

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost - Setting IX
October 16, 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 *Day by Day* J. Bertram Carlson (ELW 790)

✠ **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**

ACS 972
ELW 790
ELW 182
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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

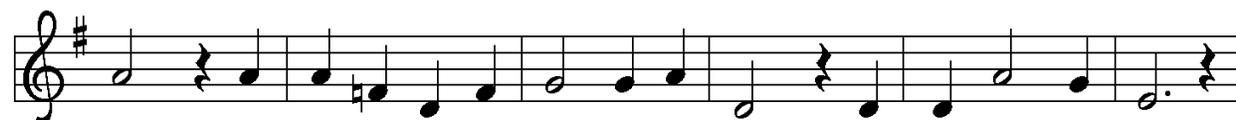


wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

refrain



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.

refrain

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**

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

✠ **WORD** ✠

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

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he

said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.”

Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.” Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.” The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

PSALM 121

We lift our eyes unto the hills: Our help will come from God our Lord
Who made the heavens and the earth, In love he has created all.

He never slumbers, never sleeps but watches over us with care.
He always knows our every need, He keeps us safe and hears our prayer.

From danger he will harbor us, and hold at bay the evil one.
He shelters us from winter cold and shields us from the burning sun.

He guards our travels, guides our walk, and gives us peace and quiet rest.
His grace and blessings follow us: In God each night and day is blest.

Music: Heinrich Schütz, 1661 / ed. Alice Parker, 2017

Text: Gracia Grindal, English version, 2017

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in

righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Listen Now for the Gospel*

ACS 972

***GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’”

And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

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

Day by Day

ELW 790

*APOSTLES CREED

ELW p. 105

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence

For all the baptized, that they become skilled in compassion and grace and equipped to share the good news with all. Grant your followers persistence in proclamation and prayer. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For air and sky, clouds, and sun, that they provide rain to parched land and relief to flooded ground. Renew and restore our polluted atmosphere and empower us to be worthy stewards of creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For judges, juries, and all who work in the judicial system, that they desire wisdom, seek truth, rule with fairness, and have the courage to do what is right. Eliminate oppression and injustice in our criminal justice system. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For all who are lonely, especially those who have newly arrived in an unfamiliar city or country, political prisoners without recourse to justice, hospital patients without visitors, and any who are ill or grief-stricken. We pray especially for Jim Aberth, Anna Anderson, Kwai Lin Chan, 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, Judy McLaughlin, the friends and family of Priscilla Pusack, 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, firefighters, and police; and all who fight COVID-19 and its lingering effects. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For those in our congregation and community engaged in advocacy work especially the members of the Social Justice Committee: Celeste, Dave, Martha, Rolf, Diane, and Joyce, that with the persistence of the widow, they lift their voices in seeking justice on behalf of others. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Hear, O God, the prayers on our lips

Worshipers are invited to voice their petitions

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

Silence is kept for unspoken prayers

For those who have taught us faith and now rest in your heavenly peace, that we remember and give thanks for these saints who shared the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

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

STEWARDSHIP TALK

Sandy Smith

***STEWARDSHIP HYMN, V. 1** *God of the Fertile Fields*

ACS 1063

✠ **MEAL** ✠

***OFFERTORY MUSIC**

Jacob's Ladder

John Weaver

***OFFERTORY HYMN**

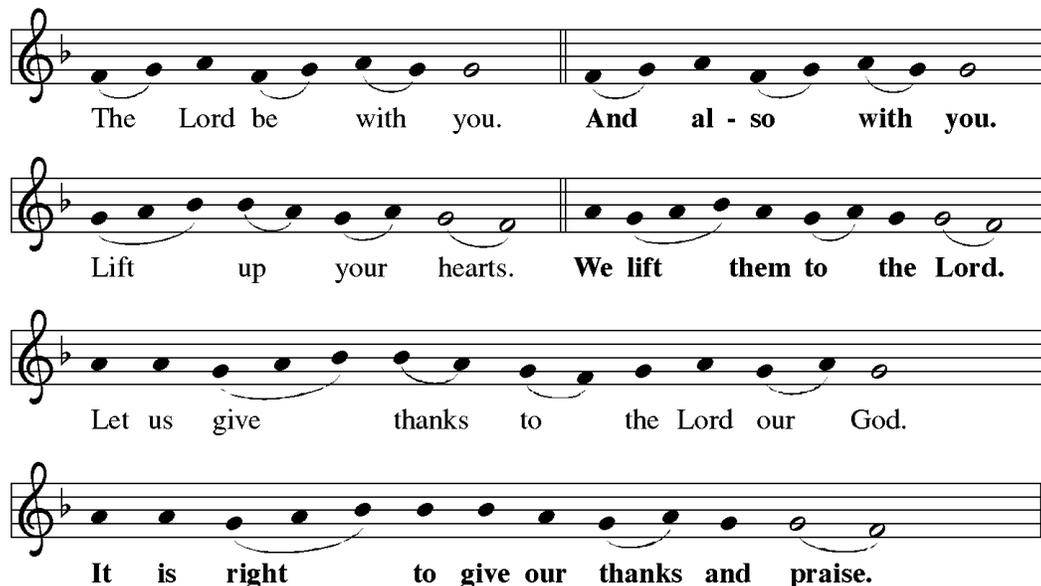
Let the Vineyards be Fruitful

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*OFFERING PRAYER

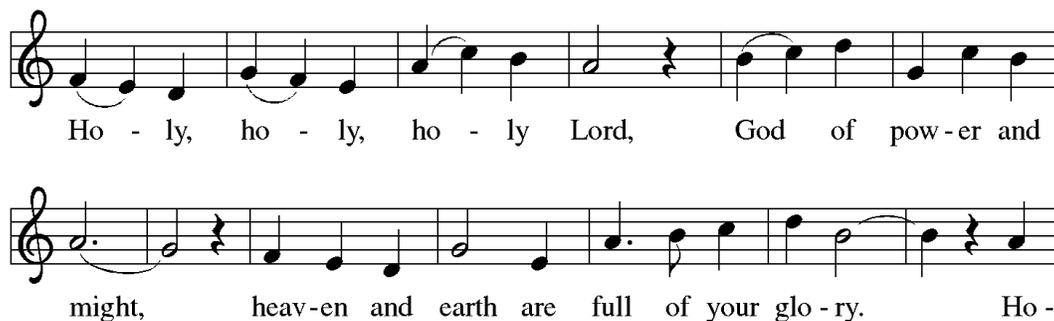
Gracious God,
in your great love you richly provide for our needs.
Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

*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 Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,

your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.

Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
 for-give those who sin a- gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

LAMB OF GOD

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

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Now We Join in Celebration

ELW 462

*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 Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

ELW 722

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in g minor

Dietrich Buxtehude

Today's Worship Leaders:

Greeters	Mary Avalos and Patricia Bianco
Assisting Minister	George Hall
Reader	Edie Lohr
Tellers	Audrey Colson and Juliet Seaberg
Altar Guild	Phil Roberts and Hannele Saramo-Raja
Coffee Host	Patricia Bianco
Audio Visual Team	Comlanvi Agbodjinou, Alan Avalos, Elinor Holm. Rolf Larson, Peter Miller, Phil Roberts, Ryan Schnepfer, Juliet Seaberg
Cantor	Anna Carlson
Musicians	CLC Choir

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The Rev David Hulse, Interim Pastor

Tom Berryman, Music Director

Gail Weston-Roberts, Youth & Family Ministries Coordinator

Kim Petot, Bell Choir Director

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Celeste Larson, Social Justice
Phil Roberts, Worship, Music, and the Visual Arts
Carol Virshbo, Professional Leadership
Mary Avalos and Robin Hurst, Family Promise
Cathy Gallagher, Altar Guild
Lisa Chan, Card Ministry
Carol Virshbo, Coffee Hour
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