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Wednesday Evening Healing Service (In-Person & Zoom)

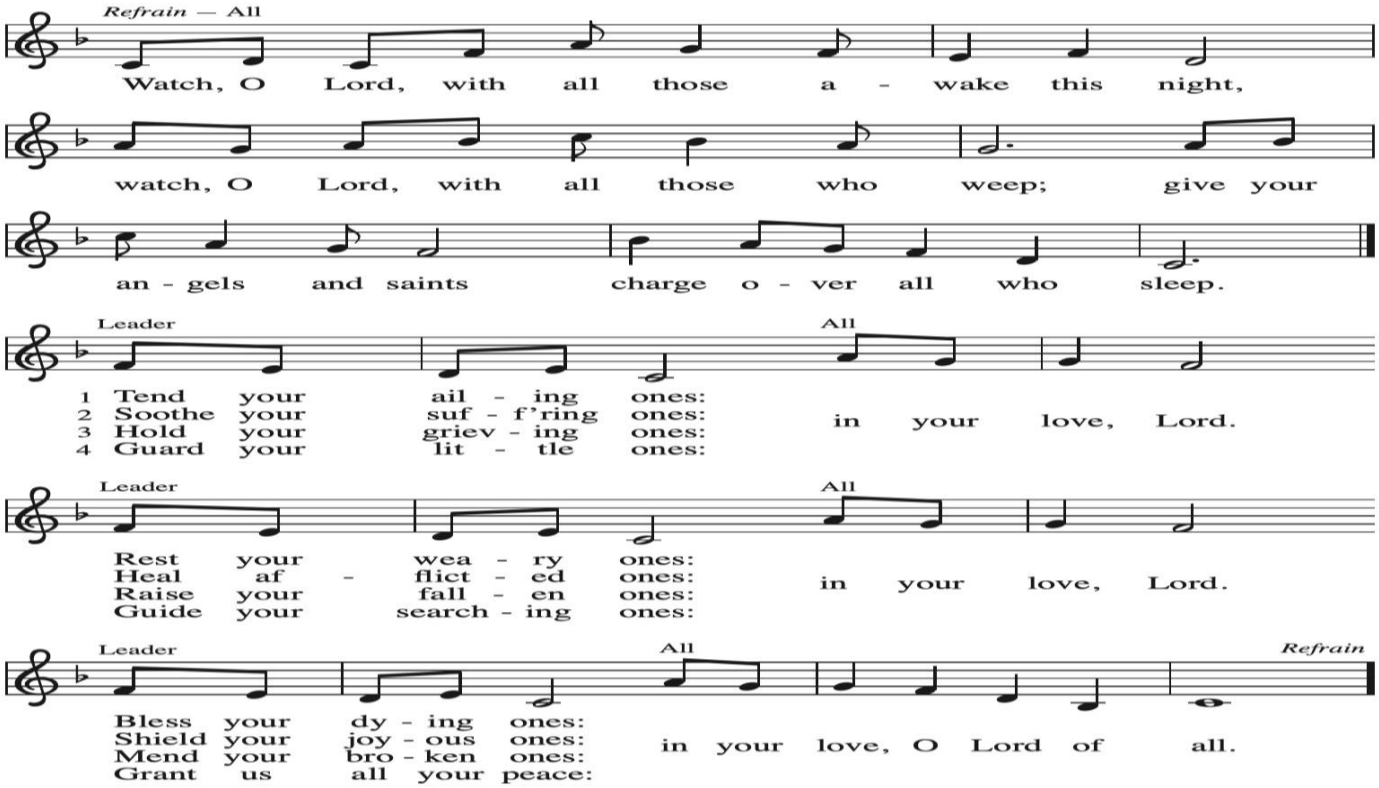
October 7, 2026 – 6:30pm

Prelude

* Call to Worship

P: Blessing upon blessing
C: Showered upon us.
P: Amazing grace
C: Surprising us each day.
P: Startling sunsets
C: Lifting our spirits from weary commutes.
P: The laughter of children
C: Shaking the blues out of us.
P: A bountiful table
C: Reminding us daily of the need to be thankful.
P: Blessing upon blessing from a loving God,
C: Setting loose a song of praise.

* Gathering Hymn ACS 996 "Watch, O Lord"



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Music: WATCH, O LORD, Marty Haugen
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* Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

* The Prayer of the Day

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.

Reading: *Philippians 4:1-9*

[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. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Pastor Daniel Swanson

* Prayers of the People

Anointing and Laying on of Hands – *Please come to the altar rail and kneel as you are ready. Please feel free to remain seated, if you do not desire the laying on of hands.*

* Words of Institution

* 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.

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* Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
C: Amen.

* Blessing

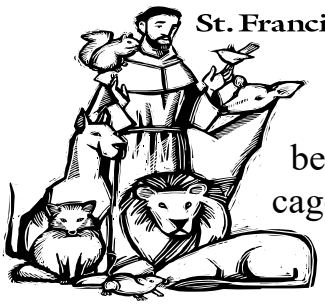
P: The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus. **Amen**
P: The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit. **Amen.**
P: The God of grace ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

* Sending Hymn 581 **"You Are Mine"**

* Dismissal

L: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
C: Thanks be to God.

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Next Wednesday, October 14th – 6:30 p.m. – St Francis Day Service/Blessing of Animals. No pet is too large, too small or too slimy to be included. Please come with your pets appropriately restrained (harnessed, caged, submerged, etc.) and have a great time praising God with all of God's creatures! ***We will meet on the pavilion by the side parking lot***. (No Communion.)

We will celebrate a Joint Reformation Service at St. Luke's Lutheran Church on Frederick Street on Sunday, October 25th at 10:00am. (No service at CLC.) Bishop Bill Gohl will be our preacher that morning. Following the service, you are invited to a luncheon in their fellowship hall. *Menu: buffet featuring Chicken Parmigiana and Bake Ziti (both available gluten free), salad, rolls, and assorted desserts. There will also be water, cold beverages, hot tea and coffee.* We hope that you will join us. To help with plans, they would like to have a "count" of people attending ***by October 18th***. ***If you are planning to attend the luncheon, please sign-up on the paper in the main narthex.*** Thanks.

Offering for the Reformation Service at St Luke's Lutheran will go to a special cause. If you wish to contribute to Christ Lutheran for our budget with your white envelope for October 25, please bring to CLC on October 18, mail or bring to church office during the week or put in plate on November 1st. Thanks.

Following the devastating disaster that struck Nepal, where an avalanche-triggered flood hit the northwestern part of the country. Thousands of people have been affected, and many homes, hydropower projects, bridges, and other infrastructure were swept away by the flash flood. **Our church council has designated that we will collect donations through the month of October for Lutheran Disaster Relief for Nepal.** If you wish to donation, please make checks payable to Christ Lutheran, care of Nepal. Thanks you.

Our Emergency Aid Fund is getting low. With fall and cold weather coming we expect that the need will increase. **If this is something that you wish to support, please make donations care of Emergency Fund. Thanks.**