

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church

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*November 12, 2023 - 24th Sunday after Pentecost
The liturgy is Setting 8 in the ELW.*

PRELUDE - "Great is Thy Faithfulness" - Cherwien

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWER DEDICATION Altar flowers are provided by Harlyn and Dana Ringhand in loving memory of parents and grandparents.

(10:30 am) ORDER OF BAPTISM - Walker James Parpart

OPENING HYMN ELW #438 - "My Lord What a Morning" (page 7)

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, in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation.

Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through † Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING – Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; ¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. ²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? ²¹I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve, as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand and sing.)



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 25:1-13

¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

This is the Word of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #441 – “Oh Happy Day When We Shall Stand” (page 8)

APOSTLES’ CREED (8:00 am)

**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

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

O God for whom we wait, come quickly to your people, bring your salvation, and center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith through meaningful worship and send us out with your justice and truth. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O God for whom we watch, we glimpse your power in rushing water and your beauty in the darkening night. Restore this creation, and provide clean water to all people and animals. Save us from foolish, wasteful living. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O God for whom we long, let justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless citizens with wise leaders; save your children from war. We pray for the veterans of this community, that they are supported and loved. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O God, in whom we hope, we pray for all who are in need. Provide for those who experience homelessness or hunger, support the under- or unemployed, and comfort any who are suffering this day. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O God for whom we listen, inspire the music ministry of our congregation. Fill our worship with songs to proclaim your greatness. Help us to sing and dance with joy and tell boldly of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O God, in whom we remain, we remember our loved ones who have died and now live in you. Bring comfort and the assurance of new life to all who grieve. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING - *If you missed placing your offering of in the plate when you arrived, there will be another plate by the ushers to leave your offering as you depart. Thank you for your support.*

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.
Amen.

THE 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the Lord's Supper, for all is now ready.

SHARING THE MEAL

All are welcome to receive the Real Presence of Christ in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. You do not need to be a member of this church or a Lutheran to receive the sacrament. We do ask that you desire a relationship with Jesus Christ.

If you require gluten-free hosts, please say "no gluten" when you approach the person sharing the host.

The center rings of the trays provided contain grape juice for those desiring it. Cups may be returned to the Acolytes' baskets. The Common Cup is also available.

Children may come forward for a blessing, or to receive communion if they have been through instruction, here, or at another church.

If you wish to still receive the individual communion packet (wafer on top and wine/juice on the bottom), please pick one up as you approach the front.

If you would like the sacraments brought to you, please let the usher know. Welcome!

SHARING HYMNS:

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW #483 - "Here is Bread" (page 8)

PASTORAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN ELW #439 - "Soon and Very Soon" (page 9)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. And serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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OPENING HYMN ELW #438 - "My Lord What a Morning"

Refrain



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



Refrain

look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #441 - "Oh Happy Day When We Shall Stand"



1 Oh, hap - py day when we shall stand a - mid the
 2 Oh, bless - ed day when Christ shall come and show him -
 3 Oh, what a night - y rush - ing flood of joy and
 4 O Lord, your grace is ev - 'ry - thing; your love has



heav'n-ly throng; and sing with hosts from ev - 'ry land the
 self as Lord, and thou-sands meet in their new homewhich
 love and peace will roll down o - ver us with good and
 made us free to stand a - mong the saints and sing the



new ce - les - tial song, the new ce - les - tial song.
 Je - sus has pre - pared, which Je - sus has pre - pared.
 bless - ed - ness and grace, and bless - ed - ness and grace.
 glo - ry that we see, the glo - ry that we see.

Text: Wilhelm A. Wexels, 1797-1866; tr. composite

Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480-1561

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COMMUNION HYMN ELW #483 - "Here is Bread"



1 Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us.
 2 Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us.
 3 Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.



Break the bread, taste the wine, Christ is with us here.
 Know his grace, find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.
 We'll pro - claim till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.



Refrain
 In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup is life for - ev - er.



In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

Music: Graham Kendrick

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HERE IS BREAD

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SENDING HYMN ELW #439 - "Soon and Very Soon"



1 Soon and ver - y soon
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 3 No more dy - in' there,
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon

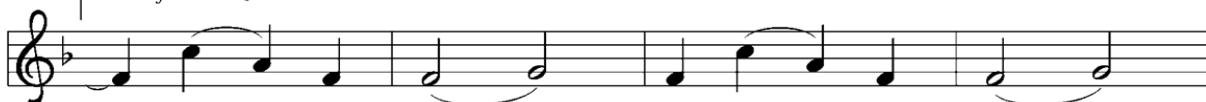


soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

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 Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch
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**Serving you today
in Christ's love:**

Ushers

8:00 am

Team Janovitz
CaylieJo Pereau

10:30 am

Carson Roudebush
Team Lockman

Readers

8:00 am

Jeff Gaffney

10:30 am

Steve Ursin

Communion Helpers

8:00 am

Team Nelson

10:30 am

Team Blau

Acolytes

8:00 am

Maddy Gaffney

10:30 am

CaylieJo Pereau

Calendar-Week of November 12, 2023

Sun. Nov. 12

8:00 am Worship Service

10:30 am Worship Service

Mon., Nov 13

6:00 pm Girl Scouts Trp # 8217-NK

Tues., Nov 14

9:00 am Women's bible study-FR

6:00 pm Quartet bell rehearsal

6:30 pm Bell practice- S

6:30 pm Cub Scouts FH/NK

Wed., Nov 15

6:00 pm Confirmation Class - NK

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Thurs., Nov 16

6:00 pm Boy Scouts -FH

6:00 pm Boy Scout Committee meeting-FH

7:00 pm Council meeting-FR

Sun., Nov. 19

8:00 am Worship Service

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

Lutefisk Signs

Now that the big day has passed, please remember to bring all the yard signs back as soon as possible - they can be dropped off in the Friendship Room, or brought to the Church office.



Lutefisk Thank You

Thank you for all your help with the Lutefisk dinner yesterday! We could not have done it without YOU! And a special thank you to our coordinating Chairman David Erickson; the Manthe, Paulson families for use of their farms for Lutefisk fish prep; and our phone and online reservation help, Renea Ziech, Beth Brining, Pam Hamele, and Cathey LeHaye.

Thank
you ♥

Thanksgiving Meals For The Hungry

This year we will be donating meals to elderly through the DeForest Area Community Center, donating non-perishable food items to the DeForest Area Food Pantry and also helping the Moravian Church with their Thanksgiving meal they prepare for community members in need. We will be distributing the meals etc. the week of November 20. Bags & shopping lists will be available outside of the Friendship Room on November 5th. Each bag will have a number on it. There will be a list next to the bags. Please write your name and phone number next to the number on the list which corresponds with the number on the bag you have taken. There will also be envelopes available if you would like to contribute towards buying turkeys for the meals. Please return the full bags to the Friendship Room no later than noon on November 16. Any questions you can call Pam Hamele at 608-215-0382 or the church office. Thank you everyone!!



Thank you for the Decorations

Thank you to Randy Alsmo & Michelle Schroeder for the donation of all of the pumpkins and gourds. And a thank you to Mike and Tracy Paulson for the corn stalks and hay bales that were used in our wonderful fall display. A big thank you to all of the Decorating Committee volunteers for all their hard work that can be seen all around the Church.





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 27th for Poinsettias
December 18th 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 7 pm Christmas Eve Service

