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Reformation Sunday

23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, October 27, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father,
and of the ✚ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: Listen, God is Calling – ELW 513 (vv.1, 3)

Leader sings parts in ().

Refrain

(Listen,)

listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

(Listen,)

listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.

1 (Jesus gave his mandate:)
share the good news
(that he came to save us)
and set us free. *Refrain*

3 (Help us to be faithful,)
standing steadfast,
(walking in your precepts,)
led by your Word. *Refrain*

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GREETING

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

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 46

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with
fire.

¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

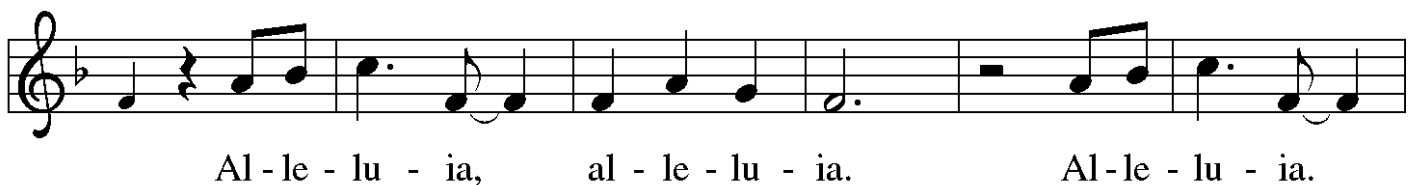
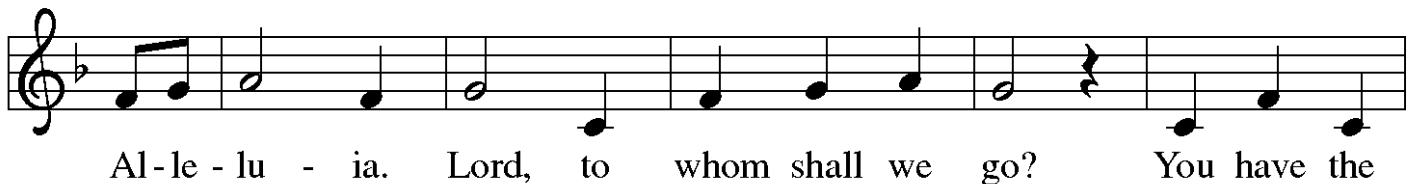
SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – ELW p. 188





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GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:46-52

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴⁶ As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside.

⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵² Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

P This is the gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

Josie Wilterdink

SERMON:

Pastor Stephen

HYMN OF THE DAY: *The Church's One Foundation* – ELW 654 (vv. 1, 5)

1 The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and
sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought
her,
and for her life he died.

5 Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Petitions end: "God of Grace" please respond "hear our prayer."

C Amen.

MEAL

OFFERING

When we give our offerings, we are witnesses to the transforming love of God.

OFFERTORY: Take My Life, That I May Be – ELW 685 (vv. 1-5)

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| 1 | Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. | | take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. |
| 2 | Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. | 4 | Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shall choose. |
| 3 | Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; | 5 | Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne. |

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, alt.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C 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

COMMUNION

(Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available upon request).

COMMUNION HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision* – ELW 793

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 4 Light of my soul, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG: A Mighty Fortress – ELW 504 (vv. 1, 2, 4)

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's
rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

2 No strength of ours can match
his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to
fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!

Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

4 God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our
side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Love

C **Jesus**

P Grow

C **Together**

P Serve

C **Others**

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

(Please share a greeting of peace with each other.)

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Pastor: Stephen Hilding
Scripture Reader: Beth Hein
Accompanist: LuAnn Dohms
Worship Leader: Lexi Marsh
Ushers/Communion Servers: Volunteers
Youth Director: Josie Wilterdink
Audio Visual Specialist: Ian Wilterdink
Altar Care: Arla Graff and Nancy Bourget
Communion Bread Baker: Kathi Lehmann

WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

MISSION STATEMENT: “Love Jesus, Grow Together, Serve Others.”

VISION STATEMENT: “Christ Lutheran is where God’s promise of love and forgiveness is for all.”

PRAYER CONCERNS: Shirley; Kathy; Paul; Sonya; Steve; Sharon; Chris; Richard; Dema; Scott; Luke; Brad; Cindi; Josie; Abusa (Pastor) Sinos Chimwaye and our companion congregation in Malawi (Balaka Parish); Jackie and Patrick Bencke (missionaries in Japan); all those who serve in our military and their families; and all people residing in care facilities or confined to their homes.

WEDNESDAY’S TABLE MENU for October 30 is chili, bread and dessert. The menu is also posted on Facebook. *[Menu items subject to change.]*

FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is today, October 27 at 10:10am in the Sanctuary.

CHRIST LUTHERAN WILL BE WELCOMING new members on Sunday, November 10, during the 9:00am worship. Anyone interested in joining the congregation, please contact Pastor Stephen.

THE YOUTH are collecting items through the end of October for Blessing Bags which will be distributed to those staying at the Winter Haven shelter. The items needed include socks; travel-sized women’s deodorant, hand sanitizer, tissues, lip balm and flushable wipes. Items may be left in or around the box on the table in the narthex.

**Church
Financials**

September 2024	General Fund
Offerings	\$33,735.87
Expenses	<u>-24,308.04</u>
	\$ 9,427.83

THE CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVED! Those who had photos taken or submitted their own photos for the directory, may pick up a free copy of the directory in the church office. Limited additional copies are available for \$15 each.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF has received a match challenge. Gifts to the hurricane relief effort will be matched up to \$125,000. Donations can be made online at lwr.org/hurricane-match or by mailing a check to Lutheran World Relief, PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061. Please write HURRICANE MATCH in the memo.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE!

- An “usher coordinator” volunteer will make sure there are volunteers each Sunday to serve as ushers during the service and to “tidy up” the sanctuary and narthex following the service each week so that the area is welcoming for the Hmong congregation using the space on Sunday afternoons.
- Are you a musician? We are always looking for musicians to enhance our worship services both on Sunday and Wednesday.
- Would you consider assisting in worship with reading prayers, Scripture, serving communion or singing the liturgy at either a Sunday or Wednesday service?
- Would you like to join our campus care team? This team works to help maintain our church building and grounds. Over the next year, in addition to routine maintenance, we have some special projects in the areas of painting, drywall, carpentry and concrete.
- Would you like to participate in or help lead a Bible Study or small group?
- Are you one who is fascinated by our church history? Perhaps you want to help us continue to lift up CLC congregational stories that help us build on our legacy as we continue to live into a new future.
- Do you have a passion for photography or video production? Might you be interested in helping CLC continue to grow by spotlighting our ministries and helping portray God's ministry at Christ Lutheran?
- Do you have a background in graphic design, websites or print media? Join our communications team and share your gifts as we seek to grow in 2025.
- How might you share the gifts God has given you? Pastor Stephen would love to connect with you!

CLC HAS A NEW CUSTODIAN! Tom isn't done until October 31, but he is busy training in his replacement, Nicholas (Nick) Adams. If you see him around the building, please give him a friendly CLC welcome.

AMERICAN LUTHERAN COMMUNITIES is looking for donations of lace, colored copy paper and greeting cards for projects with the residents. If you would like to donate any of these items, please drop them off in the church office.