Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church

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September 29, 2024 The liturgy is Setting 12 in the ACS.

PRELUDE - "Meditation on a Psalm" -Ritter

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWER DEDICATION – Today's altar flowers are given by Gregg and Janice Tipple in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary, September 28th.

OPENING HYMN ELW #768 - "Lead Me, Guide Me" (page 10)

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, \pm one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection Silence for reflection

Gracious God.

Have mercy on us. We confess that we have too often raised our voices in praise and thanksgiving to you, and then harshly judged our neighbors with our next breath. Our fears cause conflicts and disputes with people we love and people we meet. You command us to care for the poor, but we often turn away thinking we don't have enough for ourselves. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with your grace and mercy and help us to trust you for all we need and to give thanks for all we have. Turn our hearts to follow the ways of Jesus.

God promises to forgive us and to remember our sin no more. By God's grace we have been saved and set free. In the name of \pm Jesus Christ, the source of all healing, know that all our sins have been forgiven. Live as forgiven and redeemed people of God. **Amen.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON



FIRST READING: Psalm 19:7-14

The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple. The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults. Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

This is the Word of the Lord.

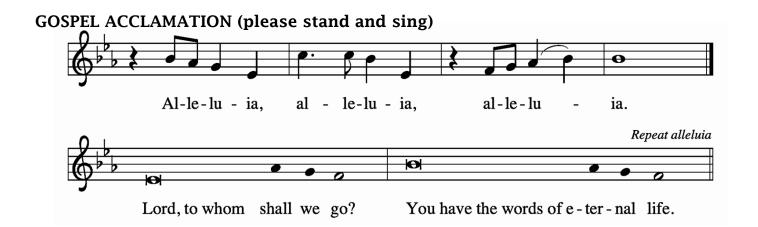
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING - James 5:13-20

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. ¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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

GOSPEL - Mark 9:38-50

³⁸John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." 39But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. 40Whoever is not against us is for us. 41For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. 42"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. 43If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, 48where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. 49"For everyone will be salted with fire. 50Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(10:30 am) CHOIR ANTHEM - "First Song of Isaiah" - Jack Noble White

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #742 - "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" (page 11)

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

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

Silence is kept for reflection.

We pray for the people of God in all places. Shape our witness to the good news of Jesus that we joyfully share your transforming love with all whom we encounter. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are in any need. To all who grieve, bring consolation; to all who are weary or lonely, bring solace. By your grace, make your presence known among all who call to you for healing. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for caregivers: doctors and nurses, home health aides and counselors, and those who care for loved ones. Sustain them in their work and help us to build a health care system that supports all. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the saints who now rest in your eternal presence. In thanksgiving for their lives of faithful service and witness, we commend them to your loving care. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING – If you missed placing your offering 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

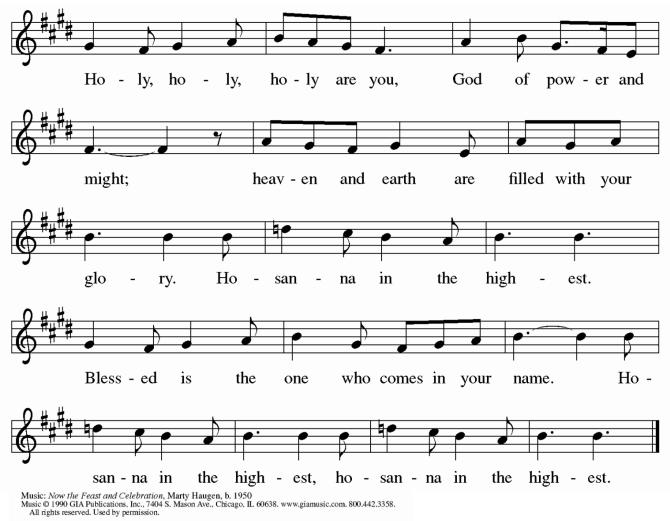
Lift up your hearts.

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... (ELW #191)



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.

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

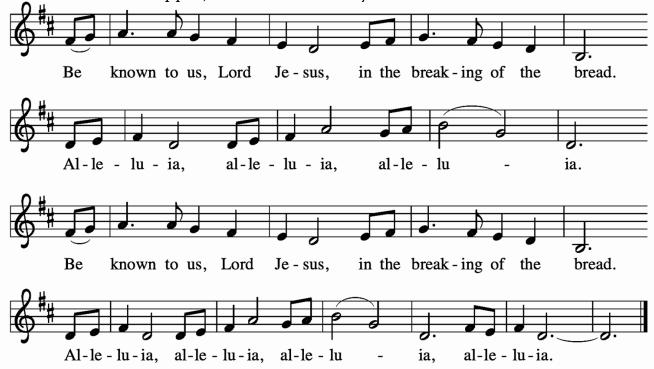
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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!

COMMUNION HYMN - W&P #67 - "I Love You, Lord" (page 12)

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

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION - The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and \pm give you peace. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN ELW #790 - "Day by Day" (page 13)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Lutefisk Is Right Around The Corner!



Saturday, November 9th will be here soon—Christ Lutheran Church's Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner! We again expect around 1,400 members, friends and neighbors to come to enjoy this delicious meal which includes the area's best-tasting lutefisk,

meatballs and lefse with all the trimmings topped off with a piece of tasty pie.

Reservations may be made beginning on September 4 through Friday, November 4 by making reservations online or calling the church office 608-846-4718. Walk-ins and carry-out meals are also possible! Please share the date of dinner with your family, friends and neighbors. In order to help us prepare the meal and serve our guests, we need your help! A sign-up board is up outside the Friendship Room.

Altar Guild

There will be an Altar guild meeting on October 19 at 10 AM in the friendship room coffee and treats will be provided. Hope to see everybody. Thank you. If you have questions you can contact us at

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Serving you today in Christ's Love

Ushers 8:00 am

Team Lockman

10:30 am Team Emerson

Reader 8:00 am

Beth Erickson

10:30 am Beth Erickson

Communion Helpers

8:00 am

Team Paulson

10:30 am

Team Cahill-Wolfgram

<u>Acolyte</u>

8:00 am Mikena Kilbane

10:30 am

Jameson Bergeron Caleb Grinde

Calendar-Week of September 29, 2024

Sun, September 29

8:00 am Worship Service 9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Mon, September 30

Tues, October 1

9:00 am Women's Bible Study - FR 5:30 pm Property committee meeting

No Bell Practice

6:30 pm Cub Scouts

6:45 pm DeForest Study Club

Wed, October 2

6:00 pm Confirmation class -NK

6:30 pm Choir-FR

Thurs, October 3

6:00 pm Boy Scout- FH

Sun, October 6 Nametag Sunday

8:00 am Worship Service

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

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 the Thanksgiving meal they prepare for community members in need. We will be distributing the meals etc. the week of November 18. Bags

& shopping lists will be available outside of the Friendship Room on October 27. 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 13th. Any questions, call Pam Hamele at 608-215-0382 or the church office. Thank you everyone!!



OPENING HYMN ELW #768 - "Lead Me, Guide Me"



Text: Doris Akers, 1922-1995

Music: Doris Akers

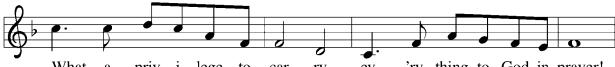
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LEAD ME, GUIDE ME Irregular

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #742 - "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"



- 1 What a friend we have in Je sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri als and temp ta tions? Is there trou-ble an y where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav-y lad en, cum bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer! We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need-less pain we bear—Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share? Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be-cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer! Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer. In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so-lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886

Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

CLC Choir Practice Has Begun!

Enjoy singing? Come and sing with the Christ Lutheran Church Choir. **Practice began on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30PM (NOTE NEW TIME) in the Friendship Room**. We meet once a week and sing most Sunday's. A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Friendship Room as



well. Don't worry if you have a busy schedule and can't make every practice. We are happy to have you join us whenever you can! Any questions, please call Anne Emerson (608)846-0898



SENDING HYMN ELW #790 - "Day by Day"



- 1 Day by day, your mer-cies, Lord, at tend me, bring ing com fort
- 2 Day by day, I know you will pro vide me strength to serve and
- 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur dens



to my anx-ious soul. wis - dom to o - bey; grow too great to bear;

Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me I will seek your lov-ing will to guide me oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be-yond all o'er the paths I strug-gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, of the mor - row, what be - tide me, brings to naught the bur-dens of my quest; Sav-ior, I will trust in your en-dur-ing grace. Sav-ior, you will hold me ev-er in your hand. Sav-ior,



lead me to the home I trea-sure, where at last I'll find e - ter-nal rest. help me bear life's pain and sor-row till in glo - ry I be-hold your face. with your pres-ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936-2005

Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882

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It's time to think about the Bazaar and Bake Sale 2024!!

For new members, the Christ Lutheran Church Women hold a Bake Sale and Raffle in the Friendship Room in conjunction with the Lutefisk Dinner. Some members create a variety of yummy treats for the Bake Sale, such as traditional Norwegian treats, brownies, cookies, bars, pastries, breads and canned items, such as jams, jellies, horseradish, relishes, beet pickles, etc.

Other members with different skills and talents create items for the raffle portion of the Bazaar. The sky is the limit! Examples of items raffled in past years are paintings, carvings, table runners, floral arrangements, wood working, homemade cards, quilts and jewelry, just to name a few. Other members have opted to donate gift cards from local establishments.

Money generated from the Bazaar has been used for a wide variety of things both within our walls and throughout the community, state, nation and world!

So start thinking about your talent and what you can contribute. Any questions can be directed to Vicki Sobczak, Bazaar Chair, at 608-444-1804 or email: vsobczak@yahoo.com

2024-25 Sunday School at Christ Lutheran Church Signup details, dates, and more!

We offer Sunday School lessons for children from preschool to 6th grade. If you're interested in enrolling your child(ren), please see below for important details.

Sunday school classes began **Sunday**, **September 15**. Sunday school takes place Sundays from 9:15-10:15 AM, between church services. **Registration forms** are available on line or in the Friendship Room that you can fill out. You can return the form by mail or drop it off at church at the front office or in the offering plate. We strive to make Sunday School an interactive and fun experience for children of all ages! They can expect crafts, games, song time, and snacks while learning about Bible lessons and making new friends.

Teachers and classroom helpers needed! We are short-handed this year. Parents, please consider volunteering. We can be flexible with schedules! If you have a high school student, we could use their help—it could count towards their National Honor Society volunteer hours.

Questions? Contact: Kristy Bergeron (kroloff@hotmail.com)
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