15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 10, 2023
11:00AM

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Welcome & Announcements

PRELUDE
God’s Work, Our Hands
Jacob Weber

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✝ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,
you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.
We are overwhelmed by the world’s violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.
For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.
For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.
Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Beloved in Christ,
God’s justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God’s compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In ✝ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
Amen.
1 God's work, our hands: working together,
build ing a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry, sheltering the cold.

2 God's work, our feet: traveling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
racing the race with God's future the goal.

3 God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.

4 God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.

Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
shar ing the good news of your gospel.

Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
shar ing the good news of your gospel.

Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
shar ing the good news of your gospel.

Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
shar ing the good news of your gospel.

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Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922–1987
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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.

KYRIE
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious God. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sit

FIRST READING
Ezekiel 33:7-11
After the reading: The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26:1-8
The refrain is sung by ALL at the beginning and where indicated (R). Fine print verses sung by cantor; bold print sung by ALL.

(continues on next page)
33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.
34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.
35 Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.
36 Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain. R
37 Turn my eyes from holding falsehood; give me life in your way.
38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.
39 Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.
40 Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me. R

SECOND READING
Romans 13:8-14  
After the reading: The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION  
Alleluia. Lord, to whom to shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Before the reading: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 18:15-20  
After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.
Sit

SERMON
silence for meditation

Stand

HYMN ELW #716

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

(See page 12)

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
Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church,
creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel as you are able.

Hold us accountable, O God. Show your church where repentance is needed and
lead us in paths of intentional compassion and listening. Help us extend hands of
reconciliation and care, especially in relationships with other Christians and people
of other faiths. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Reveal your miracles to us, O God. Move us to cherish you as we behold the
wonders of creation. Renew the seas and the soil, the forests and the creatures that live in them. Turn us to ways of living that seek Earth’s thriving. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Inspire us to lead with honor, O God. Guide judges and legislators, police, and government officials to create and uphold just laws. Move us to treat all people with dignity and guide our conversations with one another. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Help us comfort those who suffer, O God. Reassure any who are harmed by the wicked acts of others. Bring peace to all who are vulnerable, frightened, despairing, or sick (especially). Guard their waking and their sleeping. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Awaken us, O God. Challenge and encourage your people to value the vocation to which each is called. We pray for all discerning new possibilities or changing employment (especially). In all our diverse callings, teach us to love our neighbor above all else. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Be our hope, O God. We remember with thanksgiving your disciples who died in faith (especially). May their trust in your promise be our protection and our hope. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Stand

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

The people may greet one another with the peace sign or wave their hands to others saying “peace be with you” or similar words.

Sit

MEAL

MUSIC at the OFFERING

Christ Has No Hands but Ours

Christ has no hands but ours to reach, to touch, to heal, to welcome in community, to fashion family. Christ has no hands but ours.
As servants of our God we carry out the call to walk the road where saints have trod and bring good news to all. Christ has no hands but ours.

We see with eyes of faith that still would follow stars, as points of light, we point the way and chase away the dark. Christ has no hands but ours.

God waters from above the good seed that we sow and brings to harvest all our work so that the Church will grow. Christ has no hands but ours.

Marked with the cross of Christ, we, as a witness, are sent forth to be the Gospel for Christ has no hands but ours. Christ has no hands but ours.

Stand

OFFERTORY

Lord of All Good

Stand OFFERTORY

1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring you now;
2 We give our minds to understand your ways;
3 Father, whose bounty all creation shows;

use them your holy purpose to fulfill.
hands, voices, eyes to serve your great design;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;

To tokens of love and pledges they shall be that
hearts with the flame of your own love a blaze; thus
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows; to

our whole life is offered to your will.
for your glory all our pow’rs combine.
you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

Remain Standing

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.
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.
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

    Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might,
    heaven and earth are full of your glory.
    Hosanna, in the highest. Blessed is he who comes
    in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer
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
Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live. Thanks be to God!

Sit

LAMB OF GOD
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament of our Lord’s body and blood.
*Beginning from the front pews, you are invited to come forward using the center aisle. Return to your seat using the side aisle.
*As you turn onto the side aisle, please leave your cup in the silver tray.
*Let the pastor or communion assistant know you would prefer grape juice and/or gluten free bread.
*Please let the Ushers know if you would like communion brought to you in the pew.
*If you prefer, you may use an individual cup-set in your pew, opening the bread section first, then the juice!
*Children who do not yet commune may come forward to receive a blessing.
COMMUNION HYMN ELW #471  Let Us Break Bread Together

(See page 13)

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE  Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell everyone what God has done.
Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION
The God of glory, ¶ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. Amen.

HYMN ACS #991  Go to the World
All turn to face the processional cross during the hymn.
(See page 14)

DISMISSAL
Go in peace. God is at work in you. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE
Light Hearted Recessional  Rosalie Bonighton

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The Altar Flowers: Given in honor of Kaya’s 14th Birthday by mom, momsie, mimi. Please sign up on the Flower Chart located outside Pastor Dave’s office or phone, email Fiona in the church office. All Altar Flowers given in donations ($65.00) from the members and guests of Christ Lutheran Church.

Serving Today:

Communique: Thursday September 28, 9am, Linda Akers, Steb Lindsey, Judy Addison, Buck Buchanan

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Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

1 Lord of all na-tions, grant me grace to love all
   peo-ple, ev-’ry race; and in each per-son may I
   see my kin-dred, loved, re-deemed by thee.

2 Break down the wall that would di-vide thy chil-dren,
   Lord, on ev-’ry side. My neigh-bor’s good let me pur-
   sue; let Chris-tian love bind warm and true.

3 For-give me, Lord, where I have erred by love-less
   act and thought-less word. Make me to see the wrong I
   do will cru-ci-fy my Lord a-new.

4 Give me thy cour-age, Lord, to speak when-ev-er
   strong op-press the weak. Should I my-self the vic-tim
   be, help me for-give, re-mem-b’ring thee.

5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy
   Ho-ly Spir-it willed, that all I touch, wher-e’er I
   be, may be di-vine-ly touched by thee.

Text: Olive Wise Spannaus, b. 1916, alt.
Music: BEATUS VIR, Šamotulský Kancionál, 1561

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Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
3 Let us praise God together on our knees;

let us break bread together on our knees.
let us drink wine together on our knees.
let us praise God together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: Break Bread Together, African American spiritual
Go to the World!

1 Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go into ev’ry place.
3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
4 “Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ renews life’s worth,
Go live the word of God’s redeeming grace.
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,

baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Go seek God’s presence in each time and space.
As servant church, you follow Christ’s own way.
when all the hosts of glory cry, Amen!”

Alleluia. Alleluia.