

**16th Sunday after
Pentecost
September 17, 2023
11:00AM**



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GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

PRELUDE

Trio on "Voices Raised to You"

Jacob Weber

Stand

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 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
 praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
 Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
 Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
 Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
 from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
 Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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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, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness.

Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Sit

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 50:15-21

Pew Bible Page 42

After the reading: The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 103:1-13

The refrain is sung by ALL at the beginning and where indicated (R). Fine print verses sung by cantor; bold print sung by ALL.

R

LORD, you are full of com - pas - sion and mer - cy,
of com - pas - sion and mer - cy.

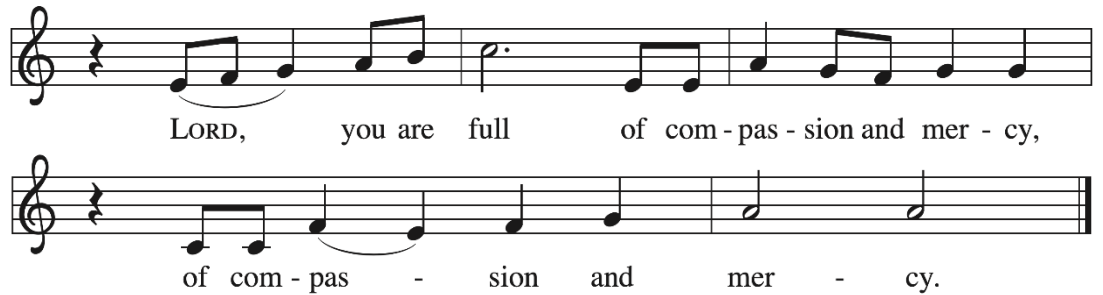
Psalm 103:8
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¹Bless the LORD, | O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.

²**Bless the LORD, | O my soul, and forget not | all God's benefits—**

³who forgives | all your sins and heals all | your diseases;

R



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- ⁴who redeems your life | from the grave and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy; R**
⁵who satisfies your desires | with good things so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.
⁶O LORD, you provide | vindication and justice for all who | are oppressed.
⁷You made known your | ways to Moses and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.
⁸LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love; R
⁹you will not al- | ways accuse us, nor will you keep your an- | ger forever.
¹⁰You have not dealt with us according | to our sins, nor repaid us according to | our iniquities.
¹¹For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth, so great is your steadfast love for | those who fear you.
¹²As far as the east is | from the west, so far have you removed our transgres- | sions from us.
¹³As a father has compassion | for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear | you, O LORD. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

Pew Bible Page 923

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 18:21-25

Pew Bible Page 800

After the reading: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON

silence for meditation

Stand

HYMN ELW #605

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

(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.

We pray for the church. Bless the missions and ministries of diverse congregations, that they uplift the good news of salvation in ways that can be understood. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation. Send rain to lands experiencing drought and healing to rivers clogged with pollution. Enrich the soil for trees and plants. Protect the crops needed to feed those who hunger. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who govern. Encourage those in positions of power to lead with empathy, practice forgiveness, and care for those who struggle. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for our neighbors who face illness of any kind. For those strained financially; for all living with chronic pain, mental illness, the disease of addiction, or otherwise afraid or in harm's way. Protect all who cry out for mercy (*especially*). Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation. Open our hearts to practice intentional invitation. Help us to forgive each other, practice patience, and choose welcome over judgment. Move us to care for those in our community seeking refuge and safety. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the saints who died in faith. Show us how to live faithfully, creatively, and lovingly in your church and world. 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

Voices Raised to You We Offer

CHOIR ANTHEM

Carolyn Jennings

- 1 Voices raised to you we offer; tune them, God, for songs of praise.
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute for your gifts through all our days.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to you we sing!

2 All creation joins to praise you; earth and sky your works display.
Art and music, gifts you lend us, we return to you today.
Alleluia! Alleluia! God, creator, source of life!

5 How can any praise we offer measure all the thanks we owe?
Take our hearts and hands and voices— gifts of love we can bestow.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Triune God, to you we sing!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

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Stand

OFFERTORY

Lord of All Good

1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring you now;
use them your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill.
To - kens of love and pledg - es they shall be that
our whole life is of - fered to your will.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.

Music: MORESTEAD, Sydney Watson, 1903–1991

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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 meal. 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 #482

I Come with Joy

(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 #820

O Savior, Precious Savior

*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

Postlude in G

Johann Walther

Offering:

Thank you for continuing to give of your finances to support Christ Lutheran Church and our community ministries.

Giving options are:

- 1) ***QR Code*** (*secure.myvanco.com*), takes you to the General Fund to donate. This option is helpful to create automatic recurring donations.
- 2) You can put your check in the ***US postal*** service to the church address.



3) *Share your offering when the **plate** is passed during the service.*

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The Altar Flowers: *Given to the Glory of God.* 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:

Preacher: Pastor David Skole, **Presider:** Pastor Cindy Keyser, **Greeter:** Joan Schumann, Georgia Schmitt, **Ushers:** Susan Tirico, Kevin Denis, **Communion Assist:** Sheila Umberger, Mary Vest, **Reader:** Sheila Umberger, **Flower Delivery:** Wanda & Greg Hoge, **Communique:** Thursday Sept. 28, 9am, Linda Akers, Steb Lindsey, Judy Addison, Buck Buchanan

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Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive



1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray;
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905–1987, alt.
Music: DETROIT, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844
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I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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O Savior, Precious Savior



1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,
3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;
4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,



O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:
thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:
the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.
in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;



we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,



we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.
we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.
and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

Music: ANGEL'S STORY, Arthur H. Mann, 1850–1929