

Christ Lutheran Church

September 29, 2024

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHOOSES *Respect*

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 *Prelude on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" - Lehenbauer*

WELCOME

TEMPLE TALK

Dr. Debbie Cottrell

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

PRAYER OF RESPECT FOR ALL PEOPLE

God created the whole human family in God's own image. In baptism, we promise to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves.

We pray for all children, but especially those who are orphaned, neglected, abused, and those who live in fear of violence or disease, that we might comfort and protect them.

We pray for an end to prejudice throughout our country and world, that we might respect all people, remembering that we are all made in the image of God.

We pray for the rural and urban poor, for the growing disparity between rich and poor, for the courage to strive for economic justice; give us the strength of heart and mind to look beyond ourselves and address these needs.

We pray for all immigrants and refugees that we would welcome them in our midst and treat them with fairness and dignity.

We pray for all prisoners and captives that we might forgive them, offering compassion, rather than seeking vengeance and retribution.

We pray for the sick, the aged, and the infirm, for those with physical or mental disabilities that we might help provide access to proper care.

We pray for those with whom we disagree that we might listen and learn, seeking reconciliation while still advocating for justice.

Forgive us, Holy God. Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people. Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love. Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity, even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. **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 you received or offered the gift of respect. 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 all of us, we ask you to hover close, for we are a divided world, and we are not sure how to regard one another in this moment. Bind us as your beloveds 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. **Amen.**

The congregation may be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Pew Bible/Old Testament page #129

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: James 5:13-20

Pew Bible/New Testament page #235

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.



The holy gospel according to Mark, the ninth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-50

Pew Bible/New Testament page #45

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

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Howard Stendahl

The congregation is invited to stand as able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Gather Us In

ELW #532

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* - arr. John Rutter
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 **wi**thin 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 & EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 your children are invited to this table. You unleashed your creative power, and a world blossomed. You bestowed upon every living thing life and breath, color and movement, dignity and purpose.

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.

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

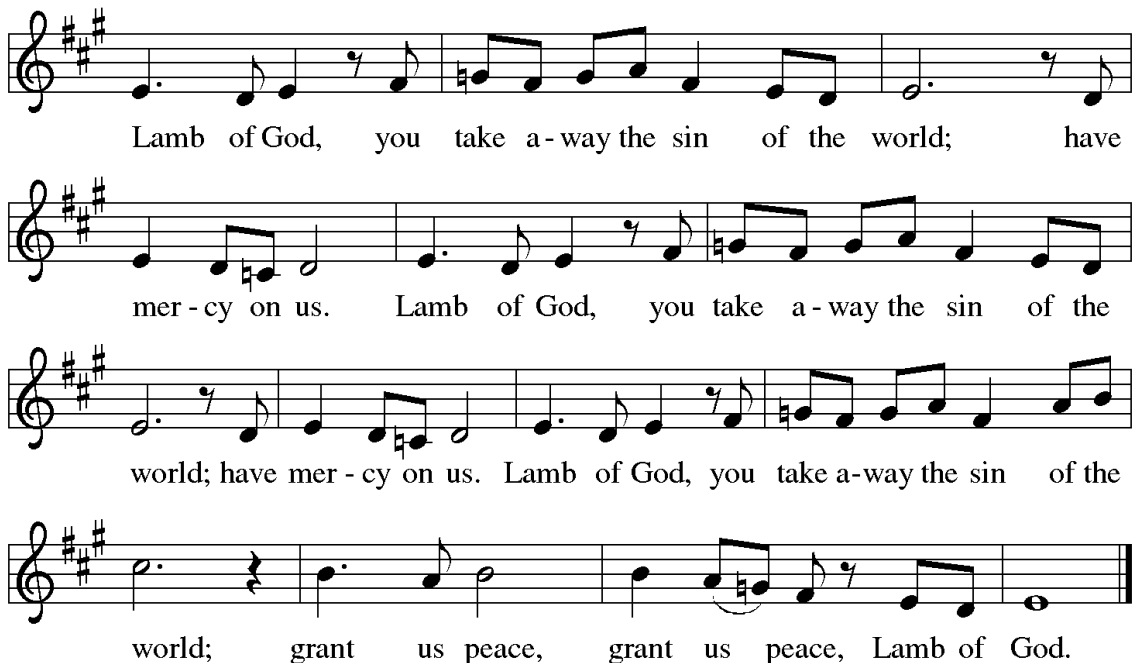
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**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 - Goetze
Sanctuary Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

There is a Balm in Gilead

ELW #614

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

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

For the Wholeness of the Earth

ACS #1067



1 We lift this prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this
2 We turn our lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our
3 Give thanks to God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to



prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this prayer for the
lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our lives to the
God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to God for the



whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it spin - ning in you?
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Sortie in D - Lemmens

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Preaching Minister
Presiding Minister
Assisting Ministers
Lectors
Acolyte

8:30 a.m.

Pastor Howard Stendahl
Pastor Leslie Price
Rev. Lorraine Potter
Sarah Borrell

10:30 a.m.

Pastor Howard Stendahl
Pastor Leslie Price
Deacon Lisa Diana
Jan Norris
Valyn Pfullmann

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Carolyn Dufelmeier, Patti Lynch, Pam Sheffield, Laurie Stiteler, Bobby Stobb, Frank Pennington, and Ron Olson

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 - Texas Lutheran University Update with special guest Dr. Debbie Cottrell, TLU President
- 9:30 a.m. - Primrose Corner - casual Adult Education, Primrose House

THIS WEEK

Monday, September 30

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

Tuesday, October 1

- 9:00 a.m. Quilters, Primrose House
- 6:45 p.m. CLC Book Club, Parlor

Wednesday, October 2

- 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, October 3

- 6:30 p.m. Mulligans, Wild Barley

Saturday, October 5

- 10:00 a.m. Youth Service Project, Alamo Heights Community Garden

TLU SUNDAY

SPECIAL GUEST - DR. DEBBIE COTTRELL, TLU PRESIDENT

Today, September 29

Calling all Bulldogs! We 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.

“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

CLC BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, October 1, 6:45 p.m., CLC Primrose House

Readers! You are welcome to join this monthly group that reads and discusses a wide variety of literature – novels and non-fiction. This month, Greg Meyer will lead the conversation on *The False White Gospel* by Jim Wallis. Questions? Check in with Edna Robbins.

MULLIGANS

Thursday, October 3, 6:30 p.m., Wild Barley, 8403 Broadway

Mulligans is a casual fellowship group of 20/30/40+ something men who meet the first Thursday of each month. Join us and take a load off at Wild Barley, 8403 Broadway, near Loop 410. Contact Casey Passant or Chad Burkhardt for more information.

JOSEPH’S SONS

Monday, October 7, 6:30 p.m., Longhorn Café at 1003 Rittiman Rd.

Calling all CLC Men! We will meet for a meal and fellowship. We will have a short Bible study. If you have questions or need directions, please call Joe Diana.

FAMILY LUNCH!

OCTOBER 6
12:00 P.M.



MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Tuesday, October 8, 7:00 a.m., Bill Miller BBQ, 410 and Nacogdoches

All men of the church are invited to a short Bible study on the upcoming Sunday gospel. Breakfast tacos and fellowship at Bill Miller BBQ located at 410 and Nacogdoches Road.

READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR GROUP

Tuesday, October 8 & 22, 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> .

THE GATHERING: A GROUP FOR MOMS

Thursday, October 10, 9:30 a.m., Bird Bakery

This group for moms with children ages birth through college meets on the second Thursday of each month. The Gathering is a place where moms of children can chat about anything and everything. It's a group to give advice when asked, to listen, laugh and just take a little time to make and grow friendships. For more information, contact Joan Woods or Carrie Jowers.

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.

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

