

Christ Lutheran Church

September 15, 2024

**CHRIST
LUTHERAN
CHOOSES**

Faith

WE ARE A COMMUNITY OF FAITH THAT WELCOMES

All are welcome at Christ Lutheran Church. We emphasize grace, forgiveness, and the reality that God is love. The teachings and example of Jesus call us to love one another and to be an inclusive and affirming community for people of every culture, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, relationship status, family makeup, and spiritual background. No matter what challenges you're facing – physical, mental, spiritual, economic, emotional, moral, or otherwise – we invite you to experience God's grace with us. There is a place for you here.

THE IN-PERSON CLC ESSENTIALS

Restrooms are in the Narthex and in the Education Building.

The **Nursery** is available from 9:15 a.m. through the end of the late service.

Attendance Registration Cards are located in the pew racks. We ask everyone in attendance, visitors and members, to fill out a card and drop it in the offering plate as it is passed.

Audio Receivers for the hearing impaired are available in the Narthex.

THE VIRTUAL CLC ESSENTIALS

Please tune in each Sunday for livestream worship at 10:30 a.m. by clicking the YouTube button below.

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GATHERING

PRELUDE

Sacred Prelude No. 1 - Stevens

WELCOME

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

PRAYER FOR FAITH

Lord God, please give us the gift of faith which only the Holy Spirit can give. Lord, we believe in you ...

- ... **Because the beauty of the world speaks of you.**
- ... **Because the goodness in the world comes from you.**
- ... **Because we can discern and know the truth.**
- ... **Because your creation is sustained in being.**
- ... **Because we are a mystery to ourselves.**
- ... **Because you are the foundation of truth, and your words illuminate.**
- ... **Because you are too great for us to fully understand.**
- ... **Because trustworthy people have believed in you for centuries.**
- ... **Because of the witness of science.**
- ... **Because of the witness of the saints.**
- ... **Because of the witness of the Gospels.**
- ... **Because you have given us the gift of faith.**

Lord God, give us the faith we need to know your will, the hope we need to accept your will, and the love we need to do your will, even when we don't understand it, knowing that your way is better. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. **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.**

KYRIE

(At this time we invite you to write down on the provided slips of paper one moment of faithfulness received or offered. If you desire, bring your paper forward and drop it in the well of kindness, located at the front of the sanctuary. Our prayer throughout this season is that our small acts of kindness would well up into a massive wave of justice, love, and compassion for our neighbors and for the sake of the whole world.)

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of Mercy, we ask you to come mighty close, for we are a divided world, and we are not sure of our footing in this moment. Steady us, and invite us to “do unto others” in ways that build up your kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. We pray this in the name of Jesus and in the power of the spirit that transforms. **Amen.**

The congregation may be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Pew Bible/Old Testament page #681

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: James 3:1-12

Pew Bible/New Testament page #230

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S TIME (10:30 a.m.)

Director of Faith Formation, Carrie Jowers

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

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, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The holy gospel according to Mark, the eighth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

Pew Bible/New Testament page #43

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Leslie Price

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

God, Whose Almighty Word

ELW #673

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.**

The congregation is invited to kneel as able.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray for those in need, within our own community and throughout the world. We give thanks to God for the many blessings bestowed upon us. Our petitions end with "Hear us, O God," and the congregation responds: "your mercy is great."

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation may be seated.

MEAL

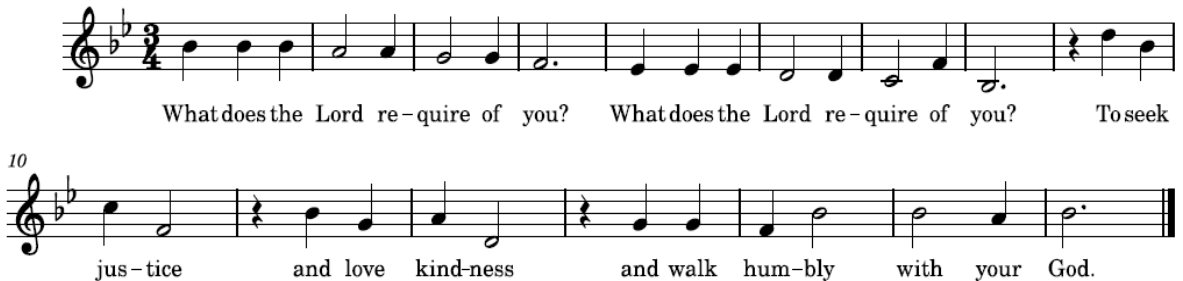
OFFERTORY ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.) *Amazing Grace* - Valerio & Buechner
Sanctuary Choir

OFFERING

Christ Lutheran designates 20% of your Sunday offerings to our benevolence partners who make a direct impact on the lives of people in our world who need it most. See page two for more information on giving virtually from your phone or go to clcab.org.

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

OFFERTORY HYMN *What Does the Lord Require of You*



What does the Lord re-quire of you? What does the Lord re-quire of you? To seek
10 jus-tice and love kind-ness and walk hum-bly with your God.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together. O God, **bles**sed are you, for you are the source of every gift within creation. **By** these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve our neighbor and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

Indeed, we give thanks to you as we gather around your table to remember what true relationship means. All are invited to this Table of Faith. You unleashed your creative power, and a world blossomed. You bestowed upon every living thing life and breath, color and movement, dignity and purpose.

Your son broke bread with those whose worldview did not mirror his. Your son broke bread with those whose experience and traditions were sometimes not only different, but opposed, to his. No matter how many battles we wage within and between ourselves and against you, your promise, vision, and gifts of peace and abundance continue.

And so we lift up our voices in celebration of you!

Holy, holy, holy are you!

We join all the prophets and saints!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

We join the parade of justice!

Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord!

We add our cries and exclamations!

Hosanna in the highest!

Holy are you and blessed is your son, Jesus. To those who were imprisoned by status, law, illness, poverty, gender, age, and disease, he said, “your belief has set you free. You are a child of God.” He invited disciples, friends, and strangers alike to his table.

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.

Jesus told us to remember:

You are one at this table, the table of grace.

For Christ has died, Christ has risen,

and Christ comes again in this meal we eat together.

Holy Spirit, transform this meal and transform this body so that we might be free to love without condition, invite without hesitation, go without reservation, and proclaim your hope to all the world! **Amen!**

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;

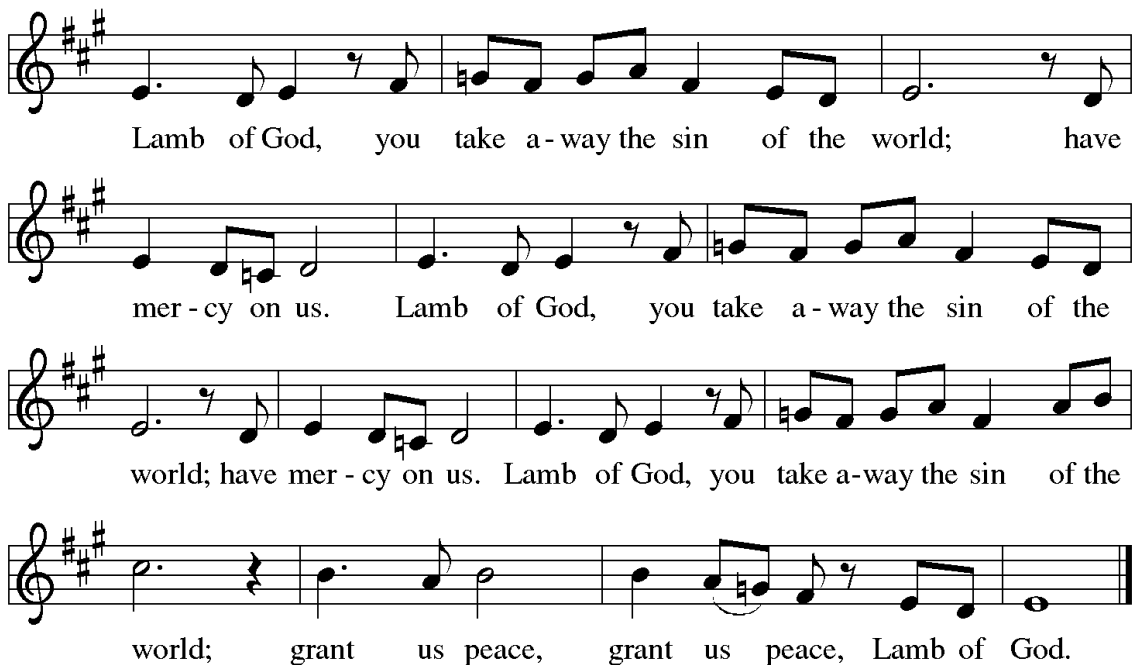
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

DISTRIBUTION

Two thousand years ago Jesus ate with sinners and those whom others scorned. He still does. None of us is worthy, except by God's grace. No matter what you have done or what your present condition, Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and who seek to live in peace with one another.

The gathered faithful have a choice to commune at the front of the sanctuary by intinction or in their seats with individual communion packets available at the entrance to the sanctuary. With intinction, the bread is placed in your hand for you to dip in the wine. Anyone who is unable to come forward may indicate to an usher that you wish to receive communion from a minister where you are seated. Gluten-free wafers are found on the small table next to the usher stand for anyone who needs them.

COMMUNION (10:30 a.m.)

Da Pacem Domine— Goetzke
Sanctuary Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

We Walk by Faith

ELW #635

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together. 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.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May the Holy One show you the way
to do unto others with kindness.

May the Christ whose light is the center of all-that-is
ground you in the assurance that no one is outside of love.

May the spirit show forth through you
in extraordinary acts you never imagined you had the power to achieve.

And may you know the peace that surpasses all understanding,
especially when it is difficult to understand. **Amen.**



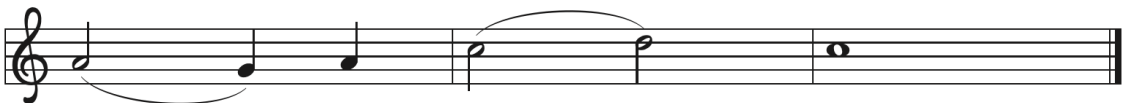
1 Found - ed on faith, the church— a - live by grace—
 2 Your cross, O Christ, re - news our life each day.
 3 E - quipped by prayer, we live the Spir - it's call.
 4 Grow - ing in grace for God's cre - at - ed earth,
 5 Found - ed on faith, called forth, em - pow' red to serve,



pro - claims the gos - pel here and ev - 'ry place.
 Bap - tized in you, we learn and teach and pray.
 Em - pow' red to serve with gifts, both great and small,
 we yearn for jus - tice, peace, and hu - man worth;
 we share God's end - less love with - out re - serve.



The word of God re - sounds through time and space:
 Fed by your love, with thank - ful hearts, we say:
 we bring the liv - ing hope of God to all.
 a world re - stored; a faith - ful, car - ing church.
 Then let us shout a - loud the liv - ing Word!



Al - le - lu - ia!

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Psalm of Praise - Ritter

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Preaching & Presiding Minister
Assisting Ministers
Lectors

8:30 a.m.

Pastor Leslie Price
Robert Crotteau
Celia Crotteau

10:30 a.m.

Pastor Leslie Price
Paul Pfeifer
Vaughnell Gray

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WELCOME TEAM

Carolyn Dufelmeier, Lori Harris, Bob Logan, Mary Lynn Logan - Chair, Bob & Karen Corder, Bill Chavers, Joan Woods, Mary Overstreet, Edna Robbins, Ida Marie Schultz, Ulf Balldin, Jennifer Dunn, Heather Rosenquist, Tracy Anderson, and Natalie Tate

THANK YOU

Our heartfelt thanks to our faithful volunteer, Mary Overstreet, for the beautiful banners which adorn our Sanctuary, and to John Malitz, who donates the time of his employees at Malitz Construction to regularly take down and put up these artistic installations which enhance our worship.

TODAY

- 9:30 a.m. - Preschool - 7th Graders meet upstairs in the education building in their designated classroom.
- 9:30 a.m. - Faith University - join Pastor Leslie to look at what it means to be Bible Based, Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m. - Primrose Corner - casual Adult Education, Primrose House
- 9:30 a.m. - Lucy Circle, Parlor
- Small Group Ministry Fair, CrossWay throughout the morning
- 5:00 p.m. - FX3, Pizza Night and Games, Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK

Monday, September 16

- 9:00 a.m. Money Counters, Parlor

Tuesday, September 17

- 9:00 a.m. Quilters, Primrose House

Wednesday, September 18

- 5:30 p.m. Gloria Choir, Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Angelicus Choir, Children's Chapel
- 6:00 p.m. Spanish Intermediate Conversational class, Parlor

Thursday, September 19

- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch, Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 20

- 6:00 p.m. Families in Fellowship Movie Night, Fellowship Hall



SMALL
GROUP
Sunday

We celebrate the small groups within our faith community – groups that seek to care, pray, engage, and serve for the sake of growing together spiritually to become a dwelling place for God.

Small Group Leaders will greet you in the CrossWay before and after worship to tell you more about their group and to answer any questions you may have.

Today | September 15 | CrossWay

CARAMEL APPLE BAR & MOVIE NIGHT

Wear your favorite jammies and
come out for a yummy dessert
and fun movie!!

Friday | September 20 | 6:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall



College Night Out
Sunday, September 22
6:30 p.m.
Tycoon Flats

RSVP to Ms. Carrie



“AMAZING GRACE” IN SEPTEMBER

The hymn, “Amazing Grace” may be considered the theme song of Christendom. Based on the subject of redemption despite sin, it is most appropriate for every Christian denomination. Its creation is well known, popular and inspirational: John Newton (1725 – 1807), its author, became the captain of a slave – transporting ship. A terrible storm battered his ship so severely, that he called out to God for mercy. This moment immediately led to his spiritual conversion, as he left the slave trade and became an ordained minister. He soon composed “Amazing Grace” in 1772 and published it in 1779.

The hymn tune to “Amazing Grace” has lived a more checkered career. While today in the United States, we sing it to the tune, “New Britain” (you can find the hymn tune name to any of our hymns by looking in the lower right-hand corner of the page in the hymnal), I count 20 different tunes sung to this hymn in the past 225 years. In the late 18th century, it was sung to a particular tune in Northern states and in the early 19th century, a different shaped note version found in Methodist and Baptist hymnals in the American South.

During the month of September, from the 8th to the 29th, the Sanctuary Choir will present a separate arrangement of the hymn somewhere in the Sunday service: two versions of the “New Britain” tune, a gospel version, the “Northern” version and the Golden Gate Gospel Quartet version sung to “The House of the Rising Sun” by the 1960s rock band, The Animals. We hope to see you in September.

Dr. Daniel Long, Minister of Music

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR GROUP

Tuesday, September 24, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom (Every Other Tuesday)

This group regularly meets every other Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. The class is led by Pastor H. Anyone can join, even if you haven't read along with us yet or may be behind. Join in for good conversation and company. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2461346872>.

TLU SUNDAY

SPECIAL GUEST - DR. DEBBIE COTTRELL, TLU PRESIDENT

Sunday, September 29

Calling all Bulldogs! We will welcome Dr. Debbie Cottrell, President of Texas Lutheran University since 2019, to both worship services and our adult education hour, Faith University. In a Temple Talk during each worship service, Dr. Cottrell will share current updates on Texas Lutheran and her gratitude for the partnership between TLU and Christ Lutheran in promoting Lutheran values and Lutheran higher education. During Faith University, all adults and high school-aged youth are invited to hear more from Dr. Cottrell about what uniquely equips TLU to educate the young people of today and how TLU's larger vision fits within a broader perspective on faith-based higher education in our country. We are honored by Dr. Cottrell's visit and look forward to showing our Bulldog pride on September 29.

MEAL KITS FOR PLAZA DE PAZ

Sunday, October 27, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

The Plaza de Paz Respite Center for migrants is in desperate need of shelf-stable, individually wrapped meal kits. These kits are useful as a backup when fresh food resources are unavailable. Even better, they are easy to pack for travel. The Center needs around 300 kits a month, so Christ Lutheran is undertaking the challenge to provide a month's worth of kits this fall.

In September and October, we will be collecting items for the kits. You can stop by the CrossWay and visit our donation display. There you will find paper butterflies you can take, detailing a group of items we will need for the kit. Don't forget to sign the registration sheet so we can track who is giving what and make certain all items are covered. Please return the items by Sunday, October 20th.

The following Sunday, October 27, during education hour, we will have an all-congregation service project to pack these kits in Fellowship Hall. This will be a fun and faith-filled intergenerational service opportunity, where we can be witnesses of compassion and grace. Please join us! For more information, you can contact Deacon Lisa Diana or the church office.

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

Lutheran World Relief School Kits contain essential supplies to help children – and in some cases, adults – continue learning in the face of serious obstacles.

Please consider donating the necessary items on the list below and drop them off in the area labeled "Lutheran World Relief School Supplies" off the CrossWay by September 30.

Contact Lucy Mathesen with any questions.

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| 4 | 70-sheet notebooks of wide-or college-ruled paper, 8x10.5"; no loose leaf paper | 5 | unsharpened #2 pencils w/erasers; secure together w/a rubber band |
| 1 | 30 cm ruler, or ruler with cm on one side and inches on the other | 5 | black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together w/a rubber band |
| 1 | pencil sharpener | 1 | box of 16 or 24 crayons |
| 1 | pair of blunt scissors | 1 | 2 1/2" eraser |

