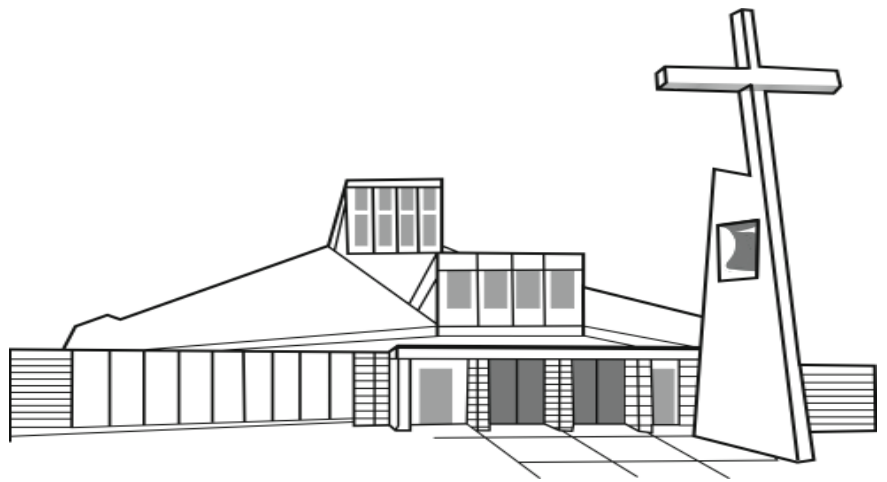


## Christ Lutheran Church

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**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023 - 9:00am**

## GATHERING

### WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,  
turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your  
Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and  
grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

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

P Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and  
given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly  
repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and  
unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn  
us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live  
and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior  
and Lord.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and  
made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the  
name of ✚ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen

you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C Amen.**

### **GATHERING SONG: O God, Our Help in Ages Past – ELW 632**

(vv. 1, 3, 5, 6)

- 1 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:
- 3 Before the hills in order stood or earth received its frame,  
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.
- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

### **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.**

### **KYRIE: ELW p. 184** (*assembly will sing refrain, leader to sing verses*)

*Refrain*

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray. Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

# WORD

## **FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

*Zephaniah (like the prophet Amos in last week's first reading) presents the day of the LORD as one of judgment and wrath. Descriptions of the last day in the New Testament include details taken from Old Testament accounts of the day of the LORD.*

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,  
he has consecrated his guests.

<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the people  
who rest complacently on their dregs,  
those who say in their hearts,  
“The LORD will not do good,  
nor will he do harm.”

<sup>13</sup>Their wealth shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them.

<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,  
the warrior cries aloud there.

<sup>15</sup>That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,

<sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.

<sup>17</sup>I will bring such distress upon people  
that they shall walk like the blind;  
because they have sinned against the LORD,  
their blood shall be poured out like dust,  
and their flesh like dung.

<sup>18</sup>Neither their silver nor their gold  
will be able to save them

on the day of the LORD's wrath;  
in the fire of his passion  
the whole earth shall be consumed;  
for a full, a terrible end  
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

L Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 90:1-8, 12**

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our refuge  
from one generation to another.

<sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth  
were born,**

**from age to age you are God.**

<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the dust and say,  
"Turn back, O children of earth."

<sup>4</sup>**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past  
and like a watch in the night;**

<sup>5</sup>you sweep them away like a dream,  
they fade away suddenly like the grass:

<sup>6</sup>**in the morning it is green and flourishes;  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

<sup>7</sup>For we are consumed by your anger;  
we are afraid because of your wrath.

<sup>8</sup>**Our iniquities you have set before you,  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

### **SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

*Though we do not know and cannot calculate the day of Christ's return, we live faithfully in the here and now as we anticipate the day when we will be given eternal salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them,

as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!  
<sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

L Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* - ELW 172**

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Halle, halle, hallelujah.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 25:14-30**

*Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.*

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a

few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’<sup>22</sup> And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’<sup>23</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’<sup>24</sup> Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed;<sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’<sup>26</sup> But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?’<sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.<sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him and give it to the one with the ten talents.<sup>29</sup> For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.<sup>30</sup> As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**

Pastor Stephen

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* – ELW 697**

Refrain

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea;  
daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

1 I am weak but thou art strong: Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Refrain*

2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but  
thee. *Refrain*

3 When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;  
guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. *Refrain*

Text: North American traditional

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C** 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**

*Petitions end: "Hear us O God."; please respond "Your mercy is great."*

**C** Amen.

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C** And also with you. *(Please share a greeting of peace with each other.)*

## **MEAL**

### **OFFERING**

*When we give our offerings, we are witnesses to the transforming love of God.  
May we give as generously as we have received.*

### **OFFERTORY: Praise and Thanksgiving – ELW 689** (vv. 1, 4)

1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer  
for all things living, you have made good:  
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,  
freely confessing your gracious hand.  
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;  
your love sustaining showers the land.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**P** God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

**C Amen.**

**HYMN: *Here is Bread* - ELW 483 (L=Leader; C=congregation; A=all)**

**L** Here is bread, here is wine,

**C Christ is with us, he is with us.**

**L** Break the bread, taste the wine,

**C Christ is with us here.**

**A In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.**

**L** Here is grace, here is peace,

**C Christ is with us, he is with us.**

**L** Know his grace, find his peace,

**C feast on Jesus here.**

**A In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.**

**A Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us.  
We'll proclaim till he comes, Jesus crucified.**

**A In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is with us here.**

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## **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: *Christ Be Our Light* – ELW 715

- 1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

#### *Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

- 2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain*

- 3 Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. *Refrain*

- 4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.

#### *Refrain*

- 5 Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain*

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## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

### SENDING SONG: *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* – ELW 890

- 1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:  
his truth is marching on.

#### *Refrain*

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!

His truth is marching on.

- 2 He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. *Refrain*
- 3 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.  
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
while God is marching on. *Refrain*

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819-1910

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **DISMISSAL**

P Love

**C Jesus**

P Grow

**C Together**

P Serve

**C Others**

P Go in Peace; Be the light for others.

**C Thanks be to God!**

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**THE RADIO BROADCAST** is sponsored today by the Christ Lutheran Church Women in honor of the homebound members and friends of Christ Lutheran Church.

**WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!** The order of service is printed in the bulletin. For those who wish to use the hymnal, page numbers are in the front of the book on the bottom and hymn numbers are in the back on the top. The complete service will also be available on the screens at the front of the sanctuary.

**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:** Kristy; Kathy; Paul; Steve; Sharon; Rich; Rob; Shawn; Luke; Libby; Joe; 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 November 21 is turkey dinner, green bean casserole and pumpkin pie. The menu is also posted on Facebook. [*Menu items subject to change.*]

**WEDNESDAY’S TABLE** needs additional help with all shifts (or parts of shifts). The number of people being served by Wednesday’s Table is increasing so they need more volunteers. Sign up on the church’s website or by calling the church office.

**IT IS TIME TO ORDER POINSETTIAS** for our Christmas celebration. Forms may be found on a table in the back of the narthex. The cost this year is \$10.00; deadline for orders is December 10.

**ORDER NOW!** Youth attending the National Youth Gathering will be selling home-made, frozen casseroles. Sign-up before or after the worship service on November 19 and 26. There will be 4 varieties, all from the CLC Blessings cookbook, but there will only be 30 casseroles made (so sign up early). Casseroles will be ready for pickup on December 17 during the youth bake sale.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR** a few people to bring Holy Communion to our homebound members. Training will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Stephen or Ardith Jacobson.

**MEALS ON WHEELS** is looking for drivers in the Menomonie area. If interested, please call 715-232-4006.

**THE CHRISTMAS SEASON** is fast approaching and once again American Lutheran Communities is asking for your help to purchase Christmas gifts for all their residents. If you would like to donate towards their Christmas, please drop off your cash donation to Jillyn by Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. With your help each of the residents will have a new gift to open for Christmas. They truly appreciate everything that you do for their residents and making this Christmas season a joyful one for so many. If you have any questions, please reach out to Deb @ 715-235-9041.

**THE CLCW CHRISTMAS SALE** is just around the corner (December 2). They will be accepting donations of nice used Christmas items. Items can be brought to the church on Thursday November 30 from 8am – 3pm or after 9am on Friday, December 1. If you need to drop them off at a different time, please contact the church office.

**IF YOU LISTEN** to the worship service on the radio, you are asked to call the church office and let them know. We are trying to determine how many people are listening and how to make this service better for those who do.

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH** – Menomonie is having a “lefse and other baked goods” sale on Saturday, December 2 from 9:00am – 10:30am.