

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

821 S. Greenville Avenue, Allen, TX

September 27, 2026

18th 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.

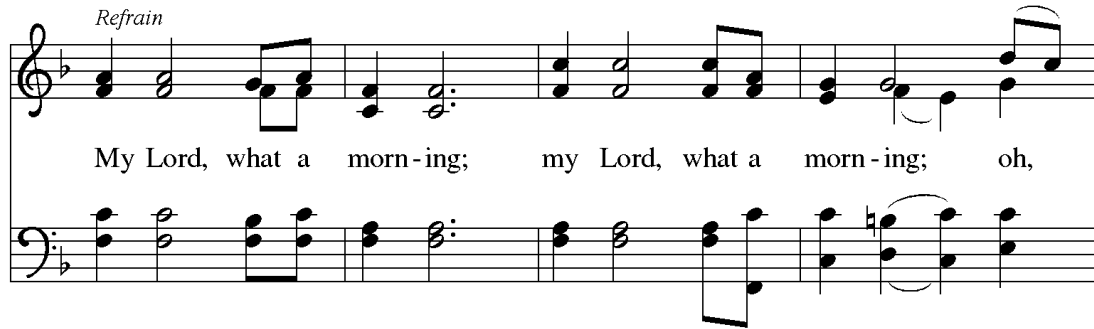
Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through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

C: Amen.

*(Service continues with the Gathering Hymn,
"My Lord, What a Morning," on the following pages.)*

My Lord, What a Morning

Refrain



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,

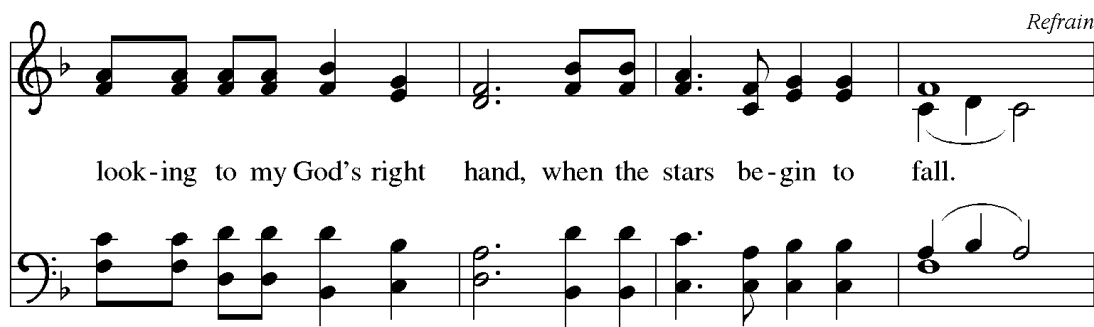


my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.



1 You will hear the trum-pet sound,
2 You will hear the sin-ner cry, to wake the na-tions un-der - ground,
3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,

Refrain



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual
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Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

Kyrie ('Kyrie Eleison' means 'Lord have mercy.')

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-passioned 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.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

God of love, giver of life, you created all things and you know all things. Give us your grace to overcome any frailties or failings we have, guide us to love one another as you have loved us, and lead us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

Congregation sits.

Word

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-10

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalms 25:1-2, 4-5

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

¹ To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

² O my God, in you I trust;

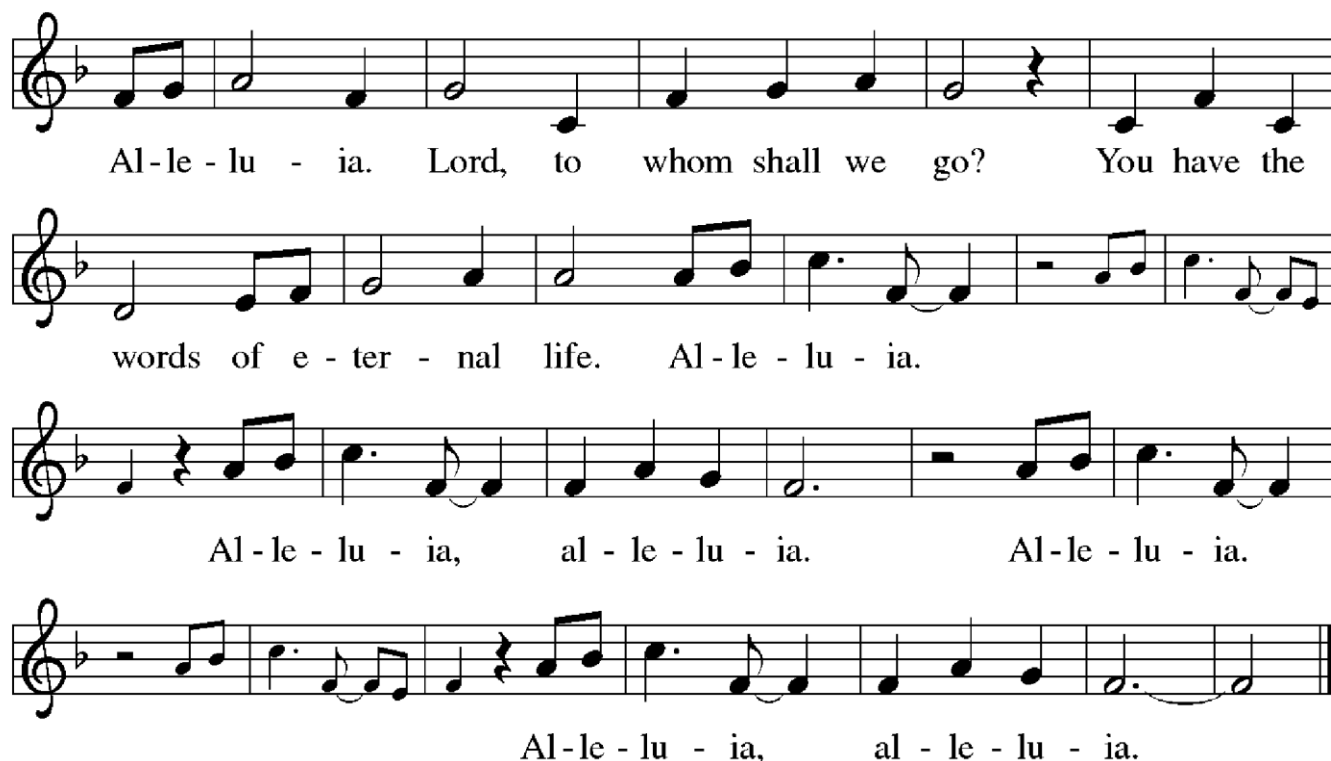
do not let me be put to shame;

do not let my enemies exult over me.

- ⁴ Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.
- ⁵ **Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.**

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 22nd chapter.

Cong: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 22:34-40

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷ He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Cong: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Cheryl Herreid

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To God Be the Glory

Our God and Father, to whom be glory for ever — Galatians 1:4-5 NIV

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath done; So loved He the
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, To ev - 'ry be -
 3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our re -

world that He gave us His Son, Who yield - ed His life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; The vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing thro' Je - sus the Son; But pur - er, and high - er, and

tone - ment for sin, And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
 great - er will be Our won - der, our vic - t'ry, when Je - sus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord,

praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther, thro'

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915
 MUSIC: William H. Doane, 1832-1915

TO GOD BE THE GLORY
 11.11.11.11, with Refrain

MAJESTY AND POWER



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: Inspire all in positions of authority to act honorably. Remind them of their call to use their authority for the sake of the common good. Give them the gift of humility. Hear us, O God.

Assistant: Your mercy is great.

Cong: Give us the courage to say yes to your call. Open us to service in our community in new or challenging places. Hear us, O God.

Assistant: Your mercy is great.

Cong: Your steadfast love holds all the saints who have finished their work and are at rest, especially Josh Pflueger. As we grieve, remind us of your mercy so we may also give thanks. 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

“My God Is an Awesome God”
Chancel Choir
Alex Kirton, director/accompanist

Keith Hampton

(Service continues with the Offertory Response on the following page.)

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, . . . 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

Leader or All



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

All



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

Leader or All



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

All



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

Sending Hymn

“Yes and Amen”

Housefires

See overhead screens

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Dismissal

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

Cong: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

arr. Alex Kirton

Thank you for joining us online!
We are glad you chose Christ the Servant Lutheran Church for your Sunday worship experience.

Presiding Minister: Rev. Cheryl Herreid
Assisting Minister: Tim McCord
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Guitar: Steve Secora
Altar flowers: Patty Voga and Ceci Gunderson
in celebration of Pastor Cheryl's birthday

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