

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

821 S. Greenville Avenue, Allen, TX

September 20, 2026

17th Sunday after Pentecost

Broadcast begins: 9:20 a.m.

Worship service begins: 9:30 a.m.

Gathering

Prelude

arr. Alex Kirton

Welcome

Congregation stands.

Confession & Forgiveness

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

(A brief silence.)

Pastor: Most Merciful God,

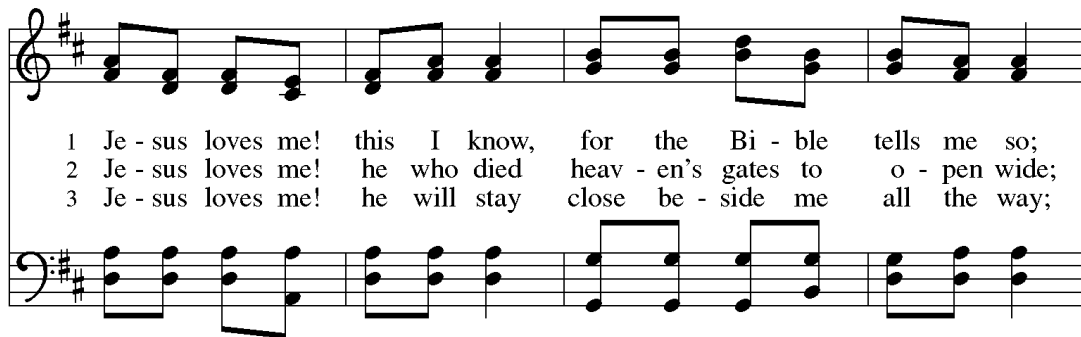
All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

*(Service continues with the Gathering Hymn,
"Jesus Loves Me!" on the following pages.)*

Jesus Loves Me!



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.
 Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

Cong: And also with you.

Kyrie

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verses 1-2

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passionate re - sponse to the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

(‘Kyrie Eleison’ means ‘Lord have mercy’.)

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

Congregation sits.

Word

First Reading

Jonah 3:10—4:11

¹⁰ When God saw what the people of Ninevah did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

^{4:1} But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. ³ And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴ And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵ Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶ The LORD God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰ Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

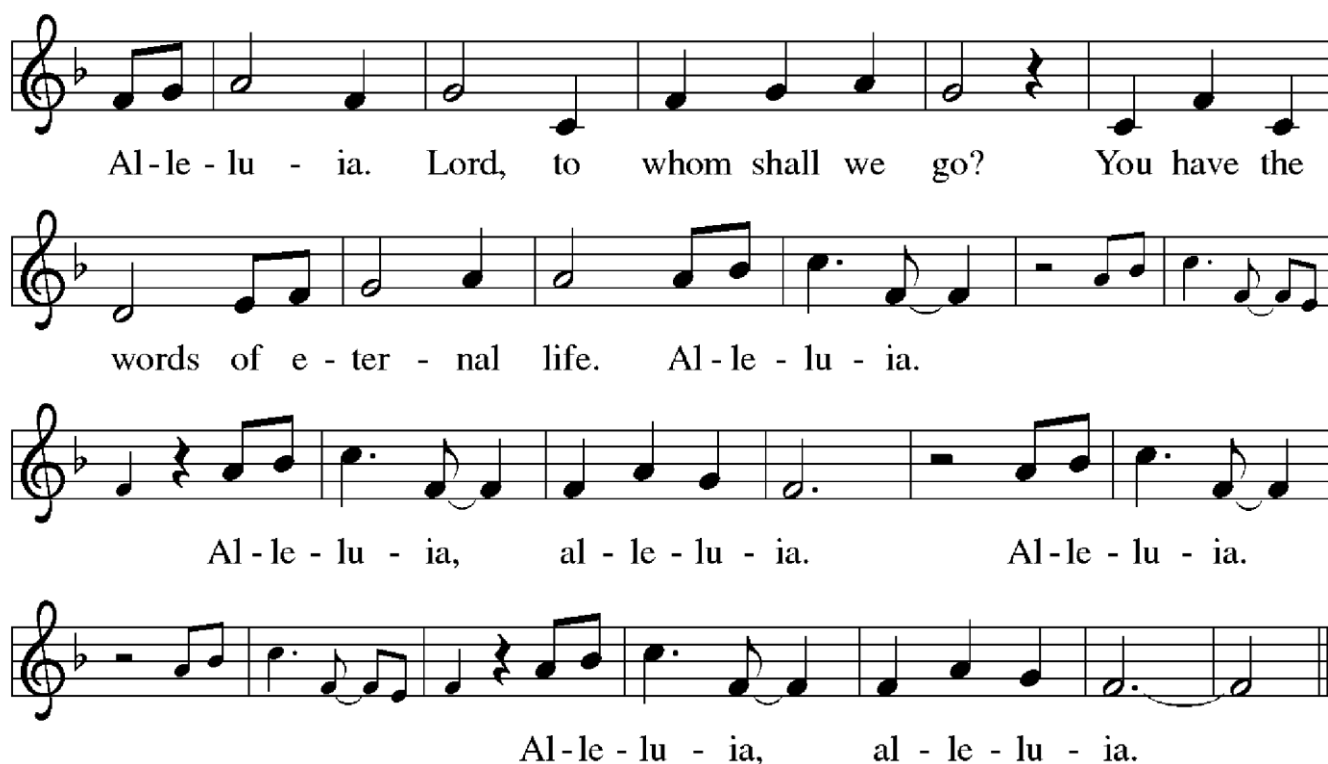
Cong: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm is read responsively with the congregation reading the verses that are in **Bold** print.

- ⁹ The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.
- ¹⁰ **All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,**
and all your faithful shall bless you.
- ¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
- ¹² **to make known to all people your mighty deeds**
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

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

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Pastor: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the 20th chapter.

Cong: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹ “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five

o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius?' ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Cong: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Pastor Cheryl Herreid

Sermon

Pastor Cheryl Herreid

*(Service continues with the Hymn of the Day,
"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," on the following page.)*

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.

While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.

teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
 Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.
(A brief silence.)

Cong: Grant mercy on your local church, Lord. Show us the ways of hospitality and welcome for all. Hear us, O God.

Assistant: Your mercy is great.

Cong: Strengthen all those in this congregation whose labor serves the needs of others in the community. Inspire all in this congregation to support community endeavors with our time and talents. Hear us, O God.

Assistant: Your mercy is great.

Cong: Comfort us with the promise of the resurrection as we remember all our loved ones whose desire to be with Jesus is fulfilled. Hear us, O God.

Assistant: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: *(Here other intercessions may be offered by Pastor.)* . . . Hear us, O God.

Cong: Your mercy is great.

Pastor: Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Cong: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us share the peace of Christ.

Congregation shares the peace and then sits.

Musical Offering

"A Graceful Song of Peace"
Chancel Choir
Alex Kirton, director/accompanist
(‘Dona nobis pacem’ means ‘Grant us peace.’)

Joseph M. Martin

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offering Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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Offertory Prayer

Assistant: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Cong: Amen.

Meal

Great Thanksgiving

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Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Cong: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Cong: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, . . . , we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Words of Institution

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

The Lord's Prayer

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

Congregation sits.

Communion Hymn

ELW #491

Come, Let Us Eat



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,



come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,



Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er.

Text: Billema Kwillia, b. 1925, sts. 1–3; Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930, st. 4, alt.; tr. Margaret D. Miller, b. 1927, sts. 1–3, alt.
Music: A VA DE, Billema Kwillia, adapt.

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Post-Communion Blessing

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

Assistant: O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Sending

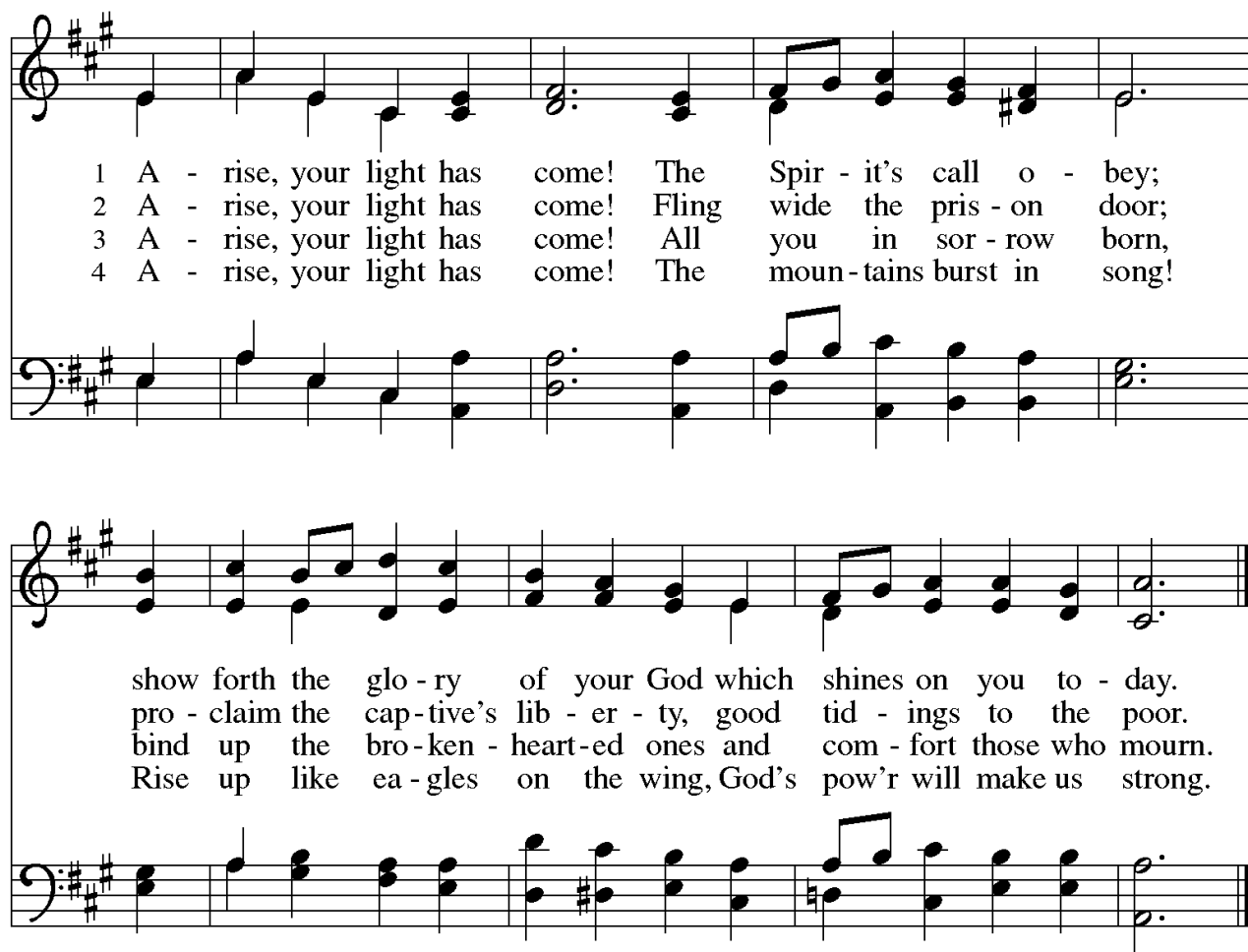
Life in the Community of Faith

Congregation stands.

Benediction

*(Service continues with the Sending Hymn,
"Arise, Your Light Has Come!" on the following page.)*

Arise, Your Light Has Come!



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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Dismissal

Assistant: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Cong: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

arr. Alex Kirton

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We are glad you chose Christ the Servant Lutheran Church for your Sunday worship experience.

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Assisting Minister: Rev. Kathryn McCord
Church Musician: Alex Kirton
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