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Note: All Hymns are printed in the back of the bulletin.

PRELUDE - "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Beethoven/Berry

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN #526 - "God Is Here!" (vss. 1 & 4) (Printed in the back of the bulletin.)

PASTORAL GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Faithful God,

have mercy on me. I confess that I am captive to sin and cannot free myself. I turn from your loving embrace and go my own way. I pass judgment on others before examining myself. I place my own needs before those of my neighbors. I keep your gift of salvation to myself. Make me humble, cast away my transgressions, and turn me again to life in you through Jesus Christ, my Savior and Lord. Amen.

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

READING - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because 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. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For 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. ⁹For the people of those regions 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, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This is the good news according to St. Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL - Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So 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. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY #686 - "We Give Thee but Thine Own" (Printed in the back of the bulletin.)

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

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the witness of your servant Luke, the evangelist, whom the church commemorates today. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt. Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you. We give thanks for their witness, confident of your welcome for all. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Let us pray for God's kingdom to come here, now and forever:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN #879 - "For the Beauty of the Earth" (vss,1, 3, 5) (Printed in the back of the bulletin.)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. And serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude - "For the Beauty of the Earth" Kocher

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Thanksgiving Meals for the Hungry

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. The need in our community is great. The Thanksgiving meal will be handled differently this year due to circumstances with the virus. Instead of you donating the food we are asking for monetary donations towards the meal. We will do the shopping this year. One meal which will include a turkey, consists of a box of Jello, a can of cranberries, a box of Stove Top stuffing, a box of brownie mix, a can of vegetables, a box of corn muffin mix, a can of turkey gravy, a box of instant mashed potatoes, a can of yams and a can of fruit will cost approximately \$37.00. Your donation in any amount will help. Please make checks out to **CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH** and in the memo area put **Thanksgiving meal**. Thank you for your generosity.

Social Ministries

Poinsettias for Christmas

We know it's early, we haven't even celebrated Thanksgiving yet, but the greenhouse is asking for our Poinsettia by November 29. Please consider joining us in decorating the sanctuary for the Christmas Celebration by ordering a Poinsettia or making a donation for wreaths and sanctuary decorations. This year Poinsettias are \$14.00. You are welcome to take your plants home after the last Christmas Service. Please complete and return to the church office. Orders for Poinsettias must be in the office by Sunday, November 29 and donations for wreaths and sanctuary decorations must be in the office by December 13. Thank you!!

Sunday School Lessons

We will be posting the Sunday School lessons on our YouTube channel. The registered students will receive their packets in the mail. You can still register through our church website: www.christlutherandeforest.org, then Programs, and Children's Education.



OPENING HYMN #526 - "God Is Here!" (vss. 1 & 4)

God Is Here!



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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HYMN OF THE DAY #686 - "We Give Thee but Thine Own"

We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

SENDING HYMN #879 - "For the Beauty of the Earth" (vss, 1, 3, 5)

For the Beauty of the Earth



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872



**Christmas Poinsettias
Order Form**

We will be decorating our sanctuary with poinsettias for the celebration of the Christmas Season. We will also be accepting contributions for Christmas wreaths and decorations for the sanctuary. If you would like to provide poinsettia plants or make a contribution for decorations, please complete the form below and return to the church office by

**November 29th for Poinsettias
December 13th for wreaths and sanctuary decorations**

along with your payment. Checks should be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church (CLC).

The poinsettias will be red. The cost is \$14.00 per plant.

_____ No. of plants desired _____ Amt. enclosed

_____ Amt. enclosed towards wreaths and sanctuary decorations

Given by: _____

In memory of _____ or In Honor of _____

Flowers will be available for pickup
after the last Christmas Service

