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Gathering in Worship, Growing in
God's Word, Serving in Jesus' name

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Twenty Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Service of the Word
November 19, 2023

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We are glad that you are here to worship with us today! Please sign the pew booklets in the pews. If you are a visitor, please introduce yourself and sign our guest book in the narthex along with the pew booklet.

Service of the Word begins on page 210 in the red hymnal.

*** *Please stand as you are able.***

† *Please be seated.*

Prelude: Jeff Iverson

GATHERING

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

Welcome

*** Gathering Song** “On Jordan’s Stormy Bank I Stand”

ELW # 437

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Beloved, we are God’s children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world. **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

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Canticle of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!** Let us pray:

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

✠**First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7,12-18**

⁷Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. ¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." ¹³Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. ¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. ¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Psalm: Psalm 90:1-8,12

¹Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

²**Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

³You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

⁴**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night.**

⁵You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning;

⁶**in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.**

⁷For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

⁸**You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

¹²So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Here ends the readings. Thanks be to God.

* **Gospel Acclamation** “Alleluia, Lord to Whom...” **ELW pg. 216**

Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew – this is the 25th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

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

✳ **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 Intercession

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sharing of the Peace

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

STEWARDED GOD'S GIFTS

We offer to God what is God's own

✠ **Offering**

[Please remember to send your much appreciated and needed weekly tithes and offerings.]
[Children are invited to come forward to place their offering in "Christ's Well".]

✳ **Offering Hymn** "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, **maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

SENDING

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

❖ **Announcements**

*Blessing

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

Sending Song

“I Want to Walk as a Child of Light”

ELW # 815

Dismissal

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Jeff Iverson



A special thank you to all who assisted with our worship service today:

Organist: Jeff Iverson

Head Usher: Brad Hahn

Cantor: Chris Davis

Ushers: Shaun Simonson, Nolan Sundblad

Lector: Mary Metag

Audio/Visual: Mckenzie Ebert

Acolyte: Porter Simonson

Greeters: Linda Simonson

Kitchen Guild: Joanne Chrast

Refreshments: Dawn & Becky Peterson

Altar Guild: Kayla Muenchow, Rachel Strobel

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Please lift these people up in prayers this week: Loren Mueller, Dennis Hendrickson (father of Connie Duenow), Bob Iverson, Jeanne Klitzke (grand-mother of Jesse Hardel and mother of Donna Hardel), Lisa Busche (daughter of Mike and Jann Savre), Joy Macheel (daughter of Jon and Jodi Braband), Lloyd Duenow (father of Brad Duenow), Bill Heuer, Marilyn Ueland, Richard Dolezal, Lois Tritz, Brent Lindemann (stepfather of Audrey Howell), LaDonna Oberlin, Mary Entinger, Brian Mikolichek, Carol Carver, Pamela Perrin (sister of Nancy Mellesmoen), Wayne and Carolyn Hegna (brother of Kathy Marsh), Dianne VonBerge, Gloria Gustafson, LuAnn Harms, Ray Hoernemann (Brother of LuAnn Harms), Bruce Miller, Laura Mackenthun (Daughter of Dennis and Linda Roisum).

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Sunday, November 19, Service of the Word @ 9 AM in the Sanctuary; Adult Education Forum @ 10:30 AM in the Conference Room.

Monday, November 20, Televised Worship Service @ 3 PM on Channel 10.

Tuesday, November 21, Laundry Love @ 9 AM & 4:30 PM at the Glencoe Laundromat; Women's Bible Study @ 10 AM in the Conference Room; NA Women's Group @ 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, November 22, Pastoral Text Study @ 1 PM in the Fireside Room; Televised Worship Service @ 2 PM on Channel 10; Bell Choir @ 5:15 PM in the Sanctuary; Choir @ 6 PM in the Chapel; Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service @ 7 PM in the Sanctuary.

Thursday, November 23, Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Friday, November 24, Office Closed

Saturday, November 25, Narcotics Anonymous @ 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, November 26, First Sunday of Advent Worship Service @ 9 AM in the Sanctuary; Adult Education Forum @ 10:30 AM in the Conference Room.

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

Find out what's going on at Christ Lutheran



Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service

Starting next week with our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service, Christ Lutheran is entering into a time of preparation and joy. Our Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service will highlight all that we are grateful for in our lives, and we will be holding the annual Food Shelf drive during the offertory. There will be Holy Communion offered, and the service will be livestreamed for any who wish to participate remotely. See you then!

Holiday Healing Connection

A gathering for those who have experienced loss. A time to come together to share stories of grief and loss as well as joyful memories and hope. All are welcome to join us in the narthex for fellowship and refreshments on Sunday evening, December 3, from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Sponsored by the Fellowship Team. Contact the church office if you have questions.

Crow River Singers

Crow River Singers present 'Love's Pure Light'. Join us for our performances on December 1st at New Journey UCC at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday December 3rd at Peace Lutheran Church at 2:00 p.m. More information on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Wednesday Night Worship – Adult Ushers Needed!

Introducing Wednesday Night Worship Services! Christ Lutheran Church will be hosting a short, informal weekly worship service starting at 7 PM in our Sanctuary. This is an in-person worship service only. The Worship Assistants for these Wednesday Night services will consist primarily of our confirmation students, but we



are asking for one adult usher to volunteer each week as a guiding presence for our students. The Wednesday Night Worship Assistant Sign-Up Sheet can be found on our Worship Assistants webpage (christluth.com/worship-assistants). Simply select the “Usher (Adult)” option under the date you would like to volunteer for. Thank you to everyone who makes these services possible! See you then!

Community Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner

Christ Lutheran Church, Good Shepherd, and First Congregational Church invite you to join us for a Thanksgiving meal. Everyone is welcome, whether you’re a senior, single, or a family. There is no charge for the meal. A free will donation will be taken to support the local Food Shelf.

The meal is at First Congregational Church on Thursday, November 23rd, at noon. RSVP is required by Wednesday, November 15th, by calling 320-864-3855.

For more information and an opportunity to donate please see the flier and donation slips in the Narthex by the bulletin board.

There will be an opportunity for about 4 of our youth to help out with this meal! Times for volunteering are on Wednesday, November 22nd, from 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM and on Thursday, November 23rd, from 9 AM – 11 AM, 11 AM – 1 PM, or 1 PM – 3 PM. Please call the office if you would like to help out with the meal.

Bulletin, Newsletter, and Worship Service Deadlines

In an effort to ensure that worship services plans can be finalized, and that the bulletins and newsletters can be edited and reviewed, in a timely manner, we are posting official deadlines for submission. We thank everyone for helping us make these productions as wonderful as we can!

Newsletter Deadline: Tuesdays @ 10 AM

Bulletin Announcement Deadline: Wednesdays @ 12 PM

Worship Service Additions or Alterations: 7 days prior to the affected service

Monthly Giving Report

It has been decided to include a brief report on where CLC stands with its budgeted giving amounts vs the actual giving amounts for the year. We hope this information is helpful, feel free to provide us with feedback!

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| <i>Actual Offering (Through October 31, 2023)</i> | <i>\$309,417.39</i> |
| <i>Budgeted Giving (Through October 31, 2023)</i> | <i>\$327,416.66</i> |
| <i>Giving Behind Budget</i> | <i>-\$17,999.27</i> |

MINISTRIES

Ministries are how we make a change and interact with the community. Here you will find updates, announcements, and highlights from CLC run or supported ministries

Vryheid Mission Update

The Missions team wishes to thank everyone who donated so generously to our Vryheid partners in South Africa. Thanks to you we collected a total of \$11,534.10. This will be so helpful to them in their ongoing missions. As always, we are amazed at the generosity of our congregation. Thank you.

November Monthly Food Shelf Item Highlight: Turkeys

The Mission team will be highlighting the most urgent needs of the Food shelf on a monthly basis. In the month of November, the food shelf is raising funds to purchase frozen turkeys. Our goal is to purchase at least 10 Turkey's. Obviously, you can't put turkey in the wheelbarrow, but we will leave it out in case anyone would like to purchase nonperishable side dishes for a Turkey dinner. We will have a "Turkey jar" for donations out by the coffee bar on Sunday's and in Megan's office during the week. Thank you for your continued support of our Missions.



November Mission Emphasis

The mission emphasis for November is the McLeod County Emergency Food Shelf. We will have an ingathering of non-perishable food or money donations Wednesday, November 22nd at the Thanksgiving Eve worship service. Bring your non-perishable food items to this service. If you cannot make it to this service, we will be collecting food the whole month of November and you can bring it to the church and leave it in the grocery cart in the Entryway.

Suggested items wanted at the food shelf are hot cereals, powdered milk, crackers, canned meat, mac & cheese, canned vegetables, tomato products, personal care items, tuna, soups, pasta, pork & beans, peanut butter, canned stews, etc. Cash donations are needed to buy hamburger, cheese, eggs, and other necessary food items that are not donated. This helps fill the gaps for a balanced meal. Cash donations can be put in the mission envelope and made out to Christ Lutheran Church. Write on the memo line that it is for the food shelf.

We will also be continuing to collect for the Lutheran World Relief World Hunger mission. Your donations are greatly needed. Thank you for your help.

- Mission & Social Concerns Committee

Laundry Love October Update

Laundry Love Glencoe on October 17th provided assistance to 40 families/individuals in doing their laundry. \$760 was this month's cost.

This outreach is only possible because of the generosity of Christ Lutheran Church and its members. The appreciative words we hear from those people we provide for warms our hearts. The friendship and fellowship we provide truly makes a difference. If you would like to help with Laundry Love on the third Tuesdays of each month let us know.

Your help is always appreciated. October's volunteers were Jane Larter, Gloria Lovett, Linda Simonson, Kathy Olson, and Cheryl McDougall.

given out at both locations on the last Tuesday of the month from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. For more info call 320-587-2213 or visit www.commoncup.com.

Common Cup Warm Coast Distribution Update

Common Cup Ministry Warm Coat Distribution in October was a success. Nearly 400 coats, over 130 snow pants and 115 boots were given out. Loads of quality donations as well as monetary donations, a grant from GSL Schools, and numerous other organizations made this possible. Christ Lutheran Church members once again showed their love for others by participating in a big way. The continued support and generosity of our church, and its members, makes a significant difference in the lives of others. Common Cup Ministries thank you.