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Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost



Christ's Lutheran Church
700 East Pennsylvania Avenue
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*Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church
connects individuals to God, each other, and the community.*

Welcome to Worship at Christ's Lutheran Church!

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, whose name is majestic in all the earth, who rescues and heals in every time of trouble, who does all things well.

Amen.

Let us come before God, seeking forgiveness and life.

Silence is kept for reflection

Steadfast and saving God,

have mercy on us. We confess to you all the ways we turn from you and harm one another.

In your compassion, forgive our sins and heal our hurts.

Bring forth from us a harvest of righteousness,

the fruits of gentleness and peacemaking,

the sheaves of wisdom and justice;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

In the name of + Jesus, the Son of God,
receive mercy and find grace in your time of need.

Your transgressions are forgiven;

God's love is healing balm for your wounds.

Rejoice, for God raises you up to new life in Christ.

Amen.

Gathering Song

O God of Every Nation ELW # 713



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
when hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

Text: William W. Reid Jr., b. 1923

Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.

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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

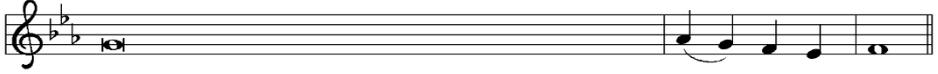
ELW Setting One



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



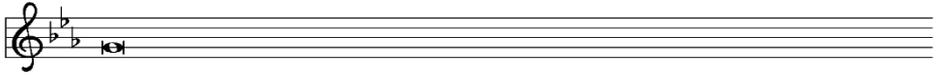
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



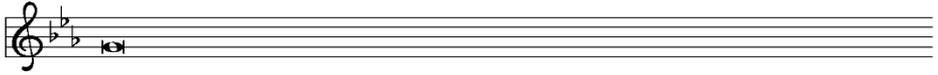
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

This is the Feast

ELW Setting One

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:

Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to

Refrain

hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

Refrain

gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

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

First Reading

Malachi 4:1-2a

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

DATH # 18 | From the Fullness of God

The congregation will sing the following response:

From the full - ness of God have we

all re - ceived: grace up - on grace, peace up - on peace.

Text: John 1:16, adapt.
Music: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

¹ Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.
² O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.
³ You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of
Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
⁴ Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Response

⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.
⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.
⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.
⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes
to judge the earth.
⁹ The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Response

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

A reading from Second Thessalonians, chapter 3.

⁶ Now we command you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord
Jesus Christ, to keep away from every brother or sister living
irresponsibly and not according to the tradition that they received from
us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were
not irresponsible when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat
anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked
night and day so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not
because we do not have that right but in order to give you an example
to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this
command: anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹ For we hear that
some of you are living irresponsibly, mere busybodies, not doing any
work. ¹² Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus
Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³ Brothers
and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation
(Sing Twice)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
ELW # 172

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

The Holy Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

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

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to

prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

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

Please be seated.

Children’s Message

Becca Shelor

A Moment of Prayer

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
ELW # 752



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING, Ken Medema

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The Message

Pastor Axel Kaegler

Please stand in body or spirit.

Today’s Music: “I often receive a request to play “When Peace Like a River” for memorial services. It was written by Horatio Spafford, a businessman and lawyer from Chicago. The lyrics were inspired by Spafford’s faith as he suffered the loss of his four daughters in a shipwreck. He lost his business in the Great Chicago Fire and his young son to illness. The hymn expresses the contrasting “peace like a river” with “sorrows like sea billows,” but affirms “it is well with my soul” despite personal tragedies. He shares his deep, unwavering faith and it provides strength to those suffering a loss because of its powerful text.



- 1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888

Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our common faith using the words of the 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.**

Please kneel or sit as you are able for the prayers.

Prayers of Intercession

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

You build up the church as a community of faithful witnesses throughout the generations. Enliven the worship, outreach, and service work of our congregations and ministries with the hope of your good news. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

As the nights grow longer in the northern hemisphere, make us mindful of the earth's need for rest. Provide for fallow fields and hibernating animals; show us how to curb human impact on vulnerable lands and species. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Rescue all nations and peoples from violence, displacement, or famine. Disrupt complacency among national and local leaders. Recommit our communities to transforming the systems that divide and oppress into those that empower and unite. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

In your embrace, we find refuge from all trials and troubles. Care for families who are separated or estranged, accompany all undergoing medical procedures or mental health treatment, and reassure any who are ill or despairing. We pray especially for Rachael, Pam, Roseann, Joanne, Ken, Marlene, Marge, Eleanor, and John. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless all who serve in congregational leadership: council members, finance committees, property teams, and community outreach organizers. Encourage healthy stewardship of time, talents, and resources for the mission of the gospel. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The faithful of every age trust in the hope of your saving grace. In thanksgiving for the ways our ancestors have journeyed before us, we remember all who have entered eternal life in you. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

Passing of the Peace

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

*You are invited to share God's peace with those around you
and to greet those who are worshipping online.*

Please be seated.

Our choir anthem, "Psalm 16," speaks of the benefits of a life commitment to God. It expresses the secret of contentment and great gladness in pressing times. As we conclude the church year, the Psalm predicts Jesus and His work for us..."your presence is fullness of joy."

*“Keep me safe, O my God,
for you are my refuge.
Apart from You I have nothing.
You alone are my portion,
You make my lot secure.”*

Please stand.

**Offertory Hymn
(Sing Twice)**

**Jesus, Lamb of God
W & P # 76**

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name;

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name.

Text: Dennis Jernigan, refrain of "You are my all in all"
Music: ALL IN ALL, Dennis Jernigan

Offering Prayer

Our God is a generous God,
providing manna in the wilderness.

Our God is a steadfast God,
with us even unto the end of the age.

Our God is a God of newness and calling,
inviting us to honor new visions and embrace new dreams.

Israel was fed with manna from heaven.
Elijah was sustained by bread and meat brought by ravens.
The disciples traveled with a common purse,
sharing their gifts with one another.

Christ invited those gathered at the Feast of the Five Thousand
to witness a generosity beyond what they could imagine.
The ancient church shared all things in common,

believing that the call to communal spiritual growth is also a call to give back to God what God has given us. In keeping with this history and heritage, trusting that God provides us with everything we need to do, what we are called to do, and be who we are called to be, we gather our offering - the first fruits of our labor. We commend them to God, the source of our blessings and hope.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Generous God, you invite us to live generous lives, trusting that you have given us to each other to work together:
We are better together.

In service to our neighbor, in love for all creation, and in proclamation of your good news for all:
We are better together.

Bless these gifts we've gathered, give us generous hearts, honest commitment to the call you've placed before us, and sincere trust that we can rely on your grace and sufficiency as we continue to serve you and your people. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

ELW Setting One

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.

Preface

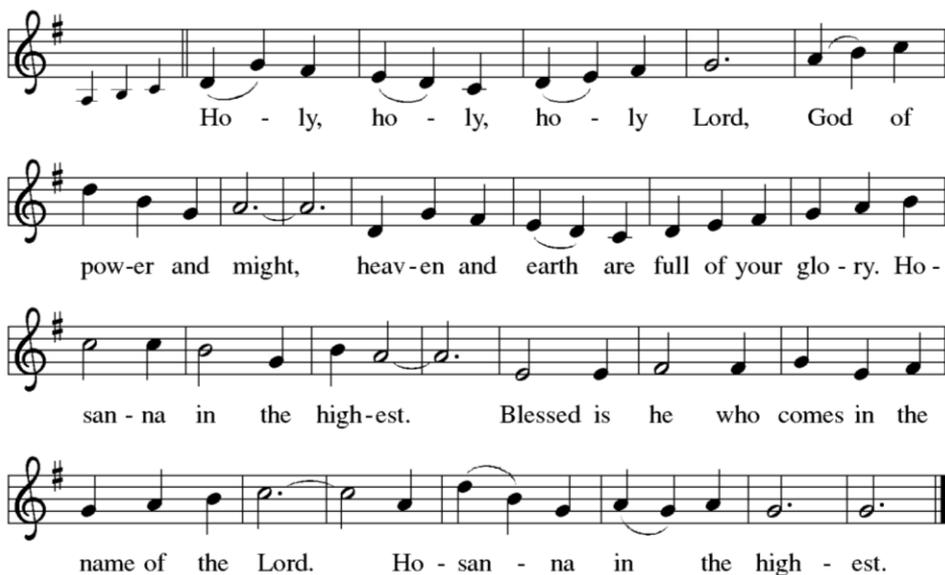
ELW Setting One

It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,
al - mighty and merciful God, through our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resur - rec - tion
opened to us the way of ev - er - last - ing life.
And so, with all the choirs of an - gels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heav - en,
we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

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Holy, Holy, Holy

ELW Setting One



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the 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 testament in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.

Please be seated.

Lamb of God

ELW Setting One

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.

Communion Hymn

What Feast of Love ELW # 487



1 What feast of love is of-fered here, what ban-quet come from heav-en?
2 What light of truth is of-fered here, what cov-e-nant from heav-en?
3 What wine of love is of-fered here, what crim-son drink from heav-en?



What food of ev-er-last-ing life, what gra-cious gift is giv-en?
What hope of ev-er-last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv-en?
What stream of ev-er-last-ing life, what pre-cious blood is giv-en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav-en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav-en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet-est wine of heav-en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man-na giv-en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv-en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv-en!

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Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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Post Communion Blessing

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

Amen.

Post Communion Song

Cares Chorus

I cast all my cares up-on you, I lay all of my
bur-dens down at your feet. And an-y-time that I don't know
what to do, I will cast all my cares up-on you.

Prayer after Communion

God of field and flower, wheat and grape,
you have nourished us with the bread of heaven
that gives life to the world.

Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son,
send us out to gather your good gifts for all who
hunger and thirst,
and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

Amen.

Blessing

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you,
and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.

The holy Trinity bless you ✚
and grant you a faithful and courageous heart
now and forever.

Amen.

The Sending Song

O God, Our Help in Ages Past ELW # 632



- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678–1727

Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.

Your Prayers Are Invited

We hope you will add the following people to your personal prayers. Those who are listed longer than 6 weeks can be found on the long term prayer list through the link in the weekly e-news or the monthly Link newsletters. To add a name to the prayer list or provide an update, please contact the office.

John A. (friend of Mike Messer)
Marlene Foody
Ken Hartman (friend of Wes Craig)
Marge Holmes
Rachael Rinders (friend of the Kaegler Family)
Eleanor Rothenheber
Pam Schilling (friend of the Kelly Family)
Joanne Wendte (sister-in-law of Lynnmarie Harkins)

*The flowers on the altar today
are dedicated by The Polis Family in celebration of
Keith's birthday and in memory of Heather's birthday
AND
by Lynn & Bill Harkins in celebration of daughter,
Elisa Tull's birthday and granddaughter, Cassie Tull's
birthday.*

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Closer	TBD	
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Upcoming Altar Guild: November 23 Sue Frantz, Carol Christensen

This Week at CLC!

Sunday	9:00 am	Family Tables (chapel)
	9:00 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30 am	Worship at CLC and online
Monday	9:30 am	Monday Morning Men
	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	PBJ Collection (chapel)
	7:30 pm	BS Troop 1 (PH)
Tuesday	9:00 am – 10:45 am	PBJ Collection (chapel)
	6:00 pm	Bears II (200)
	6:00 pm	Wolf Cubs (203/204)
	7:00 pm	Troop 1 Committee Meeting (PH)
Wednesday	10:00 am	Bible Study (200)
	6:00 pm	Bear Cubs (203/204)
	7:00 pm	AA (PH)
Friday	8:00 pm	AA (200)

Build your own

Advent Wreath

with fresh greenery and a weekly devotion

Sunday November 30th at 9 am in Parish Hall

