

# THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 26th, 2021



## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Prayer:** Keep, we pray You, O Lord, Your Church with Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Musician:** Mayumi Munoz  
**Readers:** 9 a.m. — Tom Kuhl 11 a.m. – Paul Wachs

**Children’s Message (Sept.26): “Salt”** [https://youtu.be/x\\_q7J5HGLvw](https://youtu.be/x_q7J5HGLvw)

**DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:**

Monday: Rom. 13: 8-10 Wed.: Matt. 17: 24-27 Friday: Gal. 5:1, 4-6, 13-15  
Tuesday: Matt. 15: 1-9 Thurs: 1 Cor. 9: 19-23 Saturday: Amos 5: 10-15

**WORSHIP NOTE:**

**In compliance with Ontario Provincial Step 3, we can now offer in-person worship with allowances for social distancing.**

- **Sunday Service will be live-streamed at 10 AM on Facebook:** (<https://www.facebook.com/ChristLutheranChurchSC>).
- Following the service, a recording will be uploaded to YouTube – “Gathering the Scattered” at: (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3a4p6prdJGEyP5S-q-cNSq>).
- A PDF version of the order of service for each Sunday will also be posted on our church website: [christlutheransc.ca](http://christlutheransc.ca).
- Archived videos of Sunday’s service will be uploaded to christlutheransc.ca – “Worship” page.

Any questions or concerns, please check out our church website (<http://christlutheransc.ca/>), contact Judy Slingerland ([chairman.worship@christlutheransc.ca](mailto:chairman.worship@christlutheransc.ca)) or Pastor Todd ([pastortoddhoefts@gmail.com](mailto:pastortoddhoefts@gmail.com)) or phone the church office. May the peace of the risen Lord be with you all.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Pastor Todd is away taking some time off but still in town. He’ll be back in office Tuesday, September 28th. Rev. John Makey will lead the 9 & 11 AM services this morning. Please phone the church office or you may email Pastor Todd for any unexpected urgent needs. Thank you & peace.

**EDUCATION HOUR FALL starting **October 3rd through Advent 2021: 10:10 AM — 10:45 AM****

- **Adult Bible Study** will be held weekly in the basement [SOUL area]
- **Sunday School** – Will be held on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of the month in basement classrooms
- **Youth Catechism** – Will be held on the 3rd & 4th Sundays of the month in the sanctuary pews

On the Sundays Pastor Todd teaches youth catechism, Louise will lead the adult classes (3rd & 4th Sunday). All other adult classes Pastor Todd will teach. 1st Adult study will be the book of JAMES.

**FLOWERS** have been placed on the altar this morning to the glory of God by Kathy DeKouchay on the occasion of her parents wedding anniversary on September 25<sup>th</sup>



**LWML-C/Mary Martha:** It's that time of year again! We are so excited to invite you to join us at our LWML-C/Mary Martha meetings which will be held **in person!** We will be still wearing masks and social distancing at our meetings. (You are welcome to bring your own beverage.)

- Oct. 19· 7 p.m. LWML National Convention Highlights
- Nov. 16· 7 p.m. Pack socks for Warm Feet for the Street.
- Dec. 14· 5:30 p.m. Advent Tea

We are delighted to host the LWML Sunday & Fall Rally Worship Service at Christ Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 3rd at 3 p.m.

**REQUEST REGARDING 2021 FALL BAZAAR:** Our Bazaar this year will still be held similar to last year, with individual orders being filled, packaged and picked up at the door at a pre-arranged time. It seemed to work well that way last year and we were grateful for all the support. Prior to placing order forms in the bulletin this year, we would like to know if any of you have done or will be doing any specific things that you would be willing to contribute, that we can offer - for eg. canning and preserving (jams, jellies, pickles, fruit, sauces etc.) or specific crafts (sewing, knitting etc.) Baking can and will be done according to whatever people place orders for, as it was last year, but these other kinds of items are usually done ahead of time and we will need to know details for them – kinds you have and amounts that you are willing to donate, so that they will be offered on a “first come, first serve” basis as would happen at a regular Bazaar. We will list those items and take orders for them only as long as they are available. Please let Carole know by email: [carolepink121@gmail.com](mailto:carolepink121@gmail.com) or by leaving a phone message: 905-682-9176 (or on my cell) Thank you.

**Last Sunday Attendance: Sept. 19th, 2021 Attn: 9 a.m. – 38; 11 a.m.—34 Total: 72**

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly Need</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>+ or - (-)</u>
Current:	271,175.00	5,214.90	2,871.00	139,763.72	(58,402.63)
LCC Missions	20,000.00	384.62	330.00	12,366.50	(2,248.88)
Property Improvement:			134.00	4,255.50	

**SEMINARY GUILD MEMBERSHIPS** are now due. Still only \$5.00. Please see Naomi Hohnberg!!

**SUMMER SAUSAGE:** (with proceeds as usual for the Bazaar) will be available again this year, but you have only 2 weeks to place your order, so if you are interested, don't delay. The orders have to be in **BEFORE Thanksgiving** as that's when the sausage will be picked up, and those who purchase can get their orders from Gloria Meyer, the following Sunday or 2. (Oct. 17, 24) The cost this year is \$18. There is a basket on the back table in the Narthex and slips of paper on which to write your name, contact information and number of sausage you want. So place your order today in the basket or you can also call or email Gloria directly. [gloryb@primus.ca](mailto:gloryb@primus.ca) or 905-468-4002



**THANKSGIVING FOOD DONATIONS AND DISPLAY:** We will again be collecting food donations of canned and dry goods and fresh garden produce to adorn our church on Thanksgiving Sunday which will be given to the CLTS Food Pantry. There will be a basket at the back of the church to put these donations in. Thank you!!

**MEMORIAL DONATIONS** have been given in memory of Erna McBride to: HLMS Mixte Nazareth Feeding Program by Garth & Bronwyn Goodburn; to Hospice Niagara: by Garth & Bronwyn Goodburn; and to Christ Lutheran Church by Maureen Bennett.

**FLOWERS FOR ALTAR:** If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please sign your name at the back of the church or email: [secretary@christlutheransc.ca](mailto:secretary@christlutheransc.ca). Cost is \$25/bouquet

**THE CANADIAN LUTHERAN:** The Canadian Lutheran is available to read online at: [WWW.CANADIANLUTHERAN.CA](http://WWW.CANADIANLUTHERAN.CA)

## **Silver Spire United Church – Communal Shower Replacement Project:**

<https://www.silverspire.ca/shower-project>

We have been contacted, as one of the downtown congregations, to support Silver Spire in this major undertaking to assist the homeless community in the downtown core. Estimated cost is \$200,000.

Council discussed the request and have decided to encourage our members that wish to support this project to do so by sending your donations directly to Silver Spire. All donations will be tax deductible.

If you prefer you can make a donation to Christ Lutheran Church and mark it “Silver Spire – Showers” the amount will be receipted by Christ Lutheran and forwarded to Silver Spire on your behalf.

Below you will find a link to the article that appeared in the Standard recently and the website for Silver Spire.

The request letter is posted at the back of the church on the bulletin board for you to review.

<https://www.stcatharinesstandard.ca/news/niagara-region/2021/07/08/st-catharines-church-fundraising-for-showers-for-the-homeless.html>

**SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH DURING THE PANDEMIC:** It's important for members to keep in mind that expenses for payroll, utilities, maintenance, etc. continue to accumulate even when you are not comfortable attending service.

**1. THROUGH EFT DONATIONS:** Lutheran Church - Canada, East District Corporation continues to facilitate this service for us. To assist you in continuing your financial support to your church, we encourage you to fill out the form that is available for printing at:

[http://christlutheransc.ca/?page\\_id=96](http://christlutheransc.ca/?page_id=96) and then mail the form along with a voided cheque to:

Lutheran Church-Canada, East District Corporation  
275 Lawrence Ave., Kitchener, ON N2M 1Y3  
Attn: Darryll Holland

**2. BY MAIL:** cheques can still be mailed to:

Christ Lutheran Church  
140 Russell Ave. St. Catharines, ON L2R 1W1  
or dropped in the Church mailbox at the East entrance.

**3. ONLINE VIA LUTHERAN CHURCH-CANADA:** Lutheran Church-Canada has opened a web portal that allows parishioners to donate directly to their home church:

<https://lutheranchurch-canada.tng-secure.com/?pageId=donation-edit&categoryId=10972>

select "St. Catharines-Christ Lutheran-30950" from the drop down menu, enter the amount of your donations and LCC will transfer your donation to Christ. Donation is via VISA or Mastercard. Tax receipts will be issued by LCC (not Christ).

## **NIAGARA ZONE FALL RALLY**

**Christ Lutheran Church, St Catharines, ON**

**OCTOBER 3rd, 2021**

**REGISTRATION: 2:30 PM**

**THEME VERSES: Romans 10: 14,15**



*“But how can they call on Him if they haven’t believed in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they haven’t heard Him? How can they hear if nobody preaches? How can men preach if they’re not sent? Just as the Bible says: How beautiful is the coming of those who bring good news?” (Beck)*

**SPEAKERS:** REV RON MOHR; Lutheran Bible Translators  
BRENDA RYAN; author, Journey Through the Bible

**INGATHERING:** Lutheran Bible Translators—Canada (LBTC)

**\*\*Pandemic protocols remain in effect. Please wear a mask while inside and follow any other instructions from our hosts.**



# CHRISTMAS URN WORKSHOP

At "The Watering Can" in Vineland

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2021**

Doors Open AT 6 p.m.

Workshop Starts Promptly at 6:30 p.m.

**TRADITIONAL URN = \$75**

proceeds to our Syrian Refugee family

Deadline for sign up and payment is

Sunday, November 7th

*If interested please notify Wendy Shook —905-380-6544*

**++MASKS MUST BE WORN DURING THE WORKSHOP++**

Participants can bring in their own drinks but no drinks or food is to be shared

# CREATIVE COMMUNION

The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
September 26, 2021 + 9 AM Contemporary Worship

FIRST HYMN:

*"He Leadeth Me"*

*African-American Spiritual*

1. He leadeth me: oh blessed thought!  
oh words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. Refrain:  
He leadeth me! He leadeth me!  
By his own hand he leadeth me!  
A faithful follower I would be,  
for 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
  
3. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,  
nor ever murmur nor repine,  
content, what ever lot I see,  
since 'tis my God that leadeth me! Refrain:  
He leadeth me! He leadeth me!  
By his own hand he leadeth me!  
A faithful follower I would be,  
for 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.
  
4. And when my task on earth is done,  
when by thy grace the victory's won,  
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
since God through Jordan leadeth me. Refrain:  
He leadeth me! He leadeth me!  
By his own hand he leadeth me!  
A faithful follower I would be,  
for 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation,

**Come to the help of Your people,**

Turning us from our sin to live for You alone.

**Give us the blessing of Your Holy Spirit,**

that we may confess our sins,

**receive Your forgiveness,**

and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ,

**our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another:

*[brief silence for personal confessions]*

Gracious Father,

**Have mercy on us. We confess that we have sinned and turned ourselves away from Your holy face. We are truly sorry for all that we have done wrong and humbly repent. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to You, and uphold us by Your Spirit, so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God our Father, Who is rich in mercy, loved you even when you were dead in sin, and made alive together with Christ our Lord. By grace you have been saved. By the holy command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**LORD HAVE MERCY**

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
**Son of David,**  
Son of the Living God

**Have mercy,**  
help us, save us  
**and give us Your peace. Amen**

PRAISE HYMN:

*“Glory to God”*

*[God is so good tune]*

- 1. Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God, in the High--est.**
- 2. God cares for me, God cares for me, God cares for me, He’s so good to me!**
- 3. He sent us Christ, He sent us Christ, He sent us Christ, on a cross for me.**
- 4. I praise His name, I praise His name, I praise His name, For He rose for me.**

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GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY:

The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

Let us pray: O God our Father, since without You we are not able to please You: Mercifully help us so that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE:**

**Old Testament:** *Esther 7: 1-6, 9, 10; 9: 20-22*

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, ‘What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.’ Then Queen Esther answered, ‘If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.’ Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, ‘Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?’ Esther said, ‘A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!’ Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, ‘Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.’ And the king said, ‘Hang him on that.’ So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle:** *James 5: 13-20*

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Verse:**

*"My Tribute" Chorus*

**To God, be the glory, to God, be the glory, to God, be the glory  
For the things he has done.**

**With His Blood, he has saved me, with His pow'r, he has raised me;**

**To God, be the glory, for the things he has done!**

*Andre Crouch, © 1971 My Tribute*

**The Holy Gospel:** *St. Mark 9:38-50*

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

John said to [Jesus], 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.' And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. 'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.' This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ!**

**THE NICENE CREED:**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man. And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life + of the world to come. Amen.**



## **SERMON SONG:**

*“There Is A Redeemer”*

Verse 1: **There is a Redeemer Jesus God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah Holy One**

Chorus: **Thank You O my Father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done**

Verse 2: **Jesus my Redeemer name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God Messiah  
O for sinners slain**

Chorus: **Thank You O my Father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done**

Verse 3: **When I stand in glory I will see His face  
There I'll serve my King forever  
In that holy place**

Chorus: **Thank You O my Father  
For giving us Your Son  
And leaving Your Spirit  
Till the work on earth is done.**

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## **MESSAGE:**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:**

Heavenly Father: thank you for including us in the body of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Forgive us for causing others to stumble in the faith, turn us around to pray for one another instead, and to build each other up with songs of praise to you.

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Watch over our children, dear Father, and over all who are young in the faith. Protect them from being misled by others, and provide them with parents and mentors to build them up in true faith and godly living. *Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Thank you for using churches throughout the world to build your kingdom of forgiving grace in Christ. Bless our brothers and sisters in other churches with the pure word of Your law and gospel, and with the sacraments properly taught and administered.

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Have mercy on the people of every land - on those with inadequate water and food, clothing and shelter, income and security. Have mercy too on those who are impoverished socially, and those who suffer from the sins of others. Supply their needs and give them peace.

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Merciful Father, give courage to those who suffer long term illness or discomfort. Release those caught up in habitual sin, and comfort those who are lonely, distressed or broken hearted.

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Bless each person in this congregation, dear Father - our brothers and sisters here at home. Turn us to each other with warm love and generous support, ready to give the simplicity of a cup of water where it is needed. And supply the needs of all we know personally to be in want (especially remembering....)

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Merciful Father, you are the great healer and you provide all that we need for healing, and have given your own Son. Hear our prayer, and help all Christians to work together in your name to bring healing to their neighbours. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good, right and joyful that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord: 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 the Church on earth and all the company of Heaven, we praise Your name and join their un-ending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

[Tune: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God"]

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho -- ly, Lord God Al - migh - ty,  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout glo-ries of Your name.  
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho -- ly, sing -- ing Ho - san -- na!  
Bles -- sed is He Who comes in our Lord's name.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name....*

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: "Take, eat; This is My + Body which is given for you, this do, in remembrance of Me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying "Drink of it all of you, this cup is the New Testament in My + Blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." The peace of the Lord be with you always: **And also with you.**

LAMB OF GOD:

O Jes-us Chri-st, True Lamb of God; the sins of the world, You  
Take a -- way. Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray;  
And bless us with Your peace; A -- men

COMMUNION HYMN:

*"O Gracious Lord"*

*[Tune-- Abide With Me]*

O, Gracious Lord, I firmly do be-lieve,  
Your bound-less love will bless each faith-ful soul;  
As from this al-tar, we may here re-ceive,  
Your Body and Your Blood to make us whole.

Lord, I do sin, and countless times offend,  
My thank-less thoughts and words and deeds e-rase,  
To me Your hand of mer-cy now ex-tend,  
O God, my Saviour, I im-plore Your grace.

My sin is great, yet at Your table rest,  
Lord, as a guest, I surely am the least.  
Un-clean, un-fit, my wrongs I deep-ly feel,  
My heart, pre-pare for this most Ho-ly Meal.

O Lamb of God, my loving Saviour True,  
I can embrace in faith and hope through You;  
Give me the strength to show forth works of love,  
A life now hid-den in Your Home ab-ove.

Sweet, Heav'nly Bread, my ben-ed-iction now,  
This Cup I drink can take away each ill.  
Come and re-lieve my soul's affliction now,  
Calm ev'ry sigh un-til my heart is still.

SONG OF SIMEON:

*“Let Your Servant Depart”*

*[tune: Sweet By & By]*

**Let your servant depart now in peace,  
For Your Word from of old is fulfilled,  
Your salvation my eyes now have seen,  
Long-prepared as it always has been.**

**In Your light, you reveal, the world’s promise and Israel’s great joy!  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always may You be adored.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:

Let us pray: Almighty God, Who has given Your Son, Jesus Christ, as a Sacrifice for sin and the True Example of a godly life, give us grace that as we have received Him in the Holy Communion Feast we may daily abide in Him, hearing and believing His Holy Word and living out our days in peace and joy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION:

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord upon you with favour, + and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG:

*“We Are One In The Spirit”*

*VS. 1, 2 & 4*

**Verse 1:**

We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit  
We are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity  
May one day be restored

**Chorus:**

And they’ll know we are Christians  
By our love by our love  
Yes they’ll know we are Christians  
By our love

**Verse 2:**

We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
We will walk with each other  
We will walk hand in hand  
And together we’ll spread the news  
That God is in our land

**Chorus:**

And they’ll know we are Christians  
By our love by our love  
Yes they’ll know we are Christians  
By our love

**Verse 4:**

All praise to the Father  
From whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus  
His only Son  
And all praise to the Spirit  
Who makes us one



**Chorus:**                   And they'll know we are Christians  
                                  By our love by our love  
                                  Yes they'll know we are Christians  
                                  By our love

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Peter Scholtes*

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
LSB DIVINE SERVICE SETTING ONE

September 26, 2021 + 11 AM Traditional Worship

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FIRST HYMN:

*"For The Beauty Of The Earth"*

*[As With Gladness tune]*

**For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Christ our Lord to You, we raise, this our sacrifice of praise!**

**For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,  
Christ our Lord to You, we raise, this our sacrifice of praise!**

**For Your-self, best gift divine, to the world so freely giv'n,  
agent of God's grand design: peace on earth and joy in Heav'n.  
Christ our Lord to You, we raise, this our sacrifice of praise!**

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our  
sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*[Brief silence for reflection]*

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father:

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 neighbours  
as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake, forgives you all of your  
sin. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all of your  
sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

SPOKEN KYRIE:

**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA: [SUNG]

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the holy one,  
you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the most high,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY:** [Spoken]

The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

O God our Father, since without You we are not able to please You: Mercifully help us so that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen. [Spoken]**

## **THE WORD**

**Old Testament:** *Esther 7: 1-6, 9, 10; 9: 20-22*

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.' Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.' Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?' Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, 'Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.' And the king said, 'Hang him on that.' So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle:** *James 5: 13-20*

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins. This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA:** [Sung]

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia**

**The Holy Gospel: St. Mark 9: 38-50**

The Holy Gospel, according to St. Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter:

**Glory to You, O Lord. [SUNG]**

John said to [Jesus], 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. 'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.' And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. 'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.' This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ. [SUNG]**

THE NICENE CREED:

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made. Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man. And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into Heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life + of the world to come. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY:

*"Christ Is Our Cornerstone"*

**Christ is our corner-stone,  
On him alone we build;  
With his true saints alone  
The courts of heav'n are filled :  
On his great love  
Our hopes we place  
Of present grace  
And joys above.**

**Oh, then with hymns of praise  
These hallowed courts shall ring;  
Our voices we will raise  
The Three in One to sing;  
And thus proclaim  
In joyful song,  
Both loud and long,  
That glorious Name.**

**Here may we gain from heaven  
The grace which we implore;  
And may that grace, once given,  
Be with us evermore,  
Until that day  
When all the blest  
To endless rest  
Are called away.**



## SERMON

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

Heavenly Father: thank you for including us in the body of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Forgive us for causing others to stumble in the faith, turn us around to pray for one another instead, and to build each other up with songs of praise to you.

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Watch over our children, dear Father, and over all who are young in the faith. Protect them from being misled by others, and provide them with parents and mentors to build them up in true faith and godly living. *Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Thank you for using churches throughout the world to build your kingdom of forgiving grace in Christ. Bless our brothers and sisters in other churches with the pure word of your law and gospel, and with the sacraments properly taught and administered.

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Have mercy on the people of every land - on those with inadequate water and food, clothing and shelter, income and security. Have mercy too on those who are impoverished socially, and those who suffer from the sins of others. Supply their needs and give them peace. *Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Merciful Father, give courage to those who suffer long term illness or discomfort. Release those caught up in habitual sin, and comfort those who are lonely, distressed or broken hearted.

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Bless each person in this congregation, dear Father - our brothers and sisters here at home. Turn us to each other with warm love and generous support, ready to give the simplicity of a cup of water where it is needed. And supply the needs of all we know personally to be in want (especially remembering....)

*Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.***

Merciful Father, you are the great healer and you provide all that we need for healing, and have given your own Son. Hear our prayer, and help all Christians to work together in your name to bring healing to their neighbours. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### THE SACRAMENT [Spoken responsively]

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good, right and joyful that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord: 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 the Church on earth and all the company of Heaven, we praise Your glorious name and join their un-ending 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. 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 in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: *Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name....*

## WORDS OF OUR LORD:

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: "Take, eat; This is My + Body which is given for you, this do, in remembrance of Me. In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying "Drink of it all of you, this cup is the New Testament in My + Blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## LAMB OF GOD

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Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN:

*“To Your Most Holy Supper”*

*[All Glory Be To God Alone tune]*

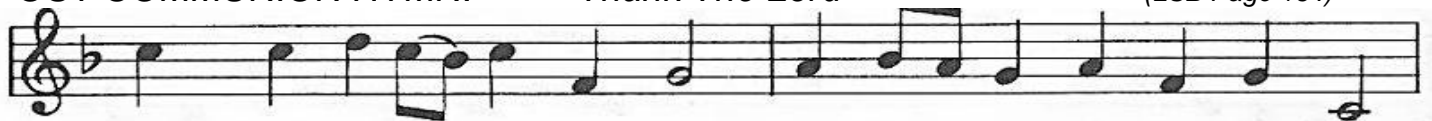
1. **To your most holy supper, Lord,  
in mercy you invite us;  
you give your body and your blood  
to strengthen and delight us.  
In weariness, by sin oppressed,  
we come to you for needed rest,  
for comfort and for pardon.**
2. **Since you ascended from the earth,  
by faith must we adore you;  
we will not see you with our eyes  
until we stand before you.  
Yet you are present with us, Lord,  
as you have promised in your word;  
you live among your people.**
3. **We take the bread, we take the cup,  
we eat and drink, believing  
that here your body and your blood  
our lips are now receiving.  
Your word remains forever true;  
what you have spoken, you can do,  
for you, Lord, are almighty.**
4. **My heart and reason cannot see  
how in so many places  
your body can be present here,  
yet faith your word embraces.  
I leave to you how this can be;  
your promise is enough for me;  
I know that I can trust it.**
5. **Lord, grant that we come worthily,  
repentant and believing,  
for we have sinned, yet you forgive  
in this meal that you're giving.  
Refresh us with your saving grace,  
that we may trust you all our days  
and live for you, our Saviour.**
6. **For this consoling holy feast  
be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, Lord, for everywhere  
the world against it rages.  
Grant that your body and your blood  
may be my comfort and blest food  
in my last moments. Amen.**

*Herr Jesus Christ, du hast bereit't*  
Samuel Kinner 1603-68  
Tr David Schubert (1995, 1997)

POST COMMUNION HYMN:

*"Thank The Lord"*

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☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Let us pray: Almighty God, Who has given Your Son, Jesus Christ, as a Sacrifice for sin and the True Example of a godly life, give us grace that as we have received Him in the Holy Communion Feast we may daily abide in Him, hearing and believing His Holy Word and living out our days in peace and joy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.** [Spoken]

BENEDICTION: [Spoken]

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour, + and give you peace.

**Amen.** [Spoken]

CLOSING HYMN:

*"My Hope Is Built"*

1. My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and  
righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest  
frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,
2. When darkness veils His lovely  
face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives  
way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,
4. When He shall come with trumpet  
sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness  
alone,  
Faultless to stand before the  
throne.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand



