

Christ Lutheran Church ~ Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Setting IX

September 4, 2022 10:00 am

The Rev. David Hulse, presiding



Christ Lutheran Church is a Reconciling in Christ congregation. We extend God's own welcome to all, irrespective of race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other human distinction.

PRELUDE Cheers! Steve Laven

+ GATHERING +

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity,
✠ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism...

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **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.

"Be still, and know that I am God." During the Prelude worshippers are invited to prepare quietly for worship.

*Stand, as able.

The open font is a powerful symbol of the centrality of baptism for Christians.

HYMNS TODAY:

ELW 660
ELW 182
ELW 656
ELW 541

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Glory to God* s195



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



A - men, a - men.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ WORD +

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

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity.

¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel ¹ of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats ¹ of the scornful!

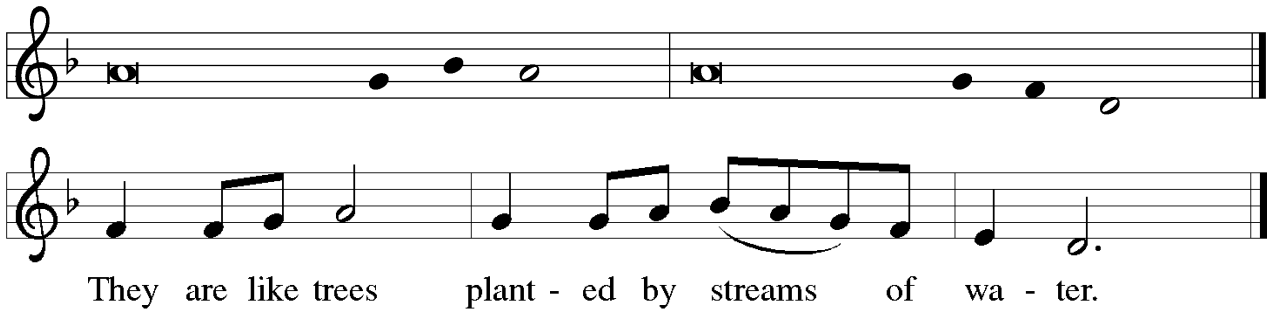
²**Their delight is in the law ¹ of the Lord, and they meditate on God's teaching ¹ day and night. R**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that ¹ do not wither; everything they ¹ do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so ¹ with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind ¹ blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when ¹ judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council ¹ of the righteous.

⁶**For the Lord knows the way ¹ of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall ¹ be destroyed. R**



Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

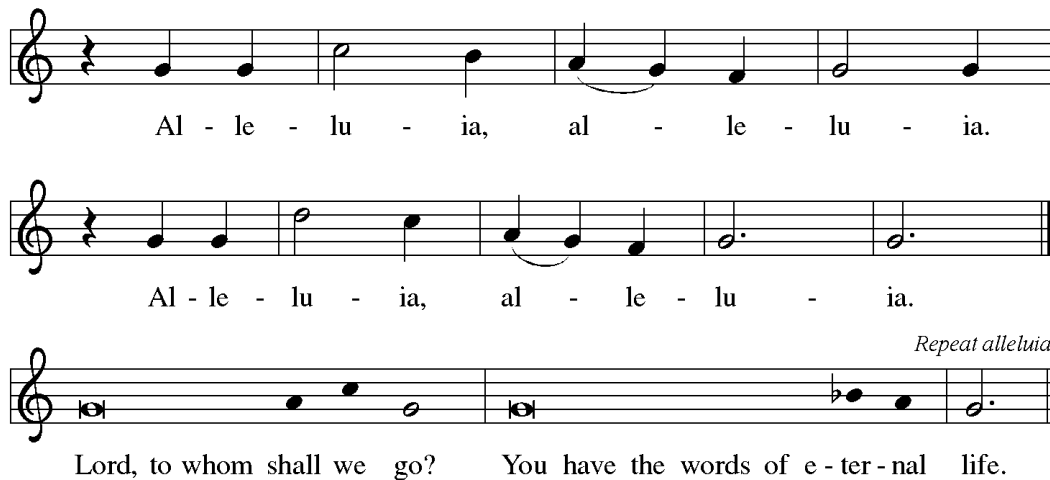
¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

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

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*GOSPEL: Luke 14:25-33

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them,
²⁶“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.
²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

*HYMN OF THE DAY *Lift High the Cross* ELW 660

***APOSTLES CREED ELW page 105**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the world and for the mission of the gospel. Refresh the hearts of your people, deepen our understanding of every good thing we share, and strengthen our partnerships in the faith. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the well-being of the earth and all its creatures: for trees and forests, for all that will yield fruit this season, and for streams and other bodies of water. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For the nations and those in authority: for the elected leaders of our towns, states, and country, and for international organizations. Grant wisdom to those who govern and raise up citizens who make decisions in the best interest of their neighbors. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For all in need: for those who suffer from disease, who struggle with homelessness or food insecurity, for those whose family life is difficult, and for all in this community who need your care *especially...* God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For this community of faith: for all our labors—begun, continued, and ended in you—that they glorify your holy name. Bless your people with the strength to live into their many vocations for the sake of the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Hear, O God, the prayers on our lips.

(Worshippers are invited to voice their petitions.)

Hear, O God, the silent prayers of our hearts.

(Silence is kept for unspoken prayers.)

We give thanks for the saints who now rest from their labors. Give us faith, like them, to love you with all our hearts, and by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

+ MEAL +

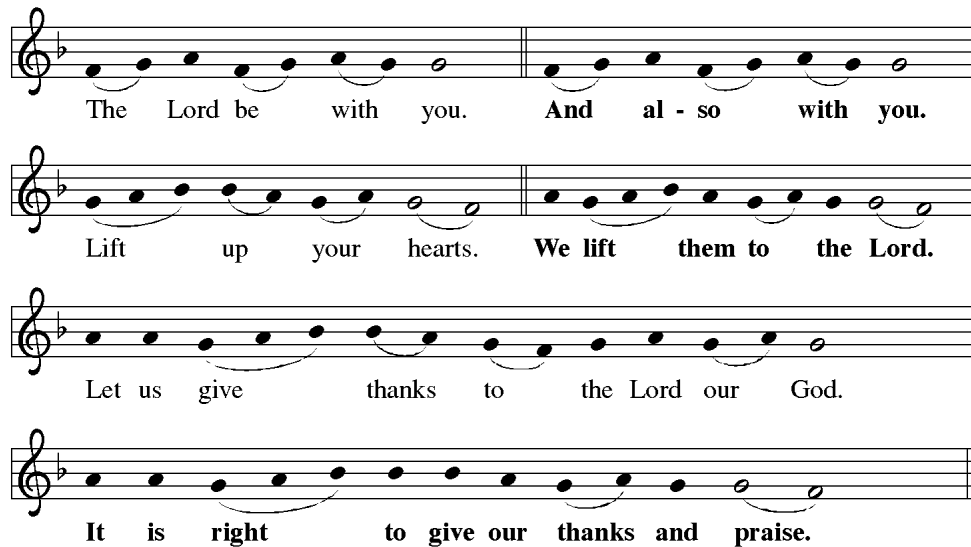
OFFERTORY MUSIC *Be Thou My Vision* Tom Trenney

***OFFERTORY HYMN** *Let the Vineyards be Fruitful* ELW 182

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**



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.

The presiding minister continues with the preface; the congregation responds:



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, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God...with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness...into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son...with us now.

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed...

we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit...

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving concludes with the Lord's Prayer.

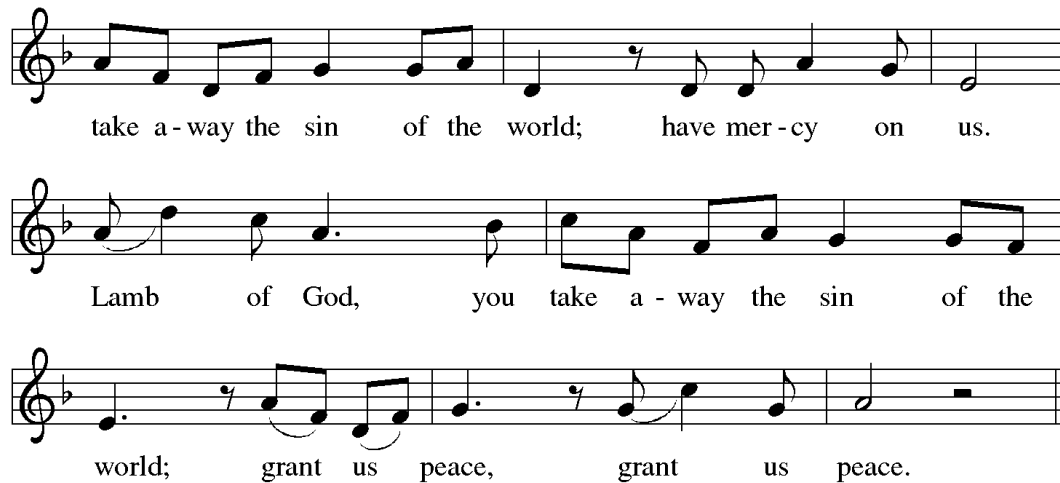
Our Father, who art in heaven...

COMMUNION

Christ Lutheran Church practices Eucharistic hospitality; all baptized Christians who trust in Christ's presence in the sacrament of Holy Communion are welcome at the table where he is both host and food. Communicants normally receive pita or a gluten-free wafer in open, cupped palms (sometimes laid one over the other in the shape of the cross). Wine (light colored) or grape juice (red/purple) is offered in an individual glass.



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 Blest be the Tie that Binds ELW 656

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God of the abundant table,
 you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
 with bread for the journey.
 Give us your grace on the road
 that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
 for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

+ **SENDING** +

***BLESSING**

God, who gives life to all things
 and frees us from despair,
 bless you with truth and peace.
 And may the holy Trinity, † one God,
 guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
Amen.

***SENDING HYMN** O Jesus, Blessed Lord ELW 541

***DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE Introduzione, from *Pulcinella* Igor Stravinsky

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Tuesday, Aug. 30th, Council took up the work of Call Committee Formation, with the expectation the committee will be seated by the end of September. We welcome input from the congregation, and invite you to send nominations AFTER prayerful consideration of the following required qualities in candidates:

- **Is this person firmly grounded in a relationship with Jesus Christ and committed to the search process as a prayerful journey under the guidance of the Holy Spirit?**
- **Does this person have the respect and trust of members of the congregation?**
- **Is this person able to respect confidentiality?**
- **Is this person open to future mission possibilities for the congregation and not simply eager to maintain the status quo?**
- **Is this person able to listen to others' opinions, and participate in an open and respectful discussion with other members of the committee?**
- **Is this person a confirmed and communing member of the congregation who attends worship regularly and participates in the life of the community of faith?**
- **Will this person be able to attend all meetings and interviews and be able to attend worship in another setting to experience the candidate's worship leadership?**

Nominations can be placed in the collection plates at Sunday Worship today and on September 11, or reply by email to CouncilPresident@christnatick.org.

A funeral for the **Rev. Joseph Bourret** will be held on **Friday, September 16th at 11:00am**. A luncheon will follow the service in Kaiser Hall at Concordia Lutheran Church, 40 Pitkin Street, Manchester, CT. Visitation hours will be held Thursday, September 15, 6:00-8:00 pm in the Bourret Garden Room. Additional calling hours will be hosted Friday morning, September 16, from 10:00-10:45am (also in the Bourret Garden Room).

With Gratitude to Today's Worship Leaders:

Greeters	Patricia Bianco and Carol Virshbo
Assisting Minister	John Whitlock
Reader	Phil Roberts
Tellers	Juliet Seaberg and Audrey Colson
Altar Guild	Patricia Bianco and Sophia Chan
Coffee Hosts	Celeste and Rolf Larson
Audio Visual Team	Comlanvi Agbodjinou, Alan Avalos, Rolf Larson, Phil Roberts, Juliet Seaberg
Cantor	Anna Carlson
Musicians Today	Anna Carlson, alto Joan Ellersick, viola

Please hold in prayer:

We pray for the family of the Rev. Joseph Bourret, Jim Aberth, Anna Anderson, Kwai Lin Chan, Steven Chartier, Steven Chin, Brigitte Chisholm, James Clunie, Danny Elson, Ron Embree, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Susan Giroux, Charles Graham, Ann Hoilo, Joy Honen, Arthur Hurst, Richard Hurst, Gayle Jaffe, Adele Kasinskas, Gloria Kleinfelt, Georgie Klinger, Chui Yuk Lee, Erica Lee, Suxian Lin, Phillip Liu, Matt M, Arvind Raja, Erica Rich, Shannon Ripp, Alexandru Simovici, Louann Smith, Polly Weston, Laurie Wieland, Shirley Wong, and Mary Jane Young; we pray for all who contend with addictions, all who struggle with mental illness; all who are serving in the armed forces; all who are first responders, fire fighters, and police; and all who fight COVID-19 and its lingering effects.

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