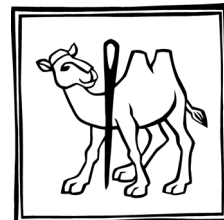


**Christ Lutheran Church**  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**ELW Holy Communion, Setting III**  
**October 10, 2021 10:00 am**



*Christ Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. We extend God's own welcome to all, irrespective of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other human distinction.*

**PRELUDE:** *Listen, God is calling* Anne Krentz Organ  
ELW 513

**+ GATHERING +**

**\*CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

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.

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 by 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained

“Be still, and know that I am God.”  
During the Prelude worshippers are invited to prepare quietly for worship.

\*Stand, as able.

The open font is a powerful symbol of the centrality of baptism for Christians.

The congregation is invited to stand and turn toward the font as we give thanks for the assurance of God's forgiveness of sin and the new life offered in Jesus' death and resurrection.

HYMNS TODAY:

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minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

**\*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.**

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE** *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing* ELW 886

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day, formerly called the "Collect," gathers the theme of each Sunday's worship, each phrase rich in meaning.

**+ WORD +**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

A reading from Amos...

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live,  
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

<sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!

<sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;

God's living and enlivening word comes both to us and through us, proclaimed in spoken word, psalm, sermon and hymn-singing.

you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.

<sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

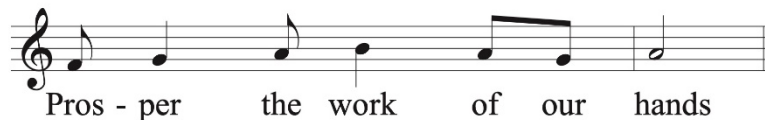
Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 90:12-17

Antiphon, sung by all

Peter R. Hallock



12. So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
13. Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry?  
Be gracious to your servants. ANTIPHON
14. Satisfy us by your lovingkindness in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
15. Make us glad by the measure of our days that you have  
afflicted us  
and the years in which we suffered adversity.  
ANTIPHON
16. Show your servants your works and your splendor to their  
children.
17. May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;  
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.  
ANTIPHON

The psalms were the first hymns of the people of God and express hope and despair, trust and tribulation, anger, joy and praise.

## Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

A reading from Hebrews...

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.


<sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

### \*Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He

We stand to greet  
our Lord Jesus  
Christ as he comes  
to us in the Holy  
Gospel.

said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

## SERMON

*The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**      *Gather Us* ELW 532

**Temple Talk**              Lisa Eck



The congregation participates in the proclamation of God’s Word in singing the Hymn of the Day, the assembly’s principal song.

## **\*THE 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:

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Saving God, you work to bring wellness to those who suffer. Grant compassion and skill to those who practice healing arts, and relief to all in pain or in harm's way. We pray especially for... Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Hear, O God, the prayers on our lips.

*(Worshippers are invited to voice their petitions.)*

Hear, O God, the silent prayers of our hearts.

*(Silence is kept for unspoken prayers.)*

Let us pray. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lutherans celebrate the priesthood of all believers. The intercessory prayers are one way for lay persons to exercise the priestly role. Members of the assembly are encouraged to read the printed petitions, add their own intercessions, and to voice their assent in the responses.



Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died. Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**



**+ MEAL +**

**OFFERING HYMN**    *Take my life, that I may be*    ELW 583

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

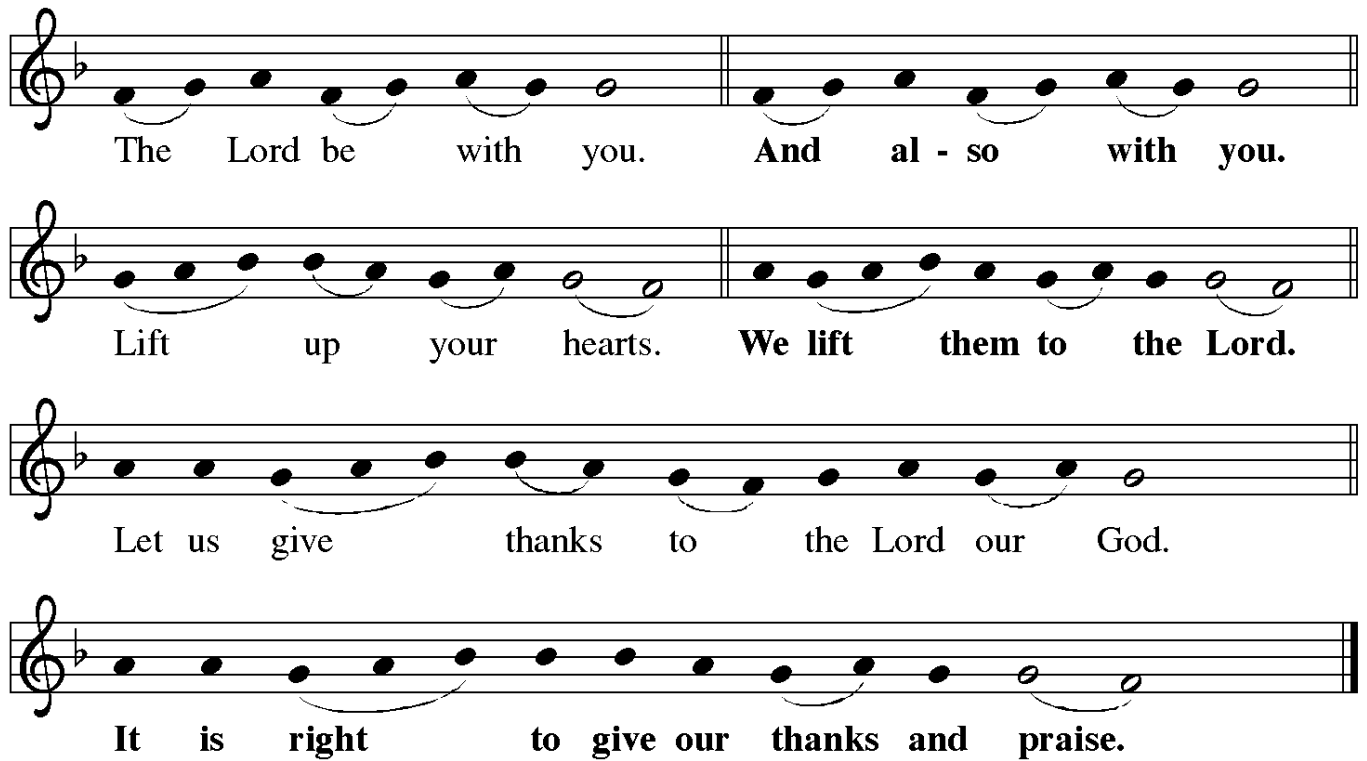
**God of abundance,  
you cause streams to break forth in the desert  
and manna to rain from the heavens.  
Accept the gifts you have first given us.  
Unite them with the offering of our lives  
to nourish the world you love so dearly;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Much more than a polite greeting, the exchange of peace is God's answer to our prayers in the presence of the risen Christ and part of our preparation to receive him in his holy supper. The gesture such as a handshake, hug or "holy kiss," may accompany the verbal greeting as those exchanging the peace choose.

Our monetary offerings are an act of worship, symbolic of our whole lives placed at the disposal of God's reign in response to God's self-giving to us in Christ Jesus.

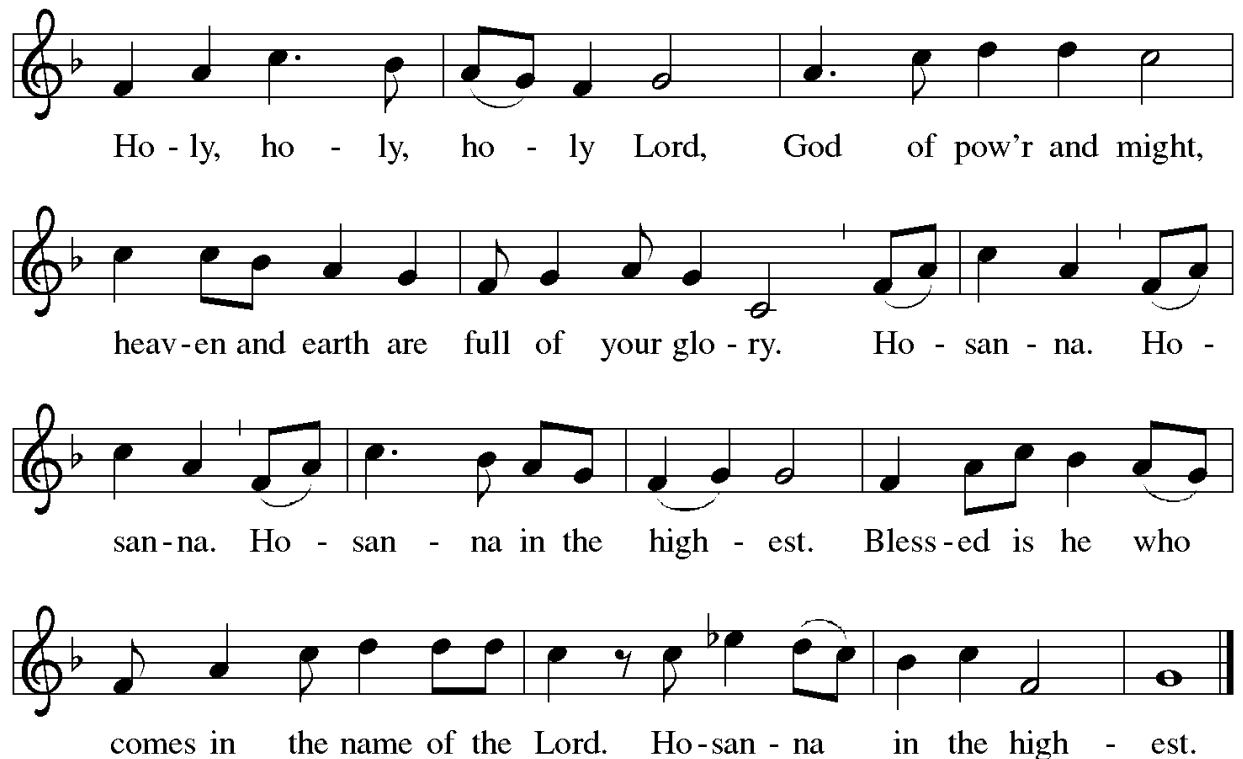
**\* DIALOG**



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

**\* PROPER PREFACE (intoned by Pastor)**

**\* HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



### **\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.  
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.  
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.  
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and  
forever.  
**Amen.**

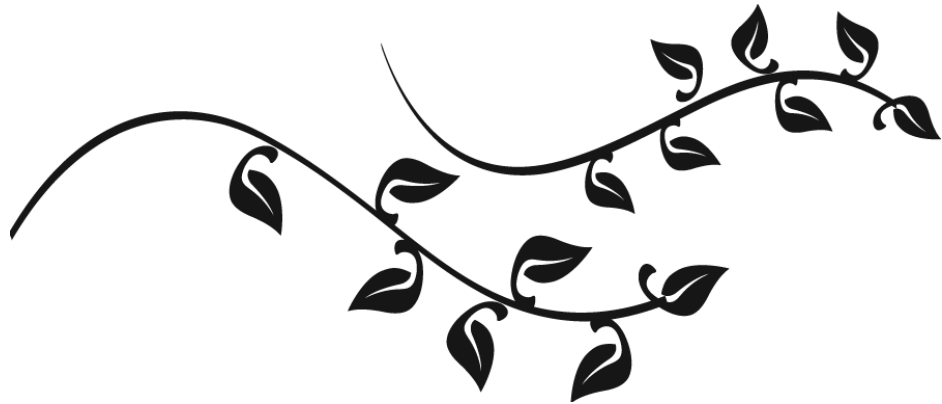
As we prepare  
to receive  
Christ in the  
Holy Eucharist,  
we give thanks  
to God for  
saving God's  
people  
throughout  
human history,  
culminating in  
the salvation  
won through  
the life, death  
and  
resurrection of  
Jesus Christ,  
even as we  
await the  
redemption of  
the whole  
creation.

## \*LORD'S PRAYER

Sung or spoken, in any translation, the Lord's Prayer, which may be a pattern for all our prayers, here serves as our table prayer before we share in the Lord's Supper.

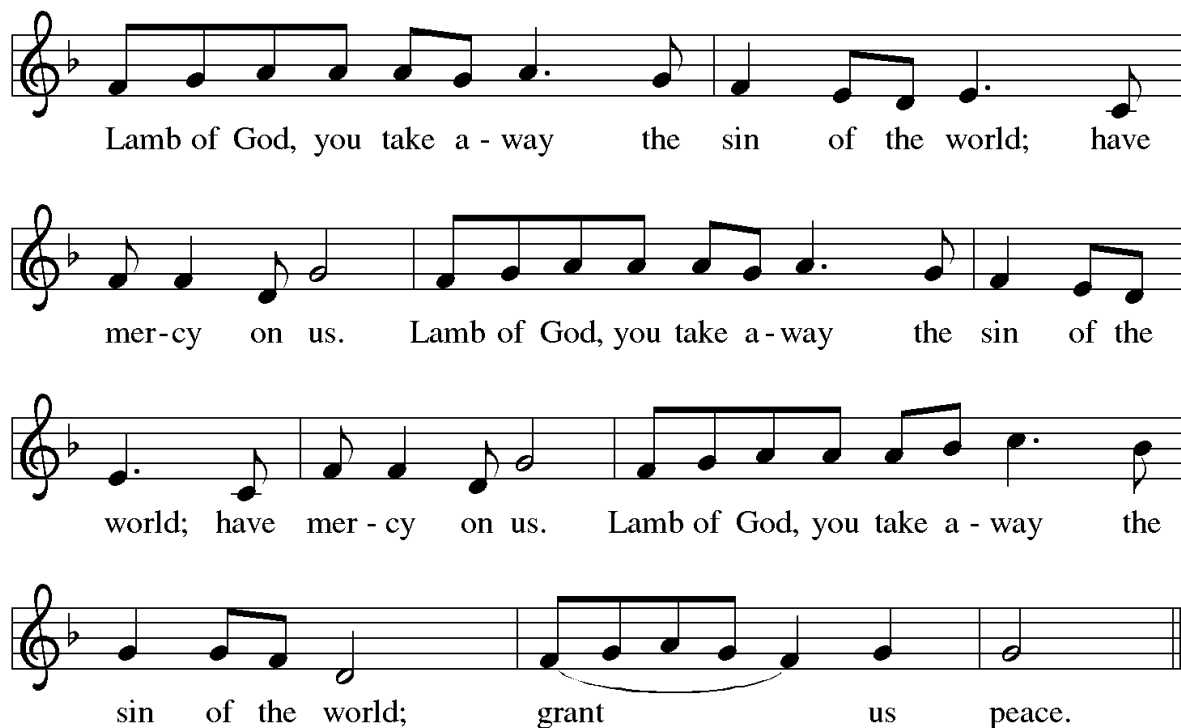


Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,  
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.  
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we  
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al  
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.



## LAMB OF GOD

Communicants are seated and begin to gather around the table as "Lamb of God" is sung.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Christ Lutheran Church practices Eucharistic hospitality; all baptized Christians who trust in Christ's presence in the sacrament of Holy Communion are welcome at the table where he is both host and food.

## DISTRIBUTION

**COMMUNION HYMN** *I received the living God* ELW 477

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of life,  
in the gift of your body and blood  
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.  
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,  
bearing witness to the abundance of your love  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

Communicants normally receive the bread in open, cupped palms (sometimes laid one over the other in the shape of the cross).

Wine (light colored) or grape juice (red/purple) is offered in an individual glass.

For persons who exclude gluten from their diet, all wafers are gluten-free.

**+ SENDING +**

**\*BLESSING**

Almighty God,  
Father, Son , ✠ and Holy Spirit,  
Bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN** *God of Grace and God of Glory* ELW 705

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE** *God of grace and God of glory* J. Bert Carlson  
ELW 705

**Please hold in prayer:**

Jim Aberth, Mary Kay Aberth, Anna Anderson, Janet Baker, Kwai Lin Chan, Steven Chartier, Steven Chin, Brigitte Chisholm, James Clunie, Danny Elson, Ron Embree, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Susan Giroux, Charles Graham, Ann Hoilo, Arthur Hurst, Richard Hurst, Gayle Jaffe, Adele Kasinskas, Gloria Kleinfelt, Chui Yuk Lee, Phillip Liu, Edie Lohr, John Melin, Jon Nelson, Mary Pellauer, Grace Petot, Arvind Raja, Deb Ream, Erica Rich, Shannon Ripp, Alexis Scala, Louann Smith, Diane Stevens, Polly Weston, and Shirley Wong; we pray for all who contend with addictions, all who struggle with mental illness; all who are serving in the armed forces; and those who fight COVID-19 and its lingering effects.

**With Gratitude to Today's Worship Leaders:**

<b>Greeters</b>	Mary Avalos and Laraine Marthinsen
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Cathy Gallagher
<b>Reader</b>	George Hall
<b>Cantor</b>	Jeff Kinney
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Joyce Simon
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Joyce Simon and Judy Precious
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Carol Virshbo and Gyongi Molnar
<b>Tellers</b>	Audrey Colson and Alan Avalos
<b>Audio Visual Team:</b>	Comlanvi Agbodjinou, Alan Avalos, Rolf Larson, Phil Roberts

**Thanks to Today's Musicians:** CLC Choir



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Committee (WMVA)  
Jeffrey P. Kinney, Stewardship Committee  
Carol Virshbo, Professional Leadership Committee  
Mary Avalos and Robin Hurst, Family Promise  
Edie Lohr, Altar Guild

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