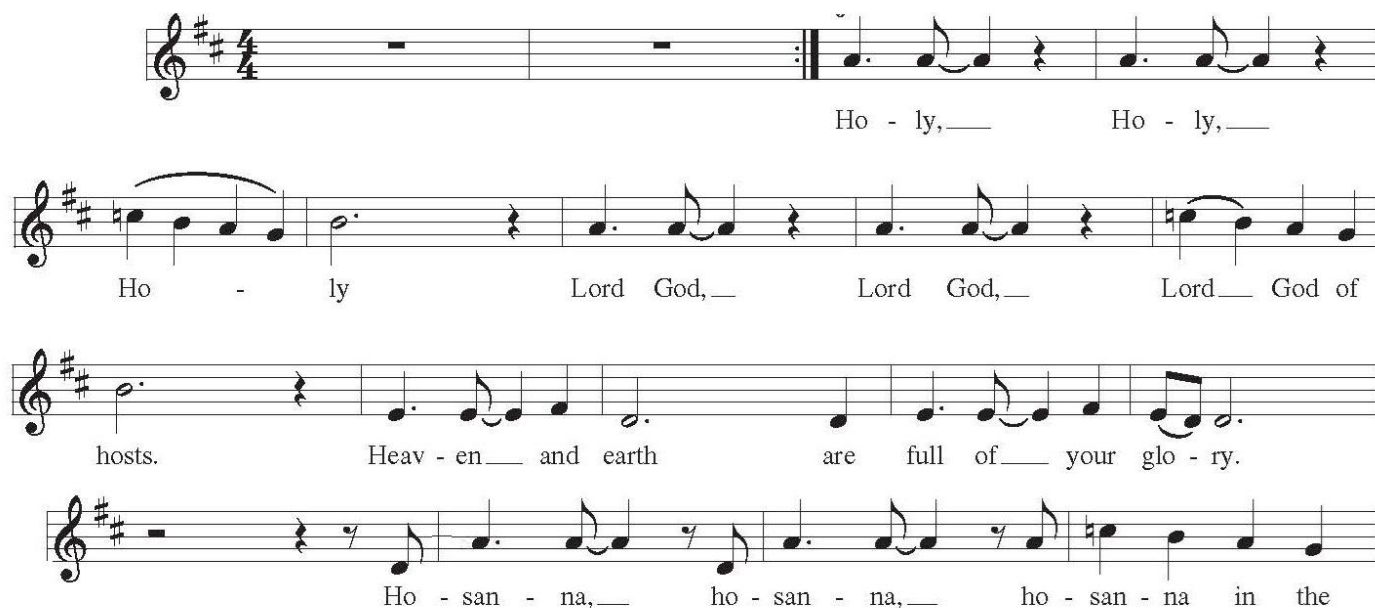
GREAT THANKSGIVING

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, 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

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:ELW 34 - "Now Behold the Lamb"

1 Now be - hold the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God, who

2 Ho - ly is the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Why

3 Thank you for the Lamb, the pre - cious Lamb of God. Be -



bore all my sin, that I may live a - gain: the pre-cious Lamb of God.
you love me so, Lord, I shall nev - er know; the pre-cious Lamb of God.
cause of your grace I can fin - ish the race; the pre-cious Lamb of God.

SENDING HYMN: ELW 416: At the Name of Jesus



1 At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,
2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,
3 Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a name
4 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due
5 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him king of glo - ry now.
all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,
all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true.
on the clouds of glo - ry, with his an - gel train;



It is God's good plea - sure we should call him Lord,
thrones and dom - i - na - tions, stars up - on their way,
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last;
Crown him as your cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.
brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.
let his will en - fold you in its light and pow'r.
and our hearts con - fess him king of glo - ry now.

DISMISSAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 4- Pet Blessings

October 17- Garage Sale

Bible Study every Sunday at 11:15 w/ Pastor Kyle (via zoom when he is away)

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COFFEE HOUR:

This Week at CLC

Today

9 AM Choir Rehearsal

10 AM CLC Worship

11:15 Bible Study

1:30 PM Greater Love Worship

Monday

9 AM- 3:00 PM Senior Center

7 PM- 8:30 PM The Scouts

Tuesday

10 AM-3:00PM- WCCAE Respite Care

4:30-6:30 PM CCCT

7 PM Lady AA Meeting

Wednesday

4:30-6:30 PM CCCT

Thursday

4:30-6:30 PM CCCT

7 PM Handbell Rehearsal

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

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