

# Christ Lutheran Church & The Bridge Campus Ministry

## August 14, 2022 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

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### INTRODUCTION

The word of God is a refining fire. Jesus is the great divide in human history. He invites our undivided attention and devotion. Today in worship we are surrounded by a great “cloud of witnesses.” In the word and in holy communion we are invited yet again to look to Jesus, “the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.”

### WELCOME AND PRELUDE *(PLEASE POWER OFF OR AIRPLANE MODE YOUR DEVICES)*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

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

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves  
and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

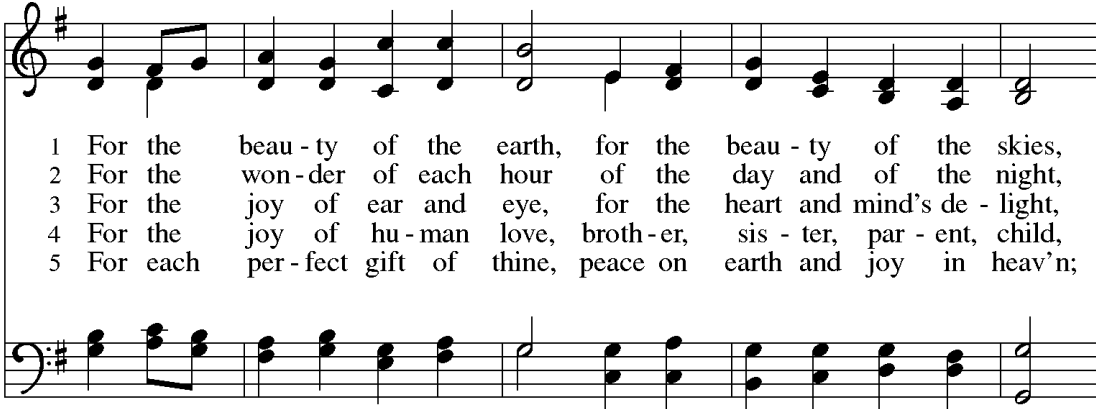
In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

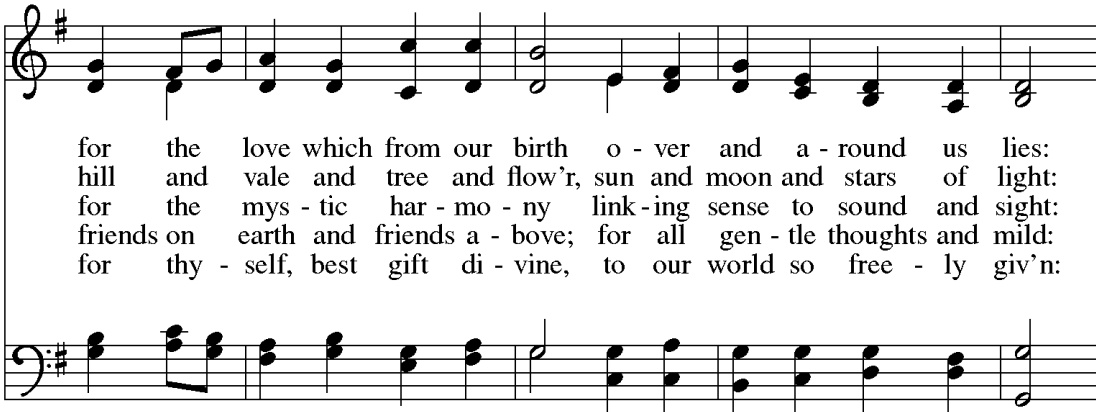
**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

### *For the Beauty of the Earth (ELW 879)*



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n;



*Refrain*  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.  
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:23-29

A reading from Jeremiah.

<sup>23</sup>Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 82

<sup>1</sup>God stands to charge the divine council assembled,  
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

<sup>2</sup>**"How long will you judge unjustly,  
and show favor to the wicked?**

<sup>3</sup>Save the weak and the orphan;  
defend the humble and needy;

<sup>4</sup>**rescue the weak and the poor;  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

<sup>6</sup>**Now I say to you, 'You are gods,  
and all of you children of the Most High;**

<sup>7</sup>nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,  
and fall like any prince.' "

<sup>8</sup>**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,  
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:29--12:2**

A reading from Hebrews.

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup>quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup>Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup>Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup>They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup>of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup>Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup>since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

<sup>12:1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>49</sup>“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say,

'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. <sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"  
The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY

*God of Grace and God of Glory (ELW 705)*



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

## CREED

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,**

of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us pray for all people everywhere according to their needs, and for the people of God in every place.

Let us pray for the church throughout the world,

For its unity in witness and service

For all bishops and pastors

For all believers and for those who are yet to believe.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Let us pray for all nations and peoples of the earth, and for those in authority

For the President and the Vice President

For the Congress and the Supreme Court

For the United Nations

For all who serve the common good of all people

that with God's help they may seek justice and truth so that we may all live in peace and concord.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for the earth, the place that you created for us

Let us use it's resources wisely

Let us work to save endangered species

Let us learn to respect the forces of nature and learn how to be safe in the face of fire, flood and weather disasters

Let us take more seriously the urgency of addressing climate change

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Let us pray for all who suffer and are afflicted in body, mind or spirit.

For the hungry and the homeless, the destitute and oppressed

For the sick and the wounded

For those in loneliness and fear

For those who face temptation, doubt and despair

For prisoners and captives and those in mortal danger

For the sorrowful and bereaved

that God in his mercy will comfort and relieve them, and grant them the knowledge of his love and stir up in us the will and patience to minister to their needs.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who have died and for those who love and grieve for them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

You are welcome here to offer prayers for your own needs or those of others, either silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Lord God, hear the prayers of your church, as we rejoice in the mystery of our Lord's death and resurrection for us; grant that what we celebrate with faith we may put into practice in our lives; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **PRAYER CHAIN UPDATE**

No updates this week

#### **PEACE**

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

#### **OFFERING – THANK YOU! YOUR GENEROSITY MAKES OUR MINISTRY POSSIBLE.**

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There you will also find instructions for how you can text to give or by downloading our church app!

## OFFERTORY

*Rich in Blessings*

1. Man - y years of faith - ful wor - ship, Rich in bless - ings from a - bove,  
 2. Here in A - thens our good ci - ty, Here we keep our wit - ness clear,  
 3. Hear our pipes and hear our voic - es As we con - tem - plate our place,  
 4. True to Lu - ther and Mel - anch - thon, Set for what the fu - ture brings,

5  
 Man - y years of deep re - flec - tion On the Gos - pel's Word of Love.  
 Here in Ap - pal a - chian foot - hills We preach Je - sus with - out fear.  
 Lis - ten while we tune our hearts to hear God's words of love and grace.  
 Hap - py in our past tra - di - tions, O - pen to our world's new things.,

9  
 In our lives of will - ing ser - vice, Thanks to God who guides our way.  
 U - ni - ver - si - ty and coun - ty, This our par - ish, this our role.  
 Praise to God who, rich in bless - ings, Gives this world its glo - rious glow.  
 On - ward, up - ward, in - ward, out - ward, Je - sus guide us in our ways.

13  
 Through the tur - moil, times of strug - gle, Bring - ing us to joy to - day.  
 Our vo - ca - tion, rich in bless - ings, To reach out to one and all.  
 Peace and mer - cy, hope and glad - ness, Stay with us as on we go.  
 Rich in bless - ings, peace, and friend - ship, Make our lives true hymns of praise.

Text: Geoge Wekman, 2019  
 Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.

Hymn To Joy  
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### OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance:  
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.  
As we feast on your goodness,  
strengthen us to labor in your field,  
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,  
in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

### DIALOGUE

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.**

### PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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,  
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,  
in the harmonious world of your creation,  
the plants and animals,  
the seas and stars  
were whole and well in your praise.  
When sin had scarred the world,  
you sent your Son to heal our ills  
and to form us again into one.  
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 covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.  
Remembering, therefore,  
his acts of healing,  
his body given up,  
and his victory over death,  
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth  
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.  
Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:  
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,  
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,  
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.  
Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever. **Amen**

## LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.  
Come to the banquet.

#### **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Life-giving God,  
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds  
and fed us with your mercy.  
Now send us forth to live for others,  
both friend and stranger,  
that all may come to know your love.  
This we pray in the name of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BLESSING**

The God of peace,  
Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.  
**Amen.**

**SERVING TODAY:** *Presider/Preacher: Chad Huebner; Organist: George Weckman; Asst/Lector: Wanda Weinburg; Time with Children: Cheryl Huebner; Livestream: Doug Debrick; Greeter: Linda Sauer; Acolyte: Melody Christiansen; Ushers: Sue Ellen Miller, Marilyn Shealy*

# SENDING SONG *Earth and All Stars! (ELW 731)*



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



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!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!



*Refrain*  
 God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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 Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922-1987  
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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.  
 Thanks be to God.