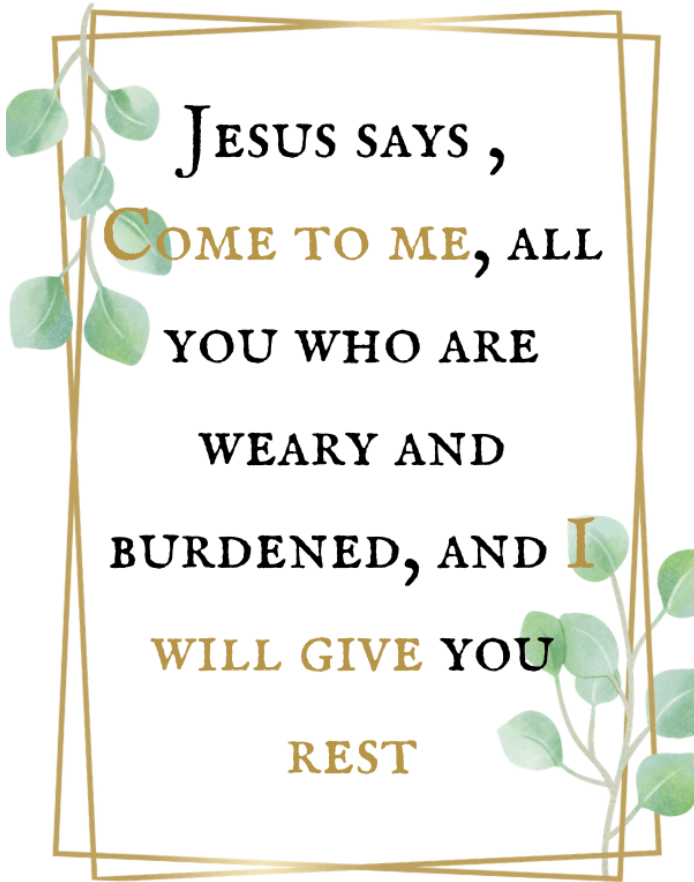


September 6, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Matthew 11:28

Christ's Lutheran Church

700 East Pennsylvania Avenue
Oreland, Pennsylvania

Summer Worship Schedule 9:30 am

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

Welcome to Worship at Christ's Lutheran Church!

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

GATHERING

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

Prelude **Grosser Gott** **by Busarow/Karschner**

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand in body or spirit as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Hear this good news:

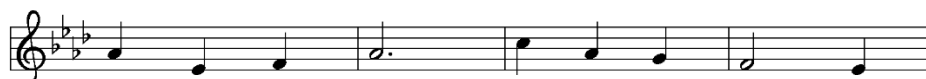
We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

Gathering Song

Earth and All Stars!
ELW # 731

Please see the next page for the hymn.



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!
5 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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Sing to the Lord a new song!



Refrain
God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
Music: EARTH AND ALL S'TARS, David N. Johnson, 1922-1987
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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

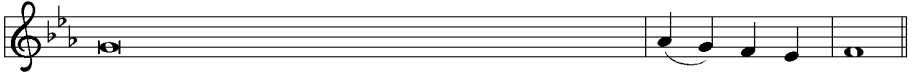
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



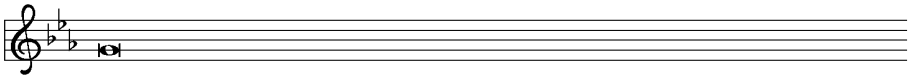
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



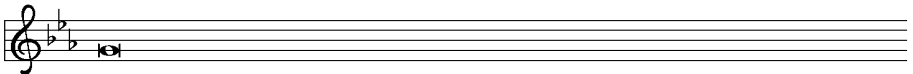
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.



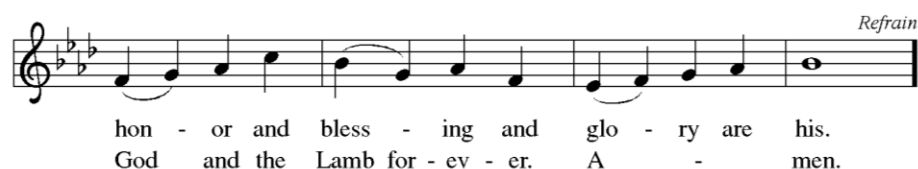
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

This is the Feast

ELW Setting One



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, 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

Ezekiel 33:7-11

A reading from Ezekiel, chapter 33.

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

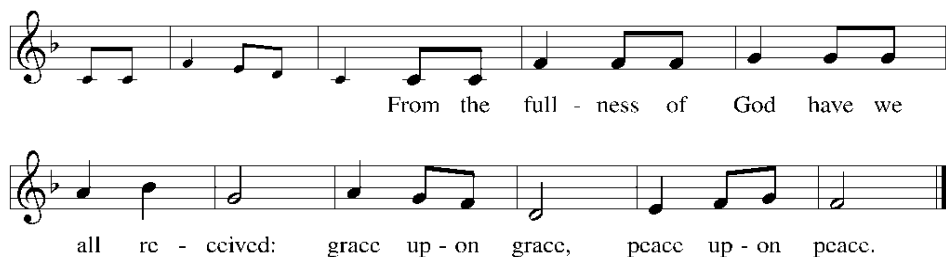
¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:33-40**DATH # 18 | From the Fullness of God**

The congregation will sing the following response:



³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

³⁶ Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.

Response

³⁷ Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

³⁸ Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.

³⁹ Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰ Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.

Response

Second Reading**Romans 13:8-14**

A reading from Romans, chapter 13.

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now

than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Matthew 18:15-20

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

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on

earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

Please be seated.

The Children’s Message

Becca Shelor

A Moment of Prayer

Holy, Holy, Holy
ELW # 473



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te_a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.



Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to_e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

The Message

Pastor Axel Kaegler

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and every shall be.
Amen.

Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn of the Day

God, When Human Bonds are Broken

ELW # 603



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the
2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our
3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we
4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful
5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to



love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,
world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing
seek re - lease from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing;
in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing;
be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:



give us grace and make us still.
all the fail - ures we con - fess.
set us free and grant us peace.
make us stron - ger, give us faith.
God, en - cour - age and re - new!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: MERTON, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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Apostles' Creed

Together let us confess our common faith in 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

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers,
confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

Proclaiming God, empower your church throughout the world to
announce the words you give us. Open us to receive your word in
unexpected ways. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Forming God, renew the cycles of your creation that provide for the
needs of all. Protect grasslands, marshes, swamps, and all places of
transition. Heal communities crying out after disaster. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Governing God, turn all who create, enforce, or interpret legislation
away from selfish gain and toward your promise of good for all,
especially the good of all who labor. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Attending God, wake us up to any around us who are in need. Restore
broken relationships, failing health, frayed emotions, and the hurts we
carry with us. We pray especially for Samira, Ziad, Mother Maria, Pat,
the Bach family, the Piantieri family, the Curtis and Davenport families,
and the Orrik family. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gathering God, resolve conflicts in this community through your righteousness and grace. Reconcile us to each other, making your good news known even through our imperfections. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Loving God, all who die in faith have life with you. We give you thanks for the nearness of your salvation for all who have gone before us. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.
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.

Musical Offering

Finlandia

by Sibelius

Please stand.

Offertory Hymn

Give Thanks TFF # 292

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time

Text: Henry Smith

Music: GIVE THANKS. Henry Smith

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Offering Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Gracious God, you have been faithful to our ancestors, bringing us
throughout time to this very day
Beyond our divisions, you remind us that we are all kindred in your
eyes
We are better together.

You have given us all we need to trust in your abundance, to live
generous lives, and recognize that your good work is done best in
communion with you and one another
We are better together.

And so 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, help us to remember all you have
done, give us vision for all we can do, honest commitment to the call
you've placed before us, and sincere trust that we can rely on your
grace and sufficiency Let us be your people, and serve the world in
love as you first loved us.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

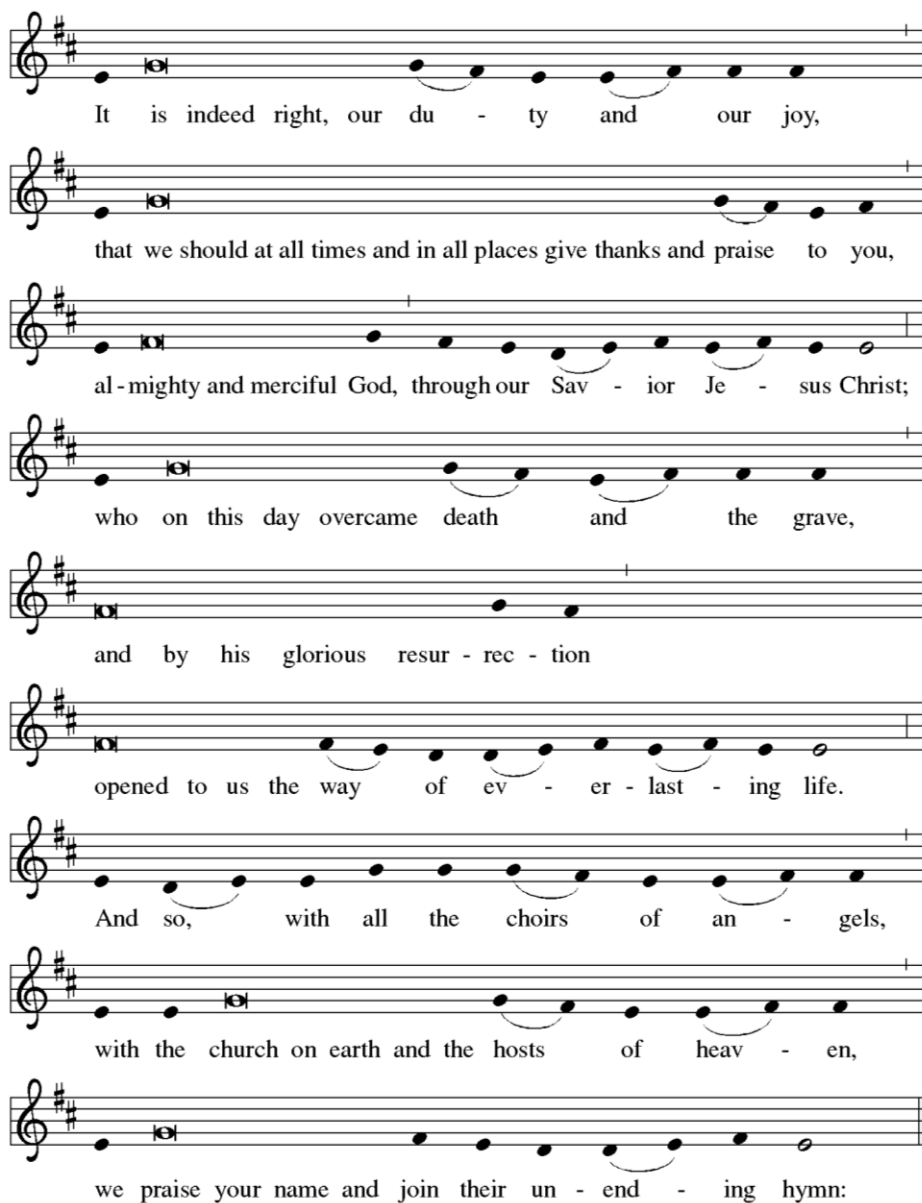
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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

Christ invites you to this table.
All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

Please be seated.

Welcome to Holy Communion!

We confess in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the holy meal. If you need Jesus - we won't keep you from Him. You are invited to share in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the sacraments.

Following the usher's instructions, you're welcome to come down the center aisle. You'll be offered a small cup. Empty ones will be filled with wine, pre-filled ones contain juice. After getting a cup, please step forward to receive the bread. Gluten-free bread is available beside the cups. Once you have received the bread, step toward the wine chalice on the same side as your pew to receive wine in your empty cup or a blessing on your pre-filled juice cup. Used cups should be deposited in the basket. Please return to your pew by the side aisle.

Anyone who doesn't wish to receive communion, but does wish to be included is welcome to receive a blessing instead. Please indicate this by crossing your arms over your shoulders. If you're coming up with children, please tell the pastor whether they will commune, or receive a blessing. If mobility requires communion to be brought to you, please wave to an usher so we can bring you communion.

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.

Please stand.

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

Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

Blessing

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.
Amen.

The God of grace
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.



A - men, a - men, a - - - men.



The Sending Song

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee ELW # 836



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922

Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation is invited to sit and enjoy the postlude.

Today's Music: *God of our Fathers* was written in 1876 by Daniel C. Roberts, an Episcopal priest and Civil War Veteran to commemorate the nation's centennial. It was set to the tune "National Hymn", composed by John Williwam Warren in 1892. The text was chosen as the theme hymn for the centennial celebration of the U.S. Constitution and published in the *Episcopal Hymnal* in 1892

Postlude

God of Our Fathers

arr. Karschner

Your Prayers Are Invited

We hope you will add the following people to your personal prayers. Those who are listed for 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.

Samira Awad (friend of Melody Maurer)

Ziad Awad (friend of Melody Maurer)

Bach Family

Pat Hallman

Mother Maria Nugent, OSB (Stephanie Staerk's aunt)

**The flowers on the altar today have been shared with
us from the garden of Marda Craig!**

**The bread and wine we share today have been
sponsored by Karen Bennion for the Glory of God!**

Online Giving

To make an offering to support the work of Christ's Lutheran Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, you may use this QR code to access our site for secure online giving.



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Upcoming Altar Guild: September 13	Linda Daniels
September 20	Marty Frantz

This Week at CLC!

Sunday	9:30 am	Worship at CLC and online
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Monday	LABOR DAY	CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED
	10:00 am – 6:00 pm	PBJ Collection (chapel)

Tuesday	9:00 am – 10:45 am	PBJ Collection (chapel)
	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting (200)

Wednesday	10:00 am	Bible Study (200)
	7:00 pm	Book Discussion Group (chapel)

Thursday	11:30 am	60 Plus Adult Group (PH)
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Friday	8:00 pm	AA (200)
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God's work. Our hands.



Hygiene Kit Supplies

The goal: Build 150 Hygiene Kits in collaboration with Artman/Liberty Lutheran

We will need:

- 67 individually packaged toothbrushes**
- 111 travel size toothpaste**
- 78 washcloths**
- 123 travel size shampoo**
- 107 travel size scent-free lotions**
- 65 finger/toe nail clippers**
- 136 travel size deodorant *non-aerosol**
- 106 bars of soap *in original packaging**
- 36 sturdy wide tooth combs *6in teeth**
- 0 ~~gallon resealable bags~~**
(Travel size being 3.4oz or smaller)

by Sunday September 13th. Can you help?

Please bring donations to the “GWOH” box in the Narthex

This list will be updated weekly to reflect the donations still needed.