

# Christ Lutheran Church

October 13, 2024

## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHOOSES

*Generosity*

# 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

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### PRELUDE

### WELCOME

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*

### LITANY OF GENEROSITY

Extravagantly generous God, give us hearts to share the gifts that you have given to us.

To acknowledge you as the giver of all good gifts, to give without counting the cost, to share without expecting something in return. . .

**Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

To be wise in the way of caring for ourselves and others, to hold all of our treasures and values with open hands, to have gospel priorities and to align our life, love, and time in their light. . .

**Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

To be gracious and unbegrudging in our giving, to recognize the abundance of blessings in each passing day, to know the freedom that comes with true extravagant generosity.

**Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

To experience the heart of the widow giving her mite, to accept our talents, whether many or few, and to use them in service of the Kingdom, to grow in giving thanks for everything. . .

**Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

To be happy with having what we need and to be wise enough to know what it is that we want and do not need, to fall more deeply in love with the God of all generosity so that our hearts are strong enough to give away freely whatever is asked.

**Gracious God, give us generous hearts.**

Loving God, who so generously lavishes our lives with goodness, create in our hearts a deep center of gratitude, a center that grows so strong in its thanksgiving that sharing freely of our treasures becomes the pattern of our existence. Remind us of how much you cherish us, how abundantly you offer gifts to us, especially in the hours of our greatest need. May we always be grateful for your reaching into our lives with surprises of joy, growth, and unearned love. **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

### 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 generosity. 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.*

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**WORD**

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**FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

Pew Bible/Old Testament page #853

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16**

Pew Bible/New Testament page #220

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 tenth chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31**

Pew Bible/New Testament page #46

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**

*For the Troubles and the Sufferings*

ACS #1051



Pe - las do - res des - te mun - do, ó Se - nhor,  
For the trou - bles and the suf - f'rings of the world,  
im - plo - ra - mos pi - e - da - de. A  
God, we call up - on your mer - cy: the  
um só tem - po ge - me a cri - a - ção. Teus ou -  
whole cre - a - tion's la - bor - ing in pain! Lend an  
vi - dos se in - cli - nem ao cla - mor des - sa  
ear . . . to the ris - ing cry for help from op -  
gen - te o - pri - mi - da. A - pres - sa - te com  
pressed and hope - less peo - ple: Come! Has - ten your sal -

*tu - a sal - va - ção. A tu - a paz,*  
 va - tion, heal - ing love! We pray for peace,

*ben - di - ta e ir - ma - na - da co'a jus -*  
 the bless - ed peace that comes from mak - ing

*ti - ça a - bra - ce\_o mun - do in - tei - ro.*  
 jus - tice, to cov - er and em - brace us.

*Tem com - pai - xão! O teu po - der*  
 Have mer - cy, Lord! We pray for pow'r,

*sus - ten - te\_o tes - te - mu - nho do teu po - vo.*  
 the pow'r that will sus - tain your peo - ple's wit - ness:

*Teu rei - no ve - nha\_a nos! Ky - ri - e - e - le - i - son!*  
 un - til your king - dom comes. Ky - ri - e - e - le - i - son!

Text: Rodolfo Gaede Neto, b. 1951; tr. Simei Monteiro, b. 1943, and Jorge Lockward, b. 1965  
 Music: PELAS DORES DESTE MUNDO, Rodolfo Gaede Neto  
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## 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 “God of Grace,” and the congregation responds: “hear our prayer.”*

*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.*

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## **MEAL**

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**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** (10:30 a.m.) *Amazing Grace* - arr. Thomas Keesecker  
(based on “House of the Rising Sun” by the Animals)  
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](http://clcab.org).*

*The congregation is invited to stand as able.*



## OFFERTORY HYMN

*What Does the Lord Require of You*

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff contains the melody for the first two lines of the hymn. The second staff, starting at measure 10, continues the melody for the final line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together. O God, **blessed 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 & 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 of generosity. 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.

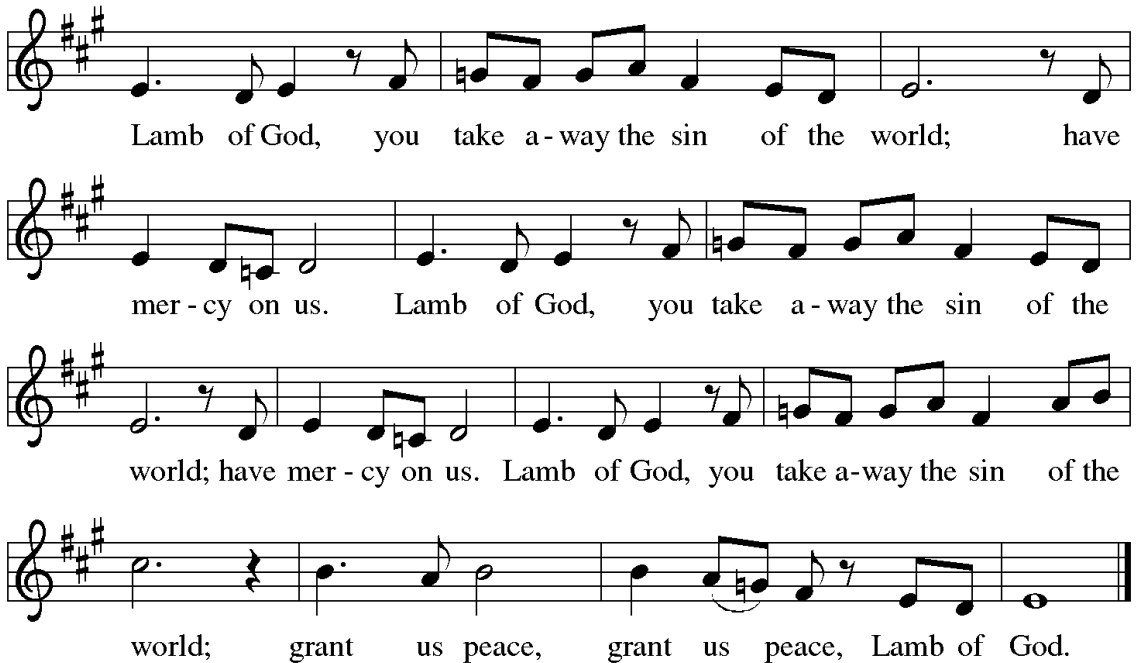
Holy Spirit, transform this meal and transform this body so that we might be free to love without condition, invite without hesitation, go without reservation, and proclaim your hope to all the world! **Amen!**

## 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.)     *Come to the Table of the Lord* - Albrecht & Althouse  
Sanctuary Choir

**COMMUNION**                     *We Come to the Hungry Feast*                     ELW #479

*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.**

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## SENDING

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## 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**                     *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*                     ELW #678

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

*Preaching & Presiding Minister*  
*Assisting Ministers*  
*Lectors*  
*Communion Helper*  
*Acolyte*

## 8:30 a.m.

Pastor Howard Stendahl  
Lorraine Potter  
Cyndi Manes

## 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Howard Stendahl  
Scott Merkord  
Sharon Wiedemann  
Frank Pennington  
Valyn Pfullmann

## CONGREGATION COUNCIL

*President* Michael Fischer  
*Vice President* Bryan Woods  
*Treasurer* Jeff Timm  
*Secretary* Paul Pfeifer

*At-Large Member*  
*At-Large Member*  
*At-Large Member*

Rhonda Barsalou  
James Ehler  
Edna Robbins

## STAFF

*Senior Pastor*  
*Pastor*  
*Director of Faith Formation*  
*Director for Day School Ministry*  
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*Office Administrator & AV Tech*  
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## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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.

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## TODAY

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- 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 H for reflections on the topic, “The Politics of Jesus,” Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m. - Primrose Corner - casual Adult Education, Primrose House

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## THIS WEEK

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Monday, October 14

OFFICE CLOSED FOR COLUMBUS DAY

Tuesday, October 15

- 9:00 a.m.
- 9:00 a.m.

Money Counters, Parlor  
Quilters, Primrose House

Wednesday, October 16

- 12:00 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m.
- 6:00 p.m.
- 6:15 p.m.

Council Meeting via Zoom  
Gloria Choir, Sanctuary  
Angelicus Choir, Children’s Chapel  
Confirmation Class, Upstairs Education Wing  
Spanish Intermediate Conversational Class, Parlor  
Family Pizza Night in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 17

- 12:00 p.m.

Lunch Bunch, Fellowship Hall

## EXCITING NEWS!

Today, 11:45 a.m., Parlor

We are forming a **Children and Youth Ministry Committee** at our church! This committee will be dedicated to nurturing and guiding the spiritual growth of our young members. We believe that children and youth are the future of the church, and through this committee, we aim to create engaging, faith-building experiences that will help them thrive both spiritually and socially.

**Whom Do We Need:** We are looking for passionate individuals—parents, educators, mentors, and anyone with a heart for young people—who are eager to serve and shape the next generation. Whether your gifts lie in planning, teaching, or simply offering support, we need your unique talents to help us build a vibrant ministry.

### What the Committee Will Do:

**Plan events and programs** that engage children and youth in meaningful ways.

**Support teachers and leaders** with curriculum and resources.

**Create a safe and welcoming space** where young people can grow in their faith.

**Foster strong connections** between children, youth, and the wider church community.

If you’re ready to make an impact and help us invest in the spiritual journey of our children and youth, we’d love for you to join us! Together, we can ensure that every young person feels seen, supported, and equipped to live out their faith.

Altar flowers are given in celebration of  
Mike and Lori Harris's 30th Wedding Anniversary.

## FAITH UNIVERSITY

Sunday, October 13 & 20, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Join Pastor H for reflections on the topic, "The Politics of Jesus." As we approach a controversial election season, we will examine Biblical teachings from Jesus that were considered radical during his earthly ministry . . . that would likely receive the same response today. "Treat the people's needs as holy" and "expose the workings of oppression" sound like political statements as Jesus challenged the established order of his time.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS: (6TH-8TH GRADE)

Wednesday, October 16, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Upstairs Education Wing

Confirmation Class will meet with Pastor Leslie to discuss the 10 Commandments and uncover how we can apply them to our lives today. We will have pizza to make the evening easier to manage for busy families.

## THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH BUNCH

Thursday, October 17, Noon, Fellowship Hall

Our social group for seniors, Lunch Bunch, will gather at noon in the Fellowship Hall for Halloween fun, conversation, fellowship, and of course, a meal. Many thanks to Carolyn Dufelmeier for cooking and hosting this meal for us each month. We look forward to a spooky, fun time this October.

## LUCY CIRCLE

Sunday, October 20, 9:30 a.m. CLC Parlor

Ladies, you're invited to join the Lucies to discuss "*The Amen Effect*" by Rabbi Sharon Brous – an essay that looks at the difficult conversations that can heal our broken hearts. Grab a cup of coffee and join us. This is a friendly, welcoming small group that is always open to new members. If you'd like a copy of the essay, please contact Jan Norris.

## READ THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR GROUP

Tuesday, October 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>.



*All are invited to the*  
Installation Service  
*of*  
**Deacon Lisa Diana**  
*as Minister of Mission & Outreach*

**20**  
**SUNDAY      OCTOBER      10:30 A.M.**  
**2024**

Reception in the CrossWay immediately  
following the late service





## 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 20<sup>th</sup>.

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.