

**Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church & Preschool  
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# **22nd Sunday after Pentecost**

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## **All Are Welcome – All the Time!**

You do not need to be a member of this church or Lutheran to participate in any part of worship.

If you wish to take communion, we ask that you desire a relationship with Jesus.

His body and blood were given and shed for you.



Christ Lutheran Church & PreSchool is a community committed to the work of equity and inclusion, bringing justice and support for all of God's beloveds. We welcome those who are seeking God's love and grace for the first time or as a life-long believer. We welcome because Jesus shows us how to welcome, regardless of race, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, age, economic resources, relationship status, health challenges or anything else that too often divides us. It is in our welcome which we commit ourselves to being an anti-racist space, a space where we seek daily to deepen our work of inclusion in the life of our church. Our unity is in Christ. All are welcome here.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS**

*By Kathy Davis, who will provide updated Prayers of Intercession*

## **INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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.

**Amen.**

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

*– Silence for reflection –*

*Most merciful God,*

**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 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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit that Christ may live in our hearts. **Amen.**

## **SONG: Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak, ELW #676**

*Printed on bulletin insert or in hymnal*

Lord, speak to us, that we may speak, in living echoes of your tone;  
as you have sought, so let us seek, your straying children, lost and lone.

Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead, the wandering and the wavering feet;  
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed, your hungering ones with manna sweet.

Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach, the precious truths which you impart;  
and wing our words, that they may reach, the hidden depths of many a heart.

Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord, until our very hearts overflow;  
in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

### **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and  
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you!**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples  
on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us  
desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **READING – Isaiah 53:4-12**

Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases, yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with affliction. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

Out of his anguish he shall see; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out himself to death and was numbered with the transgressors, yet he bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors.

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God*

## **RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 91:9-16**

Because you have made the Lord your refuge,  
**the Most High your dwelling place,**

no evil shall befall you,  
**no scourge come near your tent.**

For he will command his angels concerning you  
**to guard you in all your ways.**

On their hands they will bear you up,  
**so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
**the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.**

Those who love me, I will deliver;  
**I will protect those who know my name.**

When they call to me, I will answer them;  
**I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue them and honor them.**

With long life I will satisfy them  
**and show them my salvation.**

## **READING – Hebrews 5:1-10**

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness, and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered, and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

– *Please stand as you are able* –

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (SUNG) – ELW 172**

Halle, halle, halle – lujah. Halle, halle, halle – lujah.  
Halle, halle, halle – lujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah!

## **THE GOSPEL – Mark 10:35-45**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”

But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.”

*The Gospel of our Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.*

## **SERMON – Rev. Paul Pfeffer**

## **SONG: The Church of Christ, in Every Age, ELW #729**

Verses 1, 2, 3, 5 – *Printed on bulletin insert or in hymnal*

The church of Christ, in every age, beset by change, but Spirit led,  
must claim and test its heritage, and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry,  
for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live before they die.

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be,  
a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

We have no mission but to serve, in full obedience to our Lord;  
to care for all, without reserve, and spread his liberating word.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

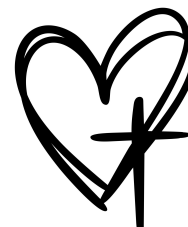
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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** *(on separate sheet)*

*God of grace... Hear our prayer.*



## **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.*

– *Please share a greeting or sign of peace* –



## GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks & praise.**



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(not printed/Presider's book on altar)*

### 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.

### DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION AT THE FRONT

**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 Lutheran to receive the sacrament. We ask that you desire a relationship with Jesus Christ. Those who are interested will be invited by an usher to come up the center aisle to the front to select a single-serving Communion kit from the tray, or to receive a blessing. Then return to your seat via the side aisle to open the kit and partake in Communion. An usher will offer a basket to collect the container. *For those worshipping at home, please consider joining in Holy Communion by taking a bit of bread or cracker and a sip of wine or juice.* **All are welcome.**

### POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

#### BENEDICTION

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **SONG – The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve, ELW #551**

*(Printed on bulletin insert)*

The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name  
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.

We go to comfort those who mourn, and set the burdened free;  
Where hope is dim, to share a dream, and help the blind to see.

We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed  
and all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.

Now let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim,  
God's spirit has empowered us, we go in Jesus' name.

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace! Serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Vernon Township Pantry** – The shelves are empty! Looking for any nonperishable, unexpired food; new manual can openers; and reusable tote bags. For the next few weeks, all food items will go to the Township, while cleaning/paper goods will go to Sue's Pantry.
- **Caring Hands** – Saturday, November 16 from 9a to noon. Making prayer shawls, comfort blankets, hats/mittens. ([CaringHandsVernonHills@gmail.com](mailto:CaringHandsVernonHills@gmail.com))
- **Donating to Hurricane Victims** – ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response is one of the oldest, most effective and most respected organizations for getting money where it can be put to good use. Our teams have been working in areas hit by hurricanes and floods from the start, and will stay the longest to ensure people are cared for. Donate at [ELCA.org](http://ELCA.org).
- **Scouting!** – Children/families ages Kindergarten through high school have an opportunity to build skills and have fun through Scouting. Please share that interested families can reach out to Holly or Bill Jones ([committee.chair@pack273vh.org](mailto:committee.chair@pack273vh.org)) to learn more. For boys and girls. Thanks for supporting our Scouting America Troop 273!
- **PreSchool Underway** – Please keep the children, families and staff of Christ Lutheran PreSchool in your prayers.
- **Support for Anelly** – Our ministry partner Anelly, a young mother of two who has supported refugees in Chicago, has a recurrence of cancer and other challenges. Please lift her in prayer and consider supporting the Meal Train ([HollySJ@earthlink.net](mailto:HollySJ@earthlink.net)).
- **Sanctuary Support** – For asylum seekers living in Chicago shelters. Wishlist includes diapers, formula, coats, children's clothes (baby to teen), children's/adult cold medicines, Advil/Tylenol, shoes, jackets, strollers, book bags, suitcases, storage bins with lids.
- **Sue's Pantry** – Call for toilet paper! And anything needed to keep a home and family clean – dish soap, laundry detergent, body wash, shampoo.
- **Love INC** – Housewares, nonperishables and volunteers. Want to learn more? Have a child or family in need of a bundle of clothes or housewares? Give the details to Natalie she will get us covered! (Thanks, Natalie.) (<https://loveinclakecounty.org/>)
- **COOL Ministries** – We support the COOL pantry in Waukegan and Vernon Township Pantry with non-perishables. Collection bins in hallway or give online. ([CoolMinistries.org](http://CoolMinistries.org))
- **Prayer concerns?** Please consider reaching out so that our network of Prayer Warriors can pray. You may remain anonymous. Please email [ChristLutheranVH@aol.com](mailto:ChristLutheranVH@aol.com) with your request. If you would like to be part of the Prayer Team, please send an email.
- **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.** Your presence in worship is very important. Thank you for being part of this community of faith. If you would like to support the efforts of this community, we welcome donations, which can be provided by credit card or Paypal through the link at the bottom of our webpage, [ChristLutheranVH.org](http://ChristLutheranVH.org). Thank you.