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**9:30am**

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***Psalms of Praise***

***Written by Christ Lutheran Members and Friends***

***Life as we know it***

***We walk the streets, beaches, roads, mountains of life.***

***We feel the wind, smell the air, hear the sounds around us.***

***Marvel at what we feel, touch, and hold.***

***Without God in our body, soul, and spirit; they are just moments in time.***

***When our spirit and God’s are one;***

***We are living out God’s plan;***

***Feeling everything that goes into the Plan;***

***The love of God inside you is like no other;***

***Happy, sad, mad, or glad God is with you.***

***God is my redeemer.***

***Selah***

***~~Pete Davis***

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

To assist in your worship:

**bold** print means we respond together

**\*** meansrise in body or spirit,

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

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

We encourage everyone of all ages and abilities to worship together.

We offer a “pray-ground” located in the back left of the Sanctuary for those with littles to have some room for movement and activity. The Narthex (gathering space at the entry) also has some resources for families, including activity bags filled with crayons, paper and storybooks. These supplies can be used in the Narthex or brought into the Sanctuary. For those that find themselves in the Narthex, there is a speaker with which you can still hear the service. Lastly, a changing table is located in the restroom off the Narthex. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.

**TODAY’S worship THEME**

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John’s gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John’s gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord’s supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus’ words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

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**PRELUDE** Roger Halvorson

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

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

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Description automatically generated**\*GATHERING SONG**  *Good Soil W&P #52*

**\*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, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ☩ the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **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** *ELW pg.184*

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**Verse 1**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;

for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,

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

(Refrain)

**Verse 3**

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;

for life and for love, for our work and our play,

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

(Refrain)

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. *A brief silence****.* Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**WORD**

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

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**CHILDREN’S CHAT**

**FIRST READING** Proverbs 9:1-6Pew Bible Old Testament Pg.655

**SECOND READING** Ephesians 5:15-20 Pew Bible New Testament Pg.207

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Seek Ye First W&P #122*

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**\*GOSPEL** John 6:51-58 Pew Bible New Testament Pg.101

The Gospel comes from John, the 6th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

**SERMON** Pastor Nikki Fielder

**\*SERMON HYMN** *By Your Hand You Feed Your People* *ELW #469*

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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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

**\*SHARING OF PEACE**

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

**OFFERTORY***Healer of Our Every Ill*Don Koepke& Kim Philips

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *Refiner’s Fire*

Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver.

Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

Chorus:

Refiner’s fire: My heart’s one desire is to be holy, set apart for You, Lord.

I choose to be holy, set apart for You, my Master: Ready to do Your will.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray together**, Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. 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…

…and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** *Holy, Holy, Holy ELW pg.173*

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**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

We thank you and praise you for you have satisfied the hunger of your people in every age…

…Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, And stir in us a hunger for justice and thirst for compassion. Open wide your hand and satisfy our deep desire— feed us with the Bread that is you. All honor and glory to you, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*LORD’S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins**

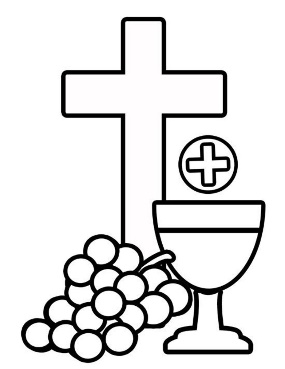
**as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.** **Amen.**

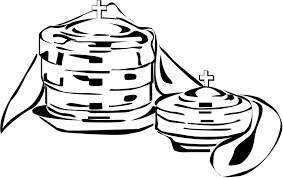
**DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

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 wafers are available; let your server know. Should you choose not to commune, you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms across your chest to let us know to give you that blessing.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!





**lamb of god** *Lamb of God ELW pg.174*

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**COMMUNION SONG** *Now in This Banquet W&P #104*

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Now in this banquet, Christ is our bread;

here shall all hungers be fed.

Bread that is broken, wine that is poured:

love is the sign of our Lord.

*Stanzas*

1 You who have touched us and graced us with love,

make us your people of goodness and light.

2 Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love;

open our eyes to the glory of God.

3 God who makes the blind to see, God who makes the lame to walk,

bring us dancing into day, lead your people in your way.

4 Hope for the hopeless, light for the blind:

“Strong” is your name, Lord, “Gentle” and “Kind”.

5 Call us to be your light, call us to be your love,

make us your people again.

6 Come, O Spirit! Renew our hearts!

We shall arise to be children of light.

**\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray**, Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

**SENDING**

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

**\*BLESSING**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN** *The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing ELW #531*

**Verse 1**

The trumpets sound the angels sing

The feast is ready to begin

The gates of heav'n are open wide

And Jesus welcomes you inside

**Chorus**

Sing with thankfulness

Songs of pure delight

Come and revel in

Heaven's love and light

Take your place at the

Table of the King

The feast is ready to begin

The feast is ready to begin

**Verse 2**

Tables are laden with good things

O taste the peace and joy He brings

He'll fill you up with love divine

He'll turn your water into wine

**Chorus**

**Verse 3**

The hungry heart He satisfies

Offers the poor His paradise

Now hear all heaven and earth applaud

The amazing goodness of the Lord

**Chorus**

**\*Dismissal**

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

**POSTLUDE** Roger Halvorson



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**Mission Statement**

Living by Christ’s example, we welcome, serve, and love all through God’s grace.

**Vision Statement**

Embracing the truth that God’s love and grace is for all, Christ Lutheran Church is a vibrant and active community spreading the good news through acceptance, action, and benevolence.

**A heart shaped logo with a cross

Description automatically generatedOur Position**

Christ is ALIVE!

**Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Welcome Statement**

Christ Lutheran Church is a congregation who joyfully welcomes everyone who enters our doors. We recognize that each of us is a unique creation made in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for the many diverse gifts that God has bestowed on us. We proclaim ourselves to be an open and affirming congregation to all of God's children, welcoming into our ministry persons of every race, culture, age, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, and economic status. We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism and creating an anti-racist space. We believe that through our openness we all grow in our faith through Christ's teaching to love one another as God loves us.

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