**Twenty Fifth Sunday of Pentecost**

**November 10, 2024**

**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

**\*** 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**

Widows are visible everywhere in today’s readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows’ houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn’t see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.

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Call To Worship *“Rough Translations” written by Jan L. Richardson*

**PRELUDE** Roger Halvorson

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TEMPLE TALK** Shannon Howard

**GATHERING**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hope nonetheless.

Hope despite.

Hope regardless.

Hope still.

**Hope where we had ceased to hope.**

**Hope amid what threatens hope.**

Hope with those who feed our hope.

Hope beyond what we had hoped.

**Hope that draws us past our limits.**

**Hope that defies expectations.**

Hope that questions what we have known.

Hope that makes a way where there is none.

**Hope that takes us past our fear.**

**Hope that calls us into life.**

**Hope that holds us beyond death.**

**Hope that blesses those to come.**

**\*GATHERING SONG**  *For the Fruit of All Creation ELW #679*



**\*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, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, **we confess that sin has taken hold of us**

**and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross,

swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are ☩ forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation. **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.**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. *A brief silence****.* O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, 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**

*After this time, children will be invited to Sunday school. They will return during the passing of the peace.*

**FIRST READING** 1Kings17:8-16Pew Bible Old Testament Pg. 359

**PSALM** Psalm 146 Pew Bible New Testament Pg.644

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

1Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!  
 **2I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.** 3Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.  
**4When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**

5Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God,  
**6who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;** 7who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
 **8the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
 the LORD loves the righteous.** 9The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.  
 **10The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Make Me A Servant W&P #96*

Make me a servant humble and meek

Lord let me lift up those who are weak

And may the prayer of my heart always be

Make me a servant make me a servant

Make me a servant today

**\*GOSPEL** Mark 12:38-44 Pew Bible New Testament Pg. 50

The Gospel comes from Mark, the 12th 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**  *What Have We to Offer W&P #156*

 *vs 1,3,& 4*



**\*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**

Rooted in God’s abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**\*SHARING OF PEACE**

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

**OFFERTORY**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *We Are an Offering W&P #146*

Chorus 1

We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

Lord use our voices

Lord use our hands

Lord use our lives they are Yours

We are an offering

Bridge

All that we have

All that we are

All that we hope to be

We give to You

We give to You

Chorus 2

We lift our voices

We lift our hands

We lift our lives up to You

We are an offering

We are an offering

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray together, **Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. 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.190*

**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food…

… Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,

in your holy Church, both now and forever, **Amen.**

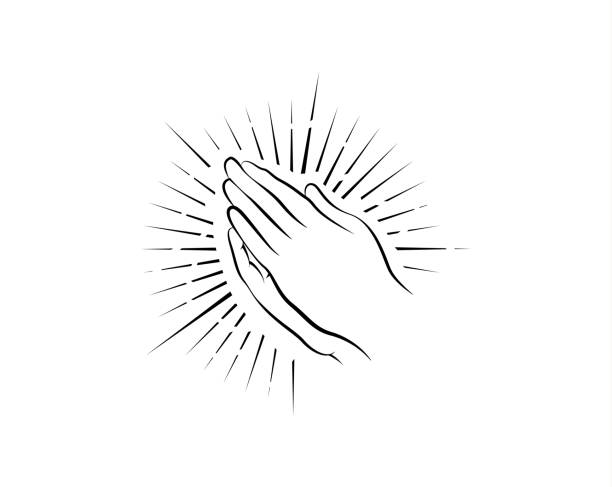
**\*LORD’S PRAYER**

**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**

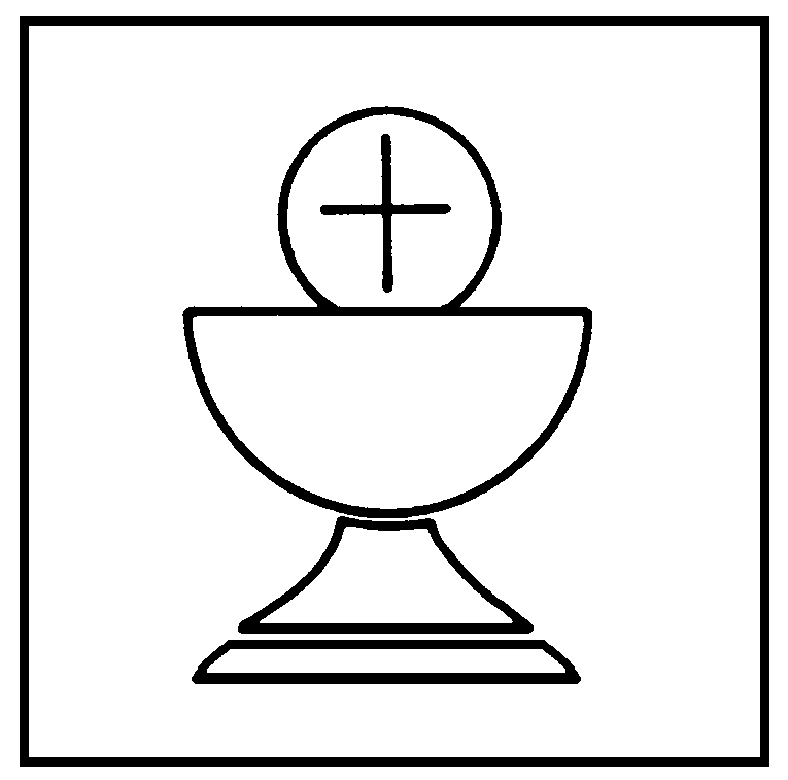
We believe that this is Jesus' table. All are welcome and invited to commune.  We serve communion by “intinction”; receive the bread and dip it in the chalice of red wine. Currently we are offering individual communion cups as an alternative to intinction if you so desire. Both wine and grape juice (white) 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.

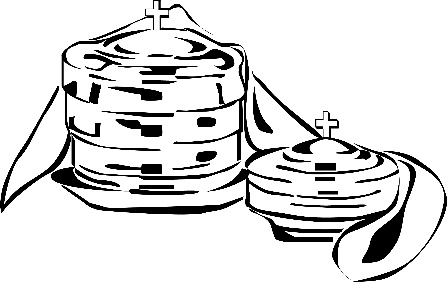
**HEALING PRAYER**

*This morning we offer healing prayer. If you would like our healing minister to pray with and for you, please go to the right transept after taking communion.*

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

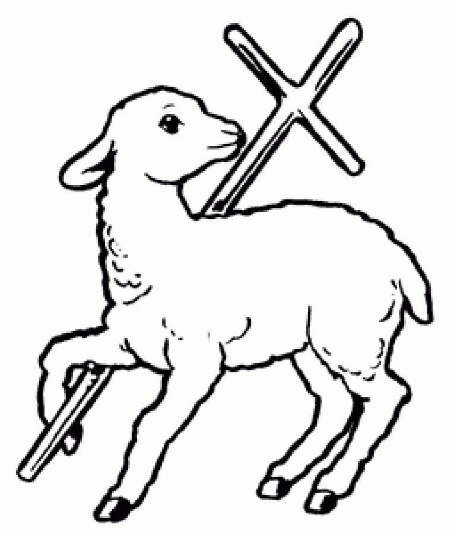
Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.





**lamb of god** *Lamb of God ELW pg.191*





**COMMUNION SONG** *Blessed Assurance ELW #638*

**\*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, **Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink**

**in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home,**

**in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING**

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

**\*BLESSING**

As you go from here, may God ☩ —our source of our hope— fill you up completely with joy and peace so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit! **Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN** *Beauty for Brokenness W&P #17*

*vs 1 & 5*

**Verse 1**

Beauty for brokenness

Hope for despair

Lord in Your suff'ring world

This is our prayer

Bread for the children

Justice joy peace

Sunrise to sunset

Your kingdom increase

**Chorus**

God of the poor Friend of the weak

Give us compassion we pray

Melt our cold hearts.

Let tears fall like rain

Come change our love

From a spark to a flame

**Verse 5**

Lighten our darkness

Breathe on this flame

Until Your justice

Burns brightly again

Until the nations

Learn of Your ways

Seek Your salvation

And bring You their praise

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Encourage one another in 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.

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**Our 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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