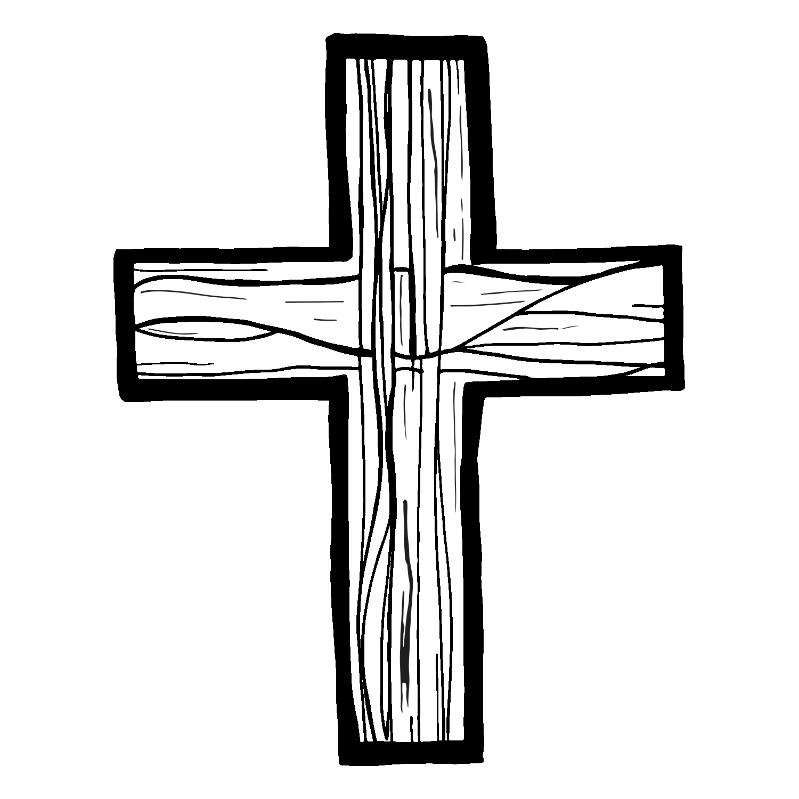
**Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**September 4, 2022**

**9:30am**



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**Welcome to worship! We’re glad you’re here!**

To assist in your worship:

**bold** print means we respond together

**\*** meansstand as you are able,

+ you may make the sign of the cross should you so desire.

**TODAY’S worship THEME**

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul’s request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God’s grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to “choose life”—to choose life in God as our own.



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**GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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 the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.** Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness, **we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ☩ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God’s abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG:** *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

**Chorus**

Come now is the time to worship.  Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship.  Come just as you are before your God.  Come

**Verse 1**

One day every tongue will confess you are God.  One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now  Chorus

**Verse 2**

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives willingly our knees will bow  
With all our heart soul mind and strength we gladly choose You now  Chorus

**\*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.**

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**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. *A brief silence*. **Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD**

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

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SCRIPTURE READING**  Deuteronomy 30:15-20 PewBible Old Testament Pg. 206

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSIVE PSALM** Psalm 1 PewBible Old Testament Pg. 539

1Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**2but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.**

3They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

**4The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

5Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**6for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**\*GOSPEL**  Luke 14:25-33 Pew Bible New Testament Pg. 79

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the14thchapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

**SERMON**

**\*SERMON SONG** *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore #817*

**\*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 THE CHURCH**

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God’s good creation.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

**\*SHARING OF PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *For the Fruit of All Creation*

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**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray, **Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

**MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus.*

**\*THE 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**

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**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God, mighty and merciful, your people praise you, saying: Your mercy endures forever. **Your mercy endures forever.**

 By your promise you bound yourself…calling them to be a light to the nations. Your mercy endures forever. **Your mercy endures forever.**

 With this bread and cup we remember his life laid down and lifted up as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

… through Christ Jesus, in your Spirit, now and forever. **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.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

We believe that this is Jesus' table. All are welcome and invited to commune.  We serve communion by “intinction”; receive the bread and dip it in the chalice of red wine. Currently we are offering individual communion cups as an alternative to intinction if you so desire. Both wine and grape juice (white) are offered in the tray. Gluten free bread is available; let your server know. Should you choose that your child not commune, please have them come forward with you to receive a blessing. If you choose not to commune, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest.



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**COMMUNION *SONG*** *Let Us Break Bread Together #471*

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**\*BLESSING**

**\*SENDING HYMN** *We Walk By Faith #635*

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you. **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

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**It is our joy to worship with your whole family this morning!**

**CHILDCARE**

We encourage everyone of all ages and abilities to worship together. If you do need to take a "time out", please do so in the narthex (gathering space at the entry), and return to worship when you are ready. A changing table is located in the restroom off the narthex. Activity bags, filled with crayons, paper and storybooks, are available in the narthex. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT**

*Christ Is Alive!*

**OUR VISION STATEMENT**

*Christ Lutheran Church is a community of believers committed to praising our Savior Jesus Christ. With his love, we reach out to those in need and welcome all with open hearts. Our worship dynamically combines, word, song and prayer to share God’s incredible message. Having faith in this, we go forth knowing that with God and the power of the Holy Spirit, anything is possible.*

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