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**Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Setting Three with Holy Communion**  
August 4, 2024

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.

Setting Three begins on page 138 in the red hymnal.

\* *Please stand as you are able.*

† *Please be seated.*

Prelude: Chris Starr

**GATHERING**

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

**Welcome**

\* **Gathering Song**      "Our Father, We Have Wandered"      **ELW # 606**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. We truly repent. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. **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. 138**

**This is the Feast**

**ELW pg. 140**

**Prayer of the Day**

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

**O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

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

### **First Reading: Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15**

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.' <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. <sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" <sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

### **Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16**

<sup>4</sup>I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it is said, 'When he ascended on high, he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.' <sup>9</sup>(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. <sup>14</sup>We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup>But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined

and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

*Here ends the readings. Thanks be to God.*

\* **Gospel Acclamation** "Alleluia, Lord to Whom..." **ELW pg. 142**

Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. John – this is the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: John 6:24-35**

<sup>24</sup>So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. <sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?' <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' <sup>34</sup>They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

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

† **Sermon**

*Rev. Erik Karlson*

**Hymn of the Day** "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"

**ELW # 461**

\* **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**

**Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

## 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

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 Christ.*

### The Great Thanksgiving

ELW pg. 144

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.**

### *PROPER PREFACE*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### Words of Institution

#### 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.**

✠ **Distribution of Communion** “Lamb Of God”

**ELW # 146**

*[As we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, all who believe they receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the form of bread and wine, forgiveness of sin and renewal therein are welcome at this table. It is the meal of all the Baptized. Please follow the direction of the Ushers.]*

**Communion Hymns**

**ELW # 487, 465, 473**

✱ **Prayer after Communion**

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.*

✠ **Temple Talk – Common Cup**

*Cheryl McDougall*

**Announcements**

**Benediction**

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

**Sending Song** “Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”

**ELW # 676**

**Dismissal**

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

**Postlude: Chris Starr**



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

**Organist:** Chris Starr

**Head Usher:** -

**Cantor:** Chris Davis

**Ushers:** Jeff Grant, Dennis Davis

**Lector:** Dawn Peterson

**Audio/Visual:** Mckenzie Ebert

**Acolyte:** -

**Greeters:** Barb Lamp

**Communion Assistants:** Louise

**Refreshments:** Bonnie Hahn

Carlson, Mary Stoltenburg, Char  
Dittmer, Linda Simonson (Helper)

**Altar Guild:** Susan Wedin, Fran Huwe

**Kitchen Guild:** Susan Wedin

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**Please lift these people up in prayers this week:** Loren and LaMane Mueller, Bob Iverson, Joy Macheel (daughter of Jon and Jodi Braband), Lloyd Duenow (father of Brad Duenow), Marilyn Ueland, Mary Entinger, Carol Carver, Wayne and Carolyn Hegna (brother of Kathy Marsh), LuAnn Harms, Bruce Miller, Laura Mackenthun (Daughter of Dennis and Linda Roisum), Karen Wendlandt, Bev Phifer, Karen Sylwester, Mark Becker (Brother of Jonathan Becker), Cathy Haaskenson, Brent Lindemann, Mark St. Germain (Son-in-law of Gerald and Vicky Harris), Christina McLeod, Richard Kristofferson (Brother of Gloria Gustafson), Teresa Rannow, Kathy Remus, Mark Johnson.

### **THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN**

**Sunday, August 4,** Worship Service with Communion @ 9 AM in the Sanctuary.

**Monday, August 5,** Televised Worship Service @ 3 PM on Channel 10.

**Tuesday, August 6,** Women's Bible Study @ 10 AM in the Conference Room

**Wednesday, August 7,** Pastoral Text Study @ 11 AM in the Fireside Room.

**Thursday, August 8,** Men's Bible Study @ 9 AM in the Conference Room.

**Friday, August 9, Office Closed.**

**Saturday, August 10, No Events.**

**Sunday, August 11,** Worship Service with Communion @ 9 AM in the Sanctuary.

## **CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES**

*Find out what's going on at Christ Lutheran*

### **A Fond Farewell**

A message from our Information and Media Technology Coordinator, Mckenzie Ebert:

*"Hello everyone! I wanted to let you all know that I will be leaving Christ Lutheran this August. Thank you for making my time here so enjoyable and for welcoming me into the community! I have loved working here and wish everyone the best going forward."*

Mckenzie's last day will be Monday, August 12th.

### **Outdoor Worship Service & Potluck Lunch**

On August 18th, CLC will celebrate the 9:00 am worship outside in the east parking lot. Please bring your own lawn chairs and dress comfortably. Immediately

following we will move inside for coffee and a potluck dinner, beginning at 10:15 am. Burgers, hot dogs, buns, potato salad, and condiments will be provided. Coffee, water, and lemonade will be available too. You are invited to bring whatever fun creations you enjoy making and would like to share with the rest of us. We look forward to your salads, desserts, bars, and whatever else you would like to bring. See you there!



## **Volunteers to Donate and Serve Refreshments**

CLC is looking for volunteers who are willing to donate and serve refreshments on Sundays after worship. Please let the church office know if this is something you are willing and able to help with. We greatly appreciate it!

## **Laundry Love**

Laundry Love for July was attended by 21 appreciative individuals/families. A total of \$540 was spent. The volunteers this month were Becky Olmstead, Connie Heitz, and Linda Simonson. We thank them for the giving of their time. If you are interested in volunteering next month let Megan in the office know. Thank you, Christ Lutheran members, for your ongoing financial support for this outreach.



## **August Noisy Pail Offering**

The Mission Team will have a noisy pail offering on August 4th to collect monies for School supplies. These will be distributed to the kids in Mid-August. We of course will accept donations throughout the month of August. Thank you for your continued generosity for all of the Missions at Christ Lutheran.

-The Mission Team

## **2024 VBS Food Donations Needed!**

We are in need of some donations for our VBS meals. The items needed are on the whiteboard in the Narthex. Please take the reminder card and sign your name under the donation item.

Thank you for your generosity and support of our Christian Education Programs!



## **Our Deepest Sympathy**

Mike Carver (Father of Melissa Millbrett) passed away on Monday July 29 in Park Rapids, MN. Mike had been in a memory care facility. Blessed be his memory.

## **Sunday Acolytes**

Students don't forget to keep signing up for Sunday Acolyte slots! Our Acolytes are a crucial part of our worship services and help keep everything flowing smoothly. Find the signup form on our Worship Assistants webpage ([christluth.com/worship/worship-assistants](http://christluth.com/worship/worship-assistants)) or our Confirmation webpage ([christluth.com/confirmation](http://christluth.com/confirmation)).



## **Help Send a Kid to Camp**

Green Lake Bible Camp uses scholarship funds to cover the cost of camp for those that may need financial assistance attending camp. Currently, these funds are being depleted. Without additional funding, many kids that would benefit from attending will be unable to go. GLLM has established a goal of raising \$60,000 to enable those with limited resources to attend bible camp. A one-week scholarship costs \$695.



If you choose to support this fundraising request you can do it by identifying your contribution to Christ Lutheran as “Green Lake Scholarship”, or, you can send a check directly to: GLLM, 9916 Lake Ave. S., Spicer, MN. 56288.

## **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.*