

# Christ Lutheran Church & The Bridge Campus Ministry

## October 2, 2022 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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### INTRODUCTION

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

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

*Here in Athens, in SE Ohio, we are occupying the traditional homeland of the Shawnee people. Before the Shawnee, this land was occupied by the Osage people, and by the Adena, Hopewell and Fort Ancient cultures.*

### PRELUDE

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who forms the Earth,  
redeems all Creation,  
and sustains life. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin as we admit the ways we have failed to love God's good Creation.

Restoring God,

**we confess that we have sent our plastic and chemical waste into the waters.**

**We have caused so many species to become endangered or extinct.**

**Our choices have caused storms to increase in severity**

**and weather patterns to become unstable.**

**We exploit the cosmos for our own gain.**

**We despair at what we have done and yet feel helpless.**

**Save us from ourselves!**

**Forgive us and renew us, loving God.**

**Reveal to us your love for every creature.**

**Inspire us to protect your bountiful creation. Amen.**

By the grace of Jesus Christ, God forgives you of your sin + and you are made whole. Freed from your burden of despair, be led by the Spirit to do God's restorative work in the world. **Amen.**

# Kyrie

(tune: *My Father, How Long*)

Leader sings parts marked "A"

Congregation sings parts marked "C"



A: We — pray for peace, O Lord, make plow-shares of our swords, make plow-shares of our



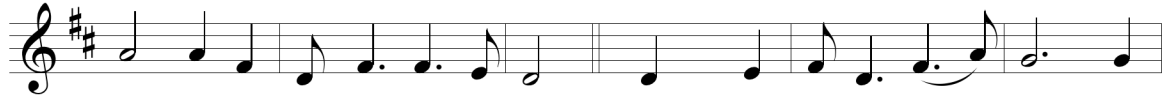
swords, hear us when we cry to you. C: Lord, have mer-cy on — us, have



mer-cy on us, Lord, have mer-cy on — us, hear us when we cry to you.



A: Christ, make us grow in grace un - til we see your face, un - til we see your



face, hear us when we cry to you. C: Christ, have mer-cy on — us, have



mer-cy on us, Christ have mer-cy on — us, hear us when we cry to you.



A: De - fend your Church, O Lord, and root it in — your word, and root it in — your



word, hear us when we cry to you. C: Lord, have mer-cy on — us, have



mer-cy on — us, Lord, have mer-cy on — us, hear our cry. A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### *Let the Whole Creation Cry (ELW 876)*



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"  
2 Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord, proph - ets burn - ing with the word,  
3 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold,



Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might - y king!"  
those to whom the arts be - long add their voic - es to the song.  
and let chil - dren's hap - py hearts in this wor - ship take their parts;



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;  
Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law, to the glo - rious cir - cle draw;  
from the north to south - ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice.  
all who work and all who wait, sing, "The Lord is good and great!"  
"Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One; glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

Text: Stopford A. Brooke, 1832–1916, alt.  
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

## 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.

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

**FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**

A reading from Habakkuk.

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing  
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack  
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>2:1</sup>I will stand at my watchpost,  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup>Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup>Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 37:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>Do not be provoked by evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

<sup>2</sup>**For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.**

<sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the LORD and do good;  
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

<sup>4</sup>**Take delight in the LORD,  
who shall give you your heart's desire.**

<sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,  
and see what God will do.

<sup>6</sup>**The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light**

**and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

<sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

<sup>8</sup>**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;**

**do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

<sup>9</sup>For evildoers shall be cut off,

but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

## **SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

A reading from 2 Timothy.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## **GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather

say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### *All Creatures, Worship God Most High! (ELW 835)*



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
- 2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
- 3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
- 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



- sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor  
 grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,  
 throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in  
 grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



- bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:  
 clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -  
 care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:  
 fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



- lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

- 5 And you, most gentle sister death,  
 waiting to hush our final breath:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,  
 fair is the night that leads us home.  
 Alleluia.

- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
 and worship God with humble heart:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
 Alleluia.

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all people according to their needs.....

O True Vine, we praise you for all the ways Jesus teaches us and reveals new insights, even in familiar parables. Help us understand that our faith, even as small as a mustard seed, will mysteriously grow **when it is sown**. We pray that your Spirit would continue to work its mystery in us to increase our faith and teach us how to follow your will. Lead us to find ways to plant our faith, to forgive, to serve, to share the Good News, and to work for equality and justice for all people. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

O Prince of Peace, we fervently pray for an end to violence and age-old hatreds in our broken world. Inspire world leaders with the wisdom and courage to end war, torture, and revenge. Guide them to seek compromise. Protect anyone who lives in violent situations, serves in the military, and seeks refuge. Relieve the stress in those returning from war and comfort the families of military personnel. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

O Tree of Life, we offer thanks for the great abundance you have created to sustain us. Guide us to be careful stewards of your amazing world, teaching us how to care for the land, air, water, plants, and animals. Guide us to use our resources wisely. We need to be reminded that the Earth's bounty is not for us to possess, but to preserve for future generations. Inspire us to recognize and use our various talents to their fullest. Bless all pastors, bishops, and lay church leaders. We also rejoice with those who are celebrating anniversaries, birthdays, and other happy occasions. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

O Healer, we pray for health and safety for anyone who has been affected by natural disasters, such as hurricanes, floods, or earthquakes. Empower us to increase our care of creation so these extreme weather events will decrease. Pour your healing on all who are ill in mind, body, or spirit and restore them to wholeness. Strengthen anyone dealing with long-term diagnoses, such as cancer, depression, addiction, and dementia. Bless the work of all medical personnel, caregivers, and researchers. Bestow on them wisdom and compassion. Bring joy and comfort to our elderly loved ones and shut-ins. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

O God of mercy, listen now as we offer other prayers, either silently or aloud.....  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

O Comforter, we pray for all to whom death draws near. Rest your peace, strength, and hope on their family and friends who mourn. Remind us of the promise of eternal life with you. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**.

## PEACE

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

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## OFFERTORY

*Pat Cambridge*

Offertory Hymn, "Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"

(tune: Barb'ry Ellen)



1. Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring To place up - on your ta - ble.
2. The vines were plant - ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea-sure.
3. Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares We lift in pray'r be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought But on - ly as we're a - ble.  
What once was com - mon, dai - ly food Be - comes a ho - ly trea - sure.  
Lord, by your grace, now come to us As hum - bly we a - dore you.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Sovereign of the universe, you set the parameters of the sea and renew the earth with light from the ages and rain from the heavens. Receive the gifts we bring as we care for oceans, lakes, and all habitats, to the glory of God in the name of Christ our peace. **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,  
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,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who orders the cosmos, sets the waters' boundaries, gives the breath of life to all creatures  
great and small, and empowers storms to wash over and renew the Earth.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,

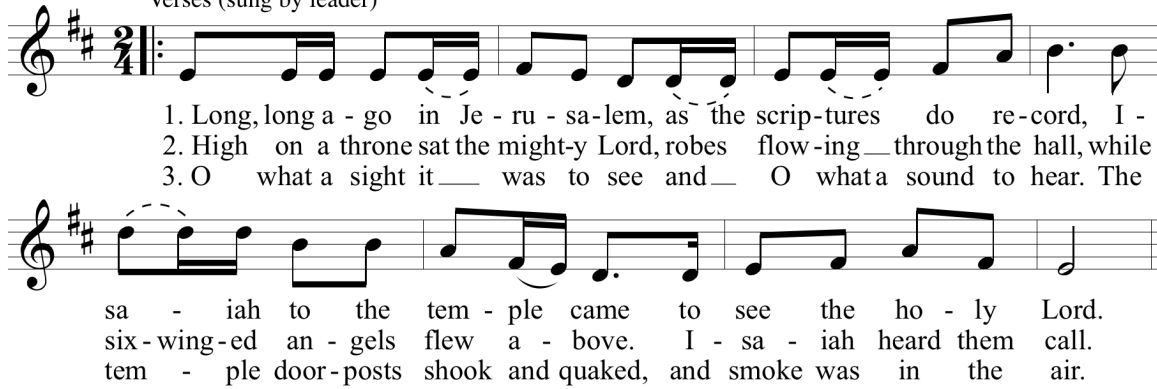


with the church on Earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### Sanctus

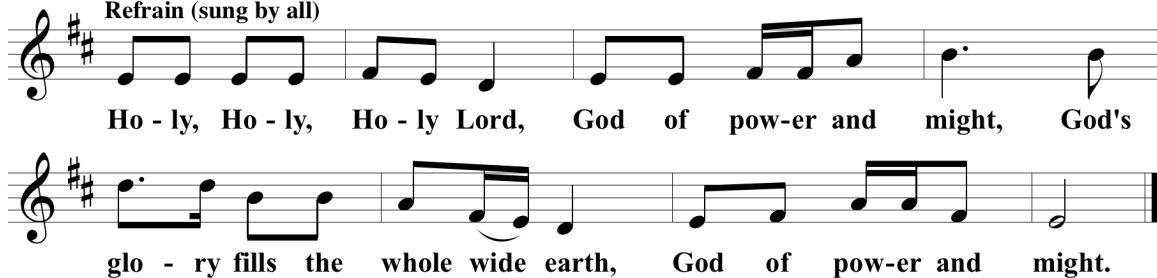
(tune: *Shady Grove*)

Verses (sung by leader)



1. Long, long a - go in Je - ru - sa - lem, as the scrip - tures do re - cord, I -  
2. High on a throne sat the might - y Lord, robes flow - ing through the hall, while  
3. O what a sight it was to see and O what a sound to hear. The  
sa - iah to the tem - ple came to see the ho - ly Lord.  
six - wing - ed an - gels flew a - bove. I - sa - iah heard them call.  
tem - ple door - posts shook and quaked, and smoke was in the air.

Refrain (sung by all)



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, God's  
glo - ry fills the whole wide earth, God of pow - er and might.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy One, your throne is centered in the midst of all Creation, the very source of all life, and from which comes all restoration.

Blessed are you for quasars and pulsars, for novas and nebulae, for distant galaxies and nearby asteroids. Blessed are you for the mysteries of the cosmos and the wonder it inspires as we contemplate our smallness against the vastness in which our island Earth floats.

Blessed are you for whales and krill, for eagles and sparrows, for tigers and meerkats. Blessed are you for the diversity of life and the joy it offers as we consider our place alongside all animals with whom we share our ecosystem.

Blessed are you for vast oceans and small ponds, for the Great Lakes and salty seas, for beaver dams and coral reefs. Blessed are you for all sources of water and the thrill they provide as we celebrate our dependence on water for work, play, and quenching our daily thirst.

Blessed are you for lightning and wind, for hailstone and snowflake, for raindrop and rainbow. Blessed are you for the fascination of storms and the power they display as we fathom our reliance on weather patterns that bring cleansing and renewing gifts to Earth.

Blessed are you for Jesus Christ, the Word Incarnate, through whom all things have come into existence and through whom all things will receive rebirth.

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.

With this bread and cup, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Almighty Provider, this meal reminds us that the consequence of sin is brokenness, yet in the resurrection of the Lamb, what was once broken is now being healed. Fill us with urgency to be agents of that healing. Unite us through the bread and cup we share, that trusting your redemptive work in all Creation, we may be better partners of renewal as we await our Lord's return.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of the Cosmos, breath of life, source of nature's power, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Just as this broken bread was first scattered on the hills, then was brought together and became one, so let your Church be brought together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours are the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever.

**Amen.**

#### **COMMUNION**

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## Agnus Dei

(tune: *The Suffolk Miracle*)

1. O Lamb of God, \_\_\_\_\_ to earth you came \_\_\_\_\_ To  
 2. O Lamb of God, \_\_\_\_\_ the on - ly Son, \_\_\_\_\_ To

save us all \_\_\_\_\_ from grief and shame. \_\_\_\_\_ Shorn of your life, \_\_\_\_\_ up -  
 us show mer - cy, Ho - ly One. \_\_\_\_\_ You save the world \_\_\_\_\_ from

on the tree \_\_\_\_\_ You hung in deep hu - mil - i - ty. \_\_\_\_\_  
 all its sin. \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, give to us your peace. A - men. \_\_\_\_\_

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The bread of the earth and the fruit of the vine strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**Amen.**

In this meal of bread and wine, we are reminded of our place within Creation. We are merely one piece of a diverse landscape which you dream into existence every day. Send us now filled with your goodness, striving for the better world you envision, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

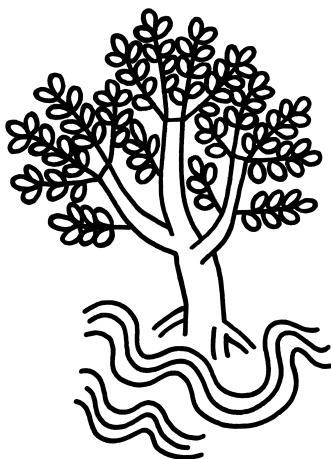
### BLESSING

The God of all Creation bless you.

The God of stars and tides keep watch over you.

The God of light and love bring you and all Creation peace.

In the name of the + Triune God. **Amen.**



**SENDING SONG****God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens (ELW 771)**

1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,  
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;  
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space:  
known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;  
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;  
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,  
May our dreams prove rich with prom-ise; each en-deav-or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.  
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Care for Creation.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERVING TODAY:** *Presider/Preacher: Chad Huebner; Organist: George Weckman; Asst/Lector: Jane Unger; Time with Children: Kay Cleland; Children's Church Leader: Lucy Crawford; Livestream: Marilyn Shealy; Greeter: Sue Ellen Miller; Ushers: John Deno, Rod Sauer, Andrew Kirsop; Acolyte: Melody Christiansen*

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