

# Christ Lutheran Church & The Bridge Campus Ministry

## October 12, 2025 – 18th Sunday after Pentecost

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*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.*



**SERVING TODAY:** *Presider/Preacher: Chad Huebner; Organist: George Weckman; Choir Director: Christian Yoder; Choir Accompanist: Donnalee Yoder; Pianist: Patricia Cambridge; Lector: Pat Cambridge; Time with Children: Chad Huebner; Ushers: Sue Ellen Miller, Lora Blankenship; Greeter: Linda Batey; Acolyte: Rachel; Tray Server: John Molinaro; Livestream: Sam Hanson*

### **INTRODUCTION**

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

## WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*Nearer My God To Thee*

CLC Choir

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful and loving God,

**we are your stiff-necked people.**

**We trample on the needy.**

**We grumble about your grace to others.**

**We turn away from the poor.**

**Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**

**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost  
and have been found.**

**Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

You who were lost have been found.

In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**Amen.**

# KYRIE

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.

## **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.

**Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **TIME WITH CHILDREN**

### **FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c**

A reading from 2 Kings.

<sup>1</sup> Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. <sup>2</sup> Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

<sup>7</sup> When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup> But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup> But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup> But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" <sup>14</sup> So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

<sup>15a, b, c</sup> Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel." Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 111**

- <sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
- <sup>2</sup> **Great are your works, O LORD,  
pondered by all who delight in them.**
- <sup>3</sup> Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness endures forever.
- <sup>4</sup> **You cause your wonders to be remembered;  
you are gracious and full of compassion.**
- <sup>5</sup> You give food to those who fear you,  
remembering forever your covenant.
- <sup>6</sup> **You have shown your people the power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**
- <sup>7</sup> The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all of your precepts are sure.
- <sup>8</sup> **They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.**
- <sup>9</sup> You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;  
holy and awesome <sup>1</sup> is your name.
- <sup>10</sup> **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15**

A reading from 2 Timothy.

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

<sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup> Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. <sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



### GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

The holy gospel according to Luke.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?” <sup>18</sup> Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

The gospel of the Lord.

#### Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## *Now Thank We All Our God (isometric) (ELW 840)*



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
 the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878  
 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray for peace among all nations, for justice among neighbors, for safety for all in uncertain transit; for refugees from violence and all those seeking a home, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

We pray for the remembrance of our own ancestors who may have been displaced, and who may have come to this land seeking freedom from oppression and conquest, but who in turn displaced others, perhaps not even fully understanding the harm that was being done, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

We pray for the forgiveness of sin, for the repentance of wrong, and for justice to shine in its place, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

We pray for understanding and acknowledgment of injustice wrought in the name of God by those whose paths we inherit, for righting the infliction of harms, for fellowship to replace oppression and for reconciliation and healing to ease pain, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

We pray for those forgotten tongues, rites, peoples, clans, tribes and traditions, including bands of our own ancestry and those who once walked this land here in Athens County, who were oppressed by conquerors, and yet prayed to You in all Your forms for deliverance, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

We pray for the love of God to fill this place and the hearts of all of God's children with good will; for a path of peace to walk side by side; and the promise of God that we all, regardless of race or creed, belong to God and that we belong to one another, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

Help us to see differences and diversity as strengths.

Help us to listen and understand and to meet one another with wonder and anticipation.

Help us to love as you love, without expectations.

Help us to understand how indigenous people have been and continue to be profoundly harmed by settler people and institutions.

Help us to listen compassionately, to speak humbly, and to act justly.

Help us to seek peace, justice, and reconciliation, and guide us into right relationships with all living things.

**AMEN**

## **PEACE**

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

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## **CHORAL OFFERING**

### *My Shepherd Is Leading Me Home*

**CLC Choir**

## **OFFERTORY**



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

Lord of the harvest,  
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.  
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,  
but on you, who richly provides for us.  
Multiply what we have gathered  
to bless all who are suffering and in need,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**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

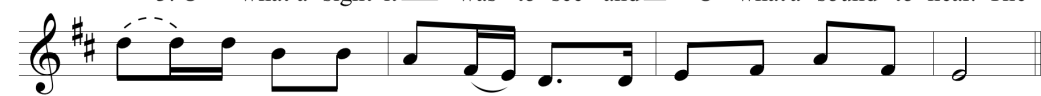
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
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:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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 God,  
    our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,  
    you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.  
You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,  
    and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.  
You sent your Son to eat with sinners  
    and to become food for the world.  
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 life given for us  
    and his rising from the grave,  
    we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.  
By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:  
    strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,  
    and by this bread and cup make of us the body of 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**

**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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come to this meal of mercy.

**Thanks be to God!**

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

## LAMB OF GOD

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

O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us

and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions

with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

The God of righteousness,

who gives justice to the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry,

who sets the prisoners free,

✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**    *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (ELW 886)



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,  
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,  
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,  
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.  
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

**DISMISSAL**

The service has ended.

**The ministry begins!**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**