



Sunday - October 18, 2026
21st 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 uncaded land stewarded by the Ohlone people who speak to their Creator and loved ones in the language of Chochenyo.

INTRODUCTION

When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God, **we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN: *Open the Eyes of Our Hearts*



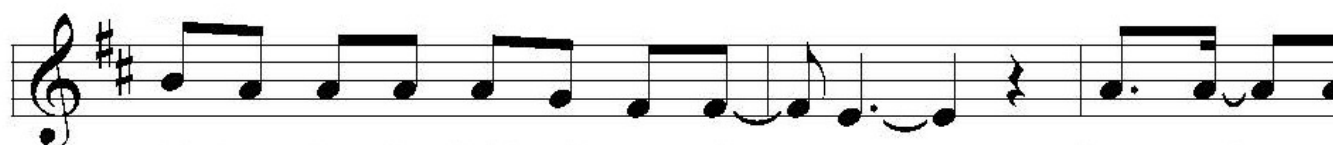
O - pen the eyes of our hearts, Lord. O - pen the eyes of our he



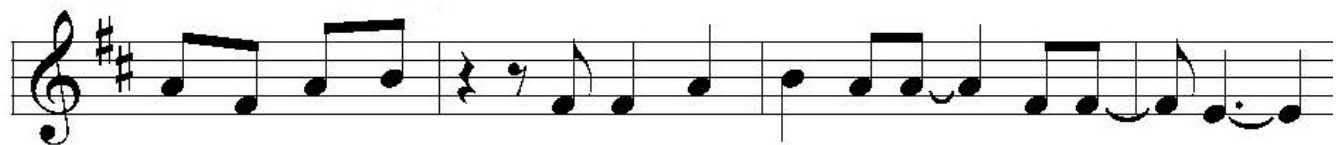
We want to see you; We want to see you;



to see you here a - mong us all,



mov - ing in the lives of your peo - ple. Pour out yo



pow - er and love as we sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly."



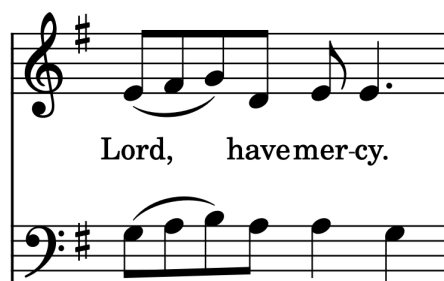
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, we want to see you.

KYRIE

Lord Jesus, you raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy.



Lord, have mer - cy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins: Christ, have mercy.



Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood: Lord, have mercy.



Lord, have mer - cy.

GLORIA



mf

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

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you

take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you

f

take a - way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are

mp

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on

f a tempo

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

you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

mp

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

f rall.

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

FIRST READING: Exodus 33:12-23

¹² Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³ Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people." ¹⁴ He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵ And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people,

from every people on the face of the earth.”

¹⁷ The LORD said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” ¹⁸ Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” ¹⁹ And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD,’ and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.” ²⁰ But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live.” ²¹ And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³ then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 99



1. The LORD is King: trem-ble, O earth and fear_ him, the God of
2. The LORD loves right: on - ly on this foun - da - tion can e - qui -
3. To Mo - ses, Aa - ron, Sam - u - el who sought_ him, he answered

heav'n by an - gel hosts a - dored; his peo-ple bow be - fore him and re -
ty and goodness be as - sured; he in - sti - tu - ted jus - tice in his
from the pil - lar of the cloud; ex - tol the LORD our God, and bow be -

vere_ him, so great and awe - some: ho - ly is the LORD! Enthroned a -
na - tion, sing forth his prais - es: ho - ly is the LORD! When Is - rael's
fore_ him up - on his moun - tain: ho - ly is the LORD! O LORD our

bove the cher - u - bim in glo - ry, the LORD is King; the earth be - neath him
priests called on the LORD to save_ them, he grant - ed them the blessings they im -
God, you answered all who sought you: you punished sins, but sin - ners you re -

quakes; let all the peo - ples trem - ble and a -
plored; they kept the stat - utes and de - crees he
stored; let all the na - tions wor - ship and ex -

dore_ him: his name is great: yes, ho - ly_ is the LORD!
gave_ them, his ho - ly peo - ple: ho - ly_ is the LORD!
alt_ you, pro - claiming: ho - ly is our God the_ LORD!

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1st time: Cantor, 2nd time: All



GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

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

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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



SERMON: Pr. Dee

HYMN OF THE DAY- GTG 759 *O God We Bear the Imprint of Your Face*



1 O God, we bear the im-print of your face: the col - ors
 2 Where we are torn and pulled a - part by hate be - cause our
 3 O God, we share the im - age of the One whose flesh and



of our skin are your de - sign, and what we have of
 race, our skin is not the same, while we are judged un -
 blood are ours, what - ev - er skin; in Christ's hu - man - i -



beau - ty in our race as you have made us, you a -
 e - qual by the state and vic - tims made be - cause we
 ty we find our own, and in his fam - i - ly our



lone de - fine, who stretched a liv - ing fab - ric on our
 own our name, hu - man - i - ty re - duced to lit - tle
 prop - er kin: Christ is the broth - er we still cru - ci -



frame and gave to each a lan - guage and a name.
 worth, dis - hon - ored is your liv - ing face on earth.
 fy, his love the lan - guage we must learn, or die.

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

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in called ministry. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering 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 (*pause*). Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church. Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. 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.

We thank you for our ancestors who have been called home to you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

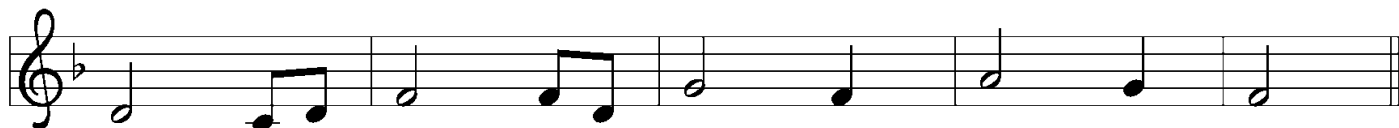
OFFERTORY: ELW 684 - "Creating God, Your Fingers Trace"



1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries
3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -
4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly



signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and
known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with
spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a
with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by



light and what lies hid - den praise your might.
air, en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.
grace un - til we praise you face to face.

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 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. 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.

The musical score for Sanctus is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff begins with a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. The second staff includes a crescendo (cresc.) marking. The third staff begins with a forte (f) dynamic. The fourth staff includes a mezzo-forte (mf) dynamic. The fifth staff begins with a forte (f) dynamic. The sixth staff concludes the piece.

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, have mer - cy on us.

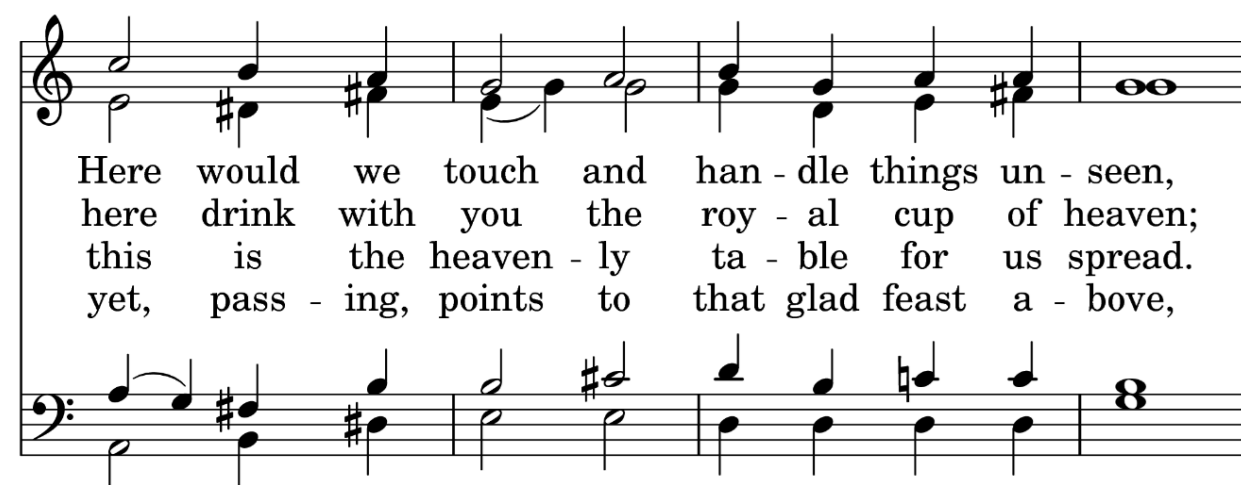
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

The musical score for Lamb of God is written in treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb, Eb) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a whole rest followed by a half note. The second staff begins with a whole rest followed by a half note. The third staff begins with a whole rest followed by a half note.

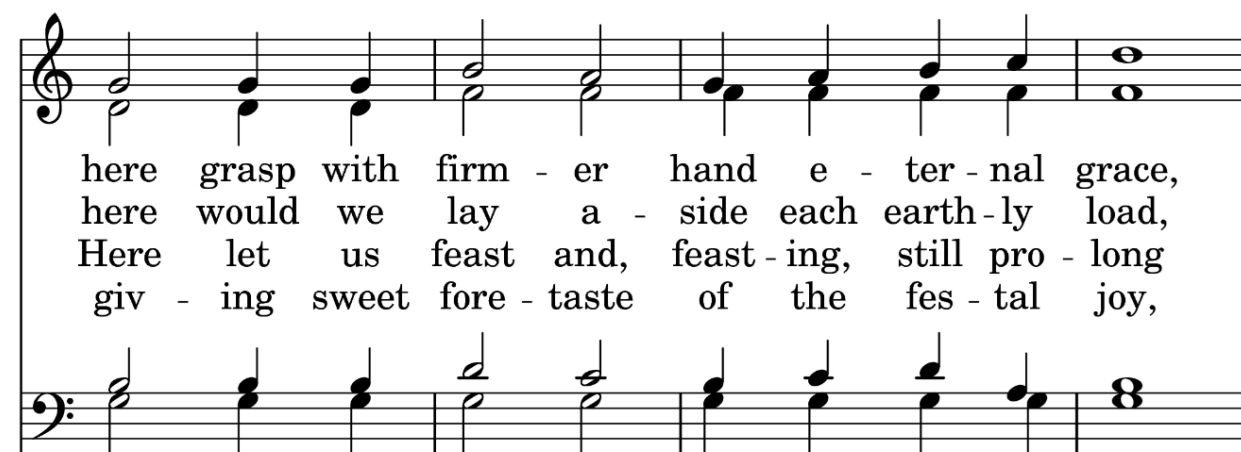
COMMUNION HYMN- "Here, O Our Lord, We See You Face to Face" - GTG 517



1 Here, O our Lord, we see you face to face.
 2 Here would we feed up - on the bread of God,
 3 This is the hour of ban - quet and of song;
 4 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,



Here would we touch and han - dle things un - seen,
 here drink with you the roy - al cup of heaven;
 this is the heaven - ly ta - ble for us spread.
 yet, pass - ing, points to that glad feast a - bove,

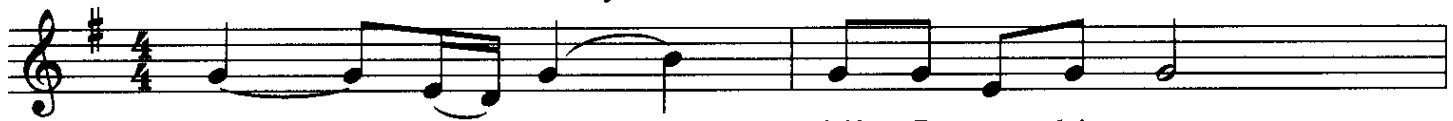


here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,
 here would we lay a - side each earth - ly load,
 Here let us feast and, feast - ing, still pro - long
 giv - ing sweet fore - taste of the fes - tal joy,



and all our wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.
 and taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - given.
 the fel - low - ship of liv - ing wine and bread.
 the Lamb's great brid - al feast of bliss and love.

SENDING HYMN: GTG 741- *Guide My Feet*



1. Guide my feet while I run this race.
2. I'm your child while I run this race.
3. Hold my hand while I run this race.
4. Stand by me while I run this race.
5. Guide my feet while I run this race.



Guide my feet while I run this race.
I'm your child while I run this race.
Hold my hand while I run this race.
Stand by me while I run this race.
Guide my feet while I run this race.



Guide my feet while I run this race,
I'm your child while I run this race,
Hold my hand while I run this race, For I
Stand by me while I run this race,
Guide my feet while I run this race,



don't want to run this race in vain!

Text: African-American traditional

DISMISSAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

<u>PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP</u> Bridge Pastor Kyle Schiefelbein-Guerrero (510) 480-1476 kyle@christlutheranelcerrito.org <u>PRESIDING/PREACHING:</u> Pr Dee Emmert MINISTER OF MUSIC & LITURGY Daniel Alley GUITARS: George Fosselius LECTOR: Dee A. WORSHIP ASSISTANT: COFFEE HOUR: Cordell	<u>This Week at CLC</u> 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 Next Sunday 9AM Choir Rehearsal 10 AM CLC Worship 11:15 Bible Study 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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