

Christ Lutheran Church & The Bridge Campus Ministry

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INTRODUCTION

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy, God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship, we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.



SERVING TODAY: *Presider/Preacher: Pastor Chad Huebner; Organist: Bekah Davenport; Choir Director: Christian Yoder; Accompanist: Donnalee Yoder; Viola: Lydia Kress; Autoharp: Kayden Brafford; Asst/Lector: Steve Chikosky; Time with Children: Cheryl Huebner; Acolyte: Dessa; Tray Server: Pam Cochran; Greeters: Linda Batey, Karen Beverly; Ushers: Sue Ellen Miller, Lora Blankenship; Livestream: Melissa Graham*

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

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

**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 squandered your bountiful gifts.

**We have considered
the blessings of the harvest our due.**

**We have been indifferent
in planning and planting
for the future needs of your Church.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us,
cause gratitude to ripen in our hearts,
and wisdom to mature in our minds,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy,
loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.

By grace you have been saved.

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

Almighty God strengthen you
with power through the Holy Spirit,
that Christ may live in your hearts
through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Thine the Amen (ELW 826)



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

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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.

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.

Canticle of Praise, "O Sing of God's Great Victory!"

(tune: *The Shepherd's Daughter and the King*)



1. O sing of God's great vic - to - ry! Je - sus' blood has set us free!
2. This is the feast of vic - to - ry Of the glo - rious Lamb a - bove.
3. O is it not a mys - ter - y That our Lord a Lamb should be,
4. All hon - or, bless - ing, glo - ry, might Sing the hosts to Christ on high,



Let all his crea - tures join our songs, For to Christ the throne be - longs
Now all God's peo - ple gath - er 'round For the ban - quet of God's love.
Who on the cru - el cross was slain, But a - rose in heav'n to reign.
All pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom strength. Now let all on earth re - ply:



Sing we al - le - lu - ia, prais - es to the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:1-9

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you; I will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap,

the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;

cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,

a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵ the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
"See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:1-9

A reading from Philippians.

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

1. O God, whose Word well-planted Yields fruit a hundred-fold,
2. O God of seed and harvest, Of sun and soil and rain,
3. O God, Your final harvest Of his t'ry's ancient field

We praise your graces granted To those who sowed of old,
At-tend the Word we sow lest Its plant-ing be in vain.
Will test with Truth the proud-est That hu-man work can yield.

Who by their wit-ness scat-tered Good seed up-on the soil
Send show-ers of Your Spir-it, Bright sun-shine of Your Grace,
Op-pres-sion's blight will van-ish, Fair free-dom's fruits in-crease;

Where oth-ers, reap-ing, gath-ered The har-vest of their toil.
That mul-ti-tudes who hear it Your Gos-pel may em-brace.
And love and joy will flour-ish To clothe the earth with peace.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’

⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

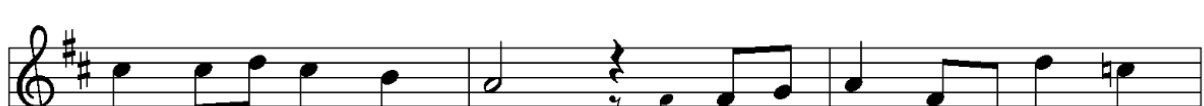
SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *Let Us Go Now to the Banquet: Vamos todos al banquete (ELW 523)*

Refrain / Estribillo



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the



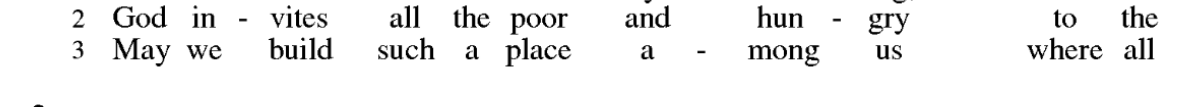
me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



re - te tie - ne un pues - to y u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

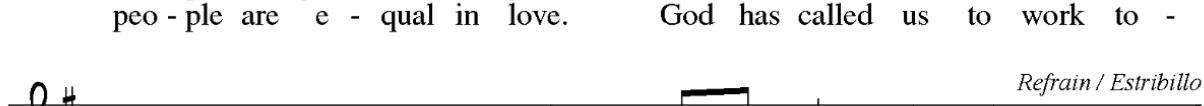


1 Hoy me le - van - to muy tem - pra - no; ya me es -
1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -
2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the
3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



pe - ra la co - mu - ni - dad; voy su - bien - do a - le - gre la
mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm
ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be
peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

Refrain / Estribillo



cues - ta, voy en bus - ca de tu a - mis - tad.
walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

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. We pray especially right now for the immigrants in Springfield. Please keep them safe and ease their fears, 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 goodwill; 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 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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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

Let us pray. Gracious God,
**You bless us with gifts of guidance, new life,
growth in grace, and fruitful labor.
Accept the first fruits of time and toil,
field and orchard we offer here.
Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture
and the care of your creation;
for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

PROPER 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. Through your Son, you taught us that true riches are to be found in loving you rather than earthly treasure.
For your glory, and to give us the fullness of life and salvation, Christ emptied himself upon the cross and was raised in power to sit at your right hand.
And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in adoring song:

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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,

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.

Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

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. _____

COMMUNION

(Whatever the state of your faith today, ALL are invited to the Lord's table. No Exceptions. To receive communion, come forward at the ushers' direction and take a place at the altar rail. You may stand or kneel as you wish. You will first receive the bread, then you may choose either red wine or white grape juice in a small glass, or sip wine from the chalice. If you choose a small glass, you will place it in the empty tray carried by the acolyte. After receiving the bread and wine, you will return to your seat.)

COMMUNION HYMN



1. We praise you for the life that stirs When spring-time warms the
 2. We praise you for the sum - mer sun, For rip'n - ing grain and
 3. We sing your praise for au - tumn's glow, For har - vest yield from
 4. We sing your praise thru' win - ter's night When earth in fro - zen
 5. We praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, And praise the Spir - it,



sleep - ing earth; But most, we praise the Grace that lures Our
 length - ened days; But most, we praise you for the Son Whose
 spring - time seed. Up - on our hearts your grace be - stow Till
 si - lence lies, For pro - mise of re - turn - ing light, For
 with the throng Of saints and an - gels joined as one In



slum-b'ring souls to love and mirth, Our slum-b'ring souls to love and mirth.
 Lightbrings heal - ing in his rays, Whose Lightbrings heal - ing in his rays.
 faith bears fruit in lov - ing deed, Till faith bears fruit in lov - ing deed.
 life in Christ that nev - er dies, For life in Christ that nev - er dies.
 grate - ful, ev - er - last - ing song, In grate - ful, ev - er - last - ing song.

SONG AFTER COMMUNION

1. O Lord of the blossom, O God of the seed, O gracious pro -
2. O Lord of the harvest, O God of the feast, Where sor - rows are

vi - der for all hu - man need, You have nour - ished our faith at your
van - quished and joys are in - creased, Where the tree of life grows in your

ta - ble of grace, And nur - tured new life in the light of your face.
or - chards a - bove, We'll join in the cho - rus in praise of your love.

O Lord of the grain - field, O God of the vine, You've fed us your
Sing praise to the Fa - ther, Sing praise to the Son, Sing praise to the

pres - ence in bread and in wine. In com - mun - ion you've blest to us
Spir - it. Praise God, Three in One! You have made us one peo - ple you've

ar - bor and plow, And shown us the Gos - pel, your Word for us now.
fed by the hand, O Lord of the heav - ens, O God of the land.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we give thanks for your pruning, planting, and nurture. We rejoice that you have used the harvest of field and vineyard to renew and sustain us. Lead us as we go from this life-giving meal into lives of grateful service to you and your cherished creation; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG***Sent Forth by God's Blessing (ELW 547)***

1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,

the peo - ple of our God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—

The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,

the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.

The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now

reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.

Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing

to give work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.