

Worship

November 16, 2025 | 10:00 AM
23rd Sunday after Pentecost



Christ the Servant
LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Whether you are a long-time member or a first-time guest, your presence is a blessing to us!
Scan the QR code with your smartphone on the seat in front of you or below if you'd like to...








Let us know you are worshipping today
Request prayers or share your care needs
Explore upcoming ministries and RSVP
Respond with generosity and give to our mission and ministry

TO THOSE WITH YOUNG ONES

We embrace all the wiggles and giggles that the youngest in our midst might make!
The noise of children is the sound of a church that is full of life and is welcome here!

Here are some helpful tips:

-  If they need a break, take it!
There is a room just past the bathrooms where little ones can play, parents can relax, and the service can still be heard.
-  Let them pick out activities from the Activities Cart!
They can go back to it as much as needed!
-  Sit where your children can easily see what is happening.
-  Sing and respond loudly! Children learn by copying you.
-  Explain the parts of worship and teach them how to use the hymnal.

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NAME: _____ PHONE: _____ DATE: _____

EMAIL: _____ I'D LIKE TO RECEIVE WEEKLY EMAIL UPDATES: ☐ YES

PRAYER REQUEST: _____

☐ PUBLIC ☐ PRAYER TEAM ONLY ☐ PRIVATE

HOW LONG WOULD YOU LIKE US TO HOLD THESE IN PRAYER?

☐ 1 WEEK ☐ 2 WEEKS ☐ 3 WEEKS ☐ 1 MONTH ☐ UNTIL OTHERWISE NOTIFIED

**Please stand as you are able*

Bold responses are spoken/sung by the congregation

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING LITANY

Children of God: welcome!

Welcome to this place of love and grace,

Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

God invites all of us to be a part of God's kingdom here on earth,

God invites all of us to share in the good news and discover a place of belonging.

You are welcome, just as you are. You are loved, just as You are.

In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

***HYMN – *God, We Gather As Your People* (printed on page 3)**

God, We Gather As Your People



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
that they nev - er have a rea - son to
May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.



Refrain
Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

Text: David Lohman, b. 1961

Music: WELCOME BE OUR SONG, David Lohman

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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.

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Life is full – full of good things and full of hard things. Each of us works to cope with the easy and with the sad, and sometimes as we try to manage all that life hands us, we ignore the pain of someone else, the struggle of another. God calls us to see it all, and to help when we can. Aware of our shortcomings and confident of God's grace, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

SILENT CONFESSION

Holy God,

we are an imperfect people and we need your love.

Forgive us when we ignore your children who cry out in distress.

Forgive us when we choose not to see those who frighten us, those who bother us, or those who remind us too much of ourselves.

**Forgive us when we put rules ahead of people,
and choose legality over kindness and judgment that lacks mercy.**

Enable us to see as you see, the wide vistas open to the possibility of compassion and grace.

O God, hear our prayer and forgive us.

Amen.

Siblings and friends in Christ, hear the Good News:

In Jesus Christ +, you are forgiven of ALL your sin. And now you are freed to go out and respond to God's calling to love and serve others.

Thanks be to God.

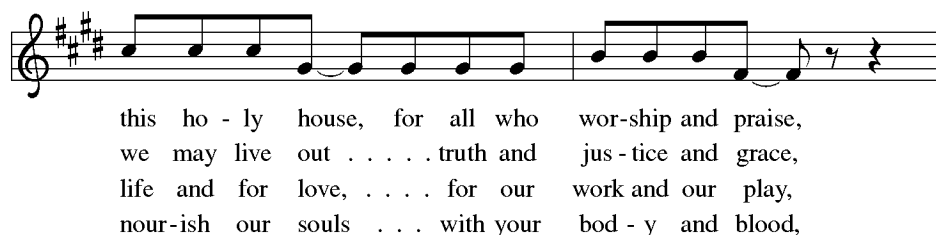
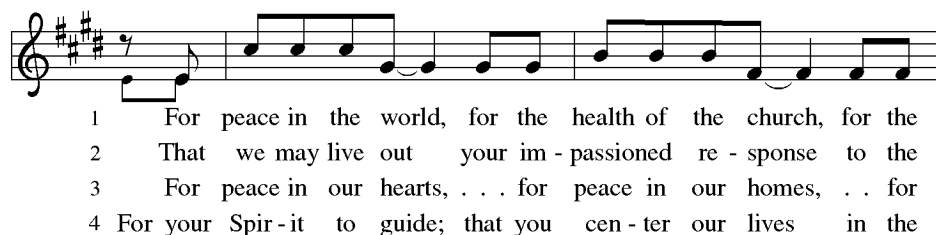
*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please greet each other with the peace of Christ!

*KYRIE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

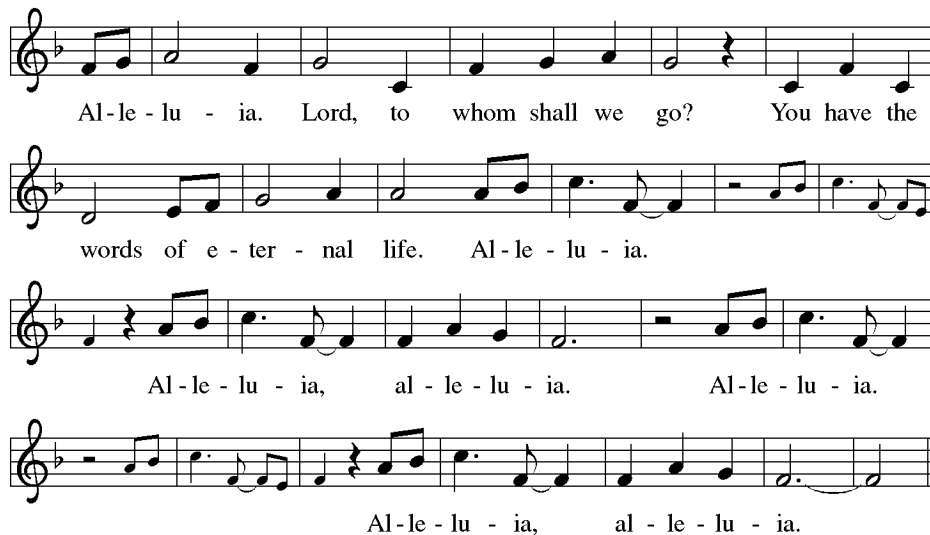
FIRST READING: Malachi 4:1-2a

¹ See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a} But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:5-19

The holy gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶ "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

⁷ They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" ⁸ And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

⁹ "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY – *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (#807)

***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 INTERCESSION

Each prayer petition will end with
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

OFFERING

In response to God's generosity, let us now consider our own generosity as a rebellion against the powers of this world and a demonstration of the faith and trust we have in our Creator through the gifts of our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***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 God thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

See, God's home is among us. God will dwell with us as our God. We will be God's people, and God will be present to us.

God will wipe every tear from our eyes. Death will be no more, mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.

Christ has died! Christ IS risen!

Christ will come again!

It was in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it saying:

"This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And 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 in remembrance of me."

Send your Holy Spirit to fill the hearts of all people

With courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Come, Spirit of freedom! And let all God's people say Amen!
Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

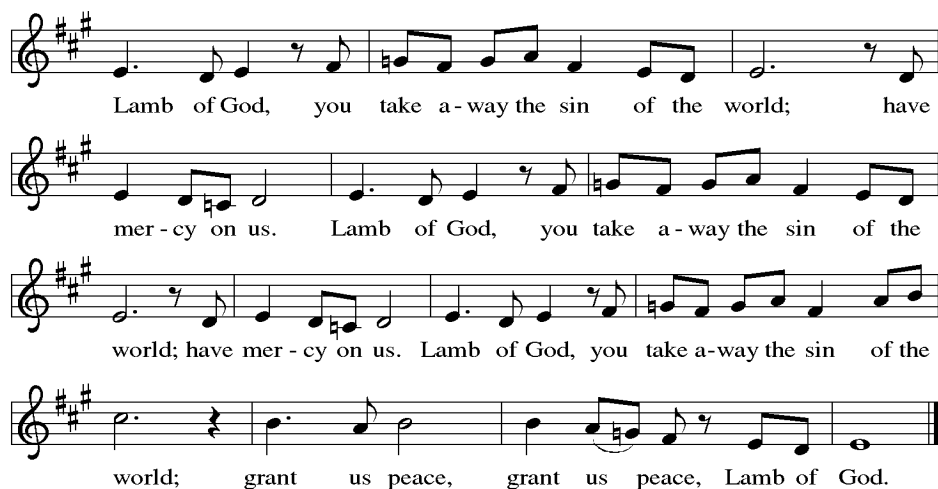
COMMUNION

The table at Christ the Servant Lutheran Church is not a Lutheran table, nor is it a pastor's table, or a specific church's table, it is Christ's table. And Jesus invites all people to come and partake in this meal! No matter your age or your faith background, whether you are high in faith or low in faith, you are invited to come and eat because Christ has invited you!

You will come down through the center isle and will be handed a piece of bread. Take the bread and go to either side to dip the bread into the wine (the dark liquid) or the grape juice (the light liquid) and take them together. There is a gluten free option available in the center. If you'd prefer that, just ask as you come forward.

Allergen Notice: *The communion bread is purchased from a commercial bakery and may contain or may have been exposed to one or more of the following allergens: peanuts, tree nuts, sesame, milk, eggs, wheat, soy, fish and crustacean shellfish. The gluten free wafers contain garbanzo bean flour, potato starch, tapioca flour, whole grain sweet white sorghum flour, fava bean flour and palm oil. They are manufactured on dedicated equipment in a dedicated facility and are gluten free, dairy free, egg free, peanut free, fish and shellfish free.*

COMMUNION MUSIC



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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION MUSIC

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

BLESSING OF THE THANKSGIVING BASKETS

*THE BLESSING & BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you, and keep you. Make His face shine up-on you be gra-cious to you.

5 The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

10 A - - men, a - men a - men. A - - men, a - men, a - men.

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Celebrate! Think! Serve!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Ministry Opportunities

God calls us all to participate in God's kingdom building throughout the world. You are invited to participate in God's mission and the ministry of Christ the Servant Lutheran Church! As you participate, we hope you will discover belonging and we know you will have holy experiences because the Spirit is at work in and through you!

To discover more ministry opportunities and to register for ministries you feel called to, visit

christserves.churchcenter.com

or scan the QR code on the seat back in front of you!



Currently

The 2026 Stewardship Appeal is underway. Please submit your completed intent card asap so church leadership can prepare the 2026 spending plan.



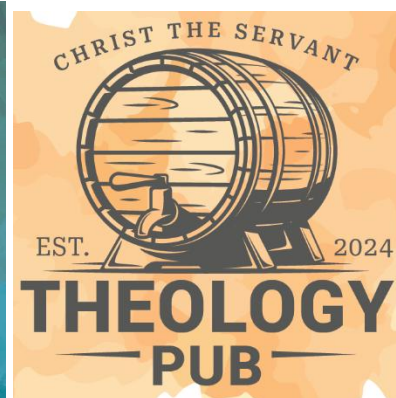
TODAY

Stay after worship for the packing of Thanksgiving Baskets. An assembly line will be set up in the sanctuary.



TODAY

A relaxed and contemplative worship will be held at 6PM tonight. Join us for worship, fellowship and an evening meal.



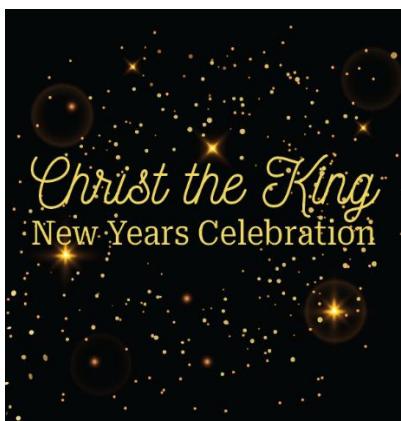
November 18

Join Pastor Kenny at the Buffalo Wing Factory at 7pm for an evening of conversation. The discussion topic is "The End of the World".



November 19

Anyone seeking to learn more about membership is invited to attend a Membership Exploration session at 7pm.



November 23

Food, fellowship, and celebration following worship as we ring in the new church year and celebrate the generosity of the congregation.



November 23

Stay after worship to help pack lunches for the Embry Rucker Shelter.



November 23

The Christmas season is almost upon us. Stay after worship to help decorate the church for the holidays.