

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

*Putting Jesus' Way of Life into Practice by...*

**Encountering God, Loving One Another,  
& Reaching the World.**

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*October 12, 2025*



## *Welcome to Christ the Servant Lutheran Church*

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful and loving God,

**we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

### **GATHERING HYMN - No Longer Slaves**

*I'm no longer a slave to fear I am a child of God I'm no longer a slave  
to fear I am a child of God You unravel me with a melody You  
surround me with a song Of deliverance from my enemies Till all my  
fears are gone*

*I'm no longer a slave to fear I am a child of God I'm no longer a slave  
to fear I am a child of God*

*Instrumental*

*From my mother's womb You have chosen me Your love has called  
my name I've been born again into your family Your blood flows  
through my veins I'm no longer a slave to fear I am a child of God I'm  
no longer a slave to fear I am a child of God (X2)*

*Instrumental*

*You split the sea So, I could walk right through it my fears were  
drowned in perfect love You rescued me So, I could stand and sing I  
am a child of God (x2)*

*I'm no longer a slave to fear I am a child of God I'm no longer a slave  
to fear I am a child of God I am a child of God*

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**READING - 1 Samuel 3:1-21**

<sup>1</sup> Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup> the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup> Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup> and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup> The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." <sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup> The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.' " So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup> Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." <sup>11</sup> Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. <sup>12</sup> On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. <sup>13</sup> For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. <sup>14</sup> Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or

offering forever.”

<sup>15</sup> Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. <sup>16</sup> But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” <sup>17</sup> Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” <sup>18</sup> So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.”

<sup>19</sup> As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. <sup>20</sup> And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord. <sup>21</sup> The Lord continued to appear at Shiloh, for the Lord revealed himself to Samuel at Shiloh by the word of the Lord.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL - John 20:21-23**

The holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON - Pastor Jon**

**HYMN OF THE DAY - Holy Forever**

*A thousand generations Falling down in worship To sing the song of  
ages to the Lamb And all who've gone before us And all who will  
believe Will sing the song of ages To the Lamb*

*Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest Your name  
stands above them all All thrones and dominions All powers and  
positions Your name stands above them all*

*And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy You are lifted high  
Holy Holy forever*

*If you've been forgiven And if you've been redeemed Sing the  
song forever to the Lamb If you walk in freedom And if you bear  
His name Sing the song forever to the Lamb We'll sing the song  
forever and amen*

*And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy You are lifted high  
Holy Holy forever*

*Hear Your people sing Holy To the King of Kings Holy You will  
always be Holy Holy forever*

*Your name is the highest Your name is the greatest Your name  
stands above them all All thrones and dominions All powers and  
positions Your name stands above them all*

*And the angels cry Holy All creation cries Holy You are lifted high  
Holy Holy forever*

*Hear Your people sing Holy To the King of Kings Holy You will  
always be Holy Holy forever You will always be Holy Holy forever*

#### **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 - RESPONSE: Receive our prayer**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**OUR OFFERINGS**

### **OFFERING HYMN - Simplicity**

*I come in simplicity Longing for purity To worship You in Spirit and  
truth Only You Lord strip it all away 'Til only You remain I'm coming  
back unto my first love Only You*

*You're the reason I sing The reason I sing Yes my heart will sing  
How I love You And forever I'll sing Forever I'll sing Yes my heart will  
sing How I love You*

*I come with my broken song To You the perfect One to worship You  
in Spirit and truth Only You (only you) Give me a child-like heart Lead  
me to where You are 'Cause I'm coming back Unto my first love only  
You*

*You're the reason I sing The reason I sing Yes my heart will sing  
How I love You And forever I'll sing Forever I'll sing Yes my heart will  
sing How I love You*

*How I love You how I love You How I love You my first love How I  
love You how I love You How I love You my first love*

*You're the reason I sing The reason I sing Yes my heart will sing  
How I love You And forever I'll sing Forever I'll sing Yes my heart will  
sing How I love You*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

**Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have  
given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of  
riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we  
have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

#### **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.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Creator, Our Mother,  
**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

### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

#### **COMMUNION HYMN - To the Table**

*I will feast at the table of the Lord I will feast at the table of the  
Lord I won't hunger anymore at His table (x2)*

*Come all you weary come and find His yoke is easy His burden is  
light He is able He will restore At the table of the Lord*

*There is peace at the table of the Lord There is peace at the table  
of the Lord I won't worry anymore at His table There is healing at  
the table of the L -- o -- rd There is healing at the table of the Lord  
Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table*

*Come all you weary come and find His yoke is easy His burden is  
light He is able He will restore At the table of the Lord I know He  
has a place for me Oh, what joy will fill my heart With the saints  
around The mercy seat of God*

*Come all you weary come and find His yoke is easy His burden is  
light He is able He will restore At the table of the Lord At the table  
of the Lord*

*I'm invited to the table of the Lord I'm invited to the table of the  
Lord He says come just as you are to His table*

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING**

### **SENDING HYMN - King of My Heart**

Let the King of my heart Be the mountain where I run The fountain  
I drink from Oh He is my song Let the King of my heart Be the  
shadow where I hide The ransom for my life Oh He is my song

You are good good oh You are good good oh You are good good  
oh You are good good oh

Let the King of my heart Be the wind inside my sails The anchor in  
the waves Oh He is my song Let the King of my heart Be the fire  
inside my veins The echo of my days Oh He is my song

You are good good oh You are good good oh You are good good  
oh You are good good oh

You're never gonna let Never gonna let me down You're never  
gonna let Never gonna let me down You're never gonna let Never  
gonna let me down You're never gonna let Never gonna let me  
down

You are good good oh, You are good good oh You are good good  
oh, You are good good oh (When the Night is holding on to me,  
God is holding on)

You are good good oh, You are good good oh (When the Night is  
holding on to me, God is holding on) You are good good oh, You  
are good good oh

When the night is holding on to me God is holding on When the  
night is holding on to me God is holding on

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**



## *Announcements*

### **Statistics**

The attendance on Sunday, October 5 was 41 (12 people attended online. This week's offerings to General Fund: \$1,594 - online: \$1,445

### **Stewardship News**

Watch your mailbox for a mailing that will include a 2026 estimate of giving card. As the church council makes plans for another busy year of ministry here at CSLC consider your own plans and how you might support our shared ministry through your gifts.

### **Bags of Hope Packing Event for Union Gospel Mission**

Join us after worship today as CSLC youth lead a Bags of Hope packing event for Union Gospel Mission of the Twin Cities. Our goal is to fill 50 bags that will be given out at UGM's homeless shelters.

### **No Bible Study Wednesday, October 15**

Please note there will be no Wednesday Bible study on October 15.

### **Ushers and Communion Assistants Needed**

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex to serve as an usher or communion server. *Your gift of hospitality matters!*

### **Bread Ministry Seeks Additional Volunteers**

The bread ministry is seeking additional volunteers for the following:

- Once a month (on the 4th Sunday), Pick up Panera (Cty Rd E) on Sunday night at 9:00 PM (or Monday morning at 6:00 AM) and drop off at church.

Please call Tim (612-720-9933) or Sandy (651-329-1928) if interested.

### **Co-Chair Needed for Italian Dinner**

A co-chair is sought to help plan and carry out the annual Italian Dinner fundraiser. If you are interested in helping in this way, contact Tim Kelvie (612-720-9933).

### **Pumpkin Patch Now Open**

Thank you to all who helped set up this year's pumpkin patch! A signup sheet for staffing the patch is available at the signup table in the Narthex.

### **Join us for Trunk or Treat**

Join us on Saturday, October 25, 2-4 PM for Trunk or Treat in the church parking lot! We need lots of volunteers for this event! Want to

creatively decorate your trunk? Help with food or games? There's space for everyone, of all ages! Sign up in the Narthex to help make this a welcoming event for the whole community.

**UPCOMING DATES:**

October 12-31	Pumpkin Patch open
October 18	Project Day - 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
October 25	Trunk or Treat 2-4 PM
November 3	Mission & Ministry Meeting - 6:30 PM
November 14	Community Family Movie Night - 6:30 PM
November 15	Come Tie with Us - 9:30 AM - 2:30 PM
	Project Day (continues until 9:00 PM)
November 26	Thanksgiving Worship - 7:00 PM
December 6	Advent Tea - 1:00-3:00 PM

*Scan the QR code below to make a secure online donation.*



### **THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE SERVANT**

#### **Today: October 12 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00 AM - Bible Study  
9:00 AM - Worship  
10:00 AM - Fellowship  
11:15 AM - EFLC Sunday School  
12:30 PM - EFLC Worship  
1:45 PM EF Board Meeting (SS Room)

#### **Monday, October 13**

9:00 AM - Package bread & deliver  
12:00 PM - Piecemakers (FH)

#### **Tuesday, October 14**

7:00 AM - Bread Preparation (FH)  
8:30 AM - Bread Distribution (FH)  
7:00 PM - AA (FH)

#### **Wednesday, October 15**

10:00 AM - Bible Study (FH)  
6:00 PM - Youth  
7:00 PM - AA Mtg. (Class A)

#### **Thursday, October 16**

6:00 PM - Church Council Meeting

#### **Friday, October 17**

5:30 PM - EF Choir Rehearsal (Class A)

#### **Saturday, October 18**

9:00 AM - Project Day  
9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study

#### **Sunday, October 19 - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00 AM - Bible Study  
9:00 AM - Worship  
10:00 AM - Fellowship  
11:15 AM - EFLC Sunday School  
12:30 PM - EFLC Worship  
1:45 PM - EF Board Meeting (SS Room)

### **THIS WEEK AT LAKEVIEW**

#### **Today: October 12 - Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:45 AM - Fellowship  
10:30 AM - Worship  
12:00 - 5:00 PM - Eternity Karen Baptist Church

#### **Monday, October 13**

8 - 4:00 PM - Daycare Event  
7:00 PM - AA

#### **Sunday, October 19 - Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:45 AM - Fellowship  
10:30 AM - Worship  
12:00 - 5:00 PM - Eternity Karen Baptist Church

### **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY! THANK YOU!**


Greeter: Katie Wright  
Ushers: Johnson Family  
Reader: Linda Wigdahl  
Sound Booth: Tim, Tom, Peter, Kim, Jayson, Tony  
Communion Assistants: OPEN  
Musicians: Revelation  
Coffee Servers: Jacqueline Farm, Karen Lehner  
Bread Pickup: Gary Splittstoesser  
Counters: Loretta Markham, Roger Gullickson

### **PRAYER REQUESTS...**

We pray for those in need of healing and mercy:  
Mary-Kay L. who is hospitalized, Pastor Dick M. and caregiver Barb, Laiden S., Karen R., Norma (Mother of Leila H.), Sharon G., Deb G., Rollie, Brian I, Katie W., Al J., Bev, Steve, Paul S., Brian, Tony L., Roger K., Gary C., Gary (Uncle of Sue), Sarah K., Carol L., Salomie (sister-in-law of Peter), Patty W. (sister of Mike W.)

(Please call the church office with any prayer concerns or updates.)

**Thank you** for giving to support the ministries at Christ the Servant. You may give on our website: [www.cslcvh.org/giving](http://www.cslcvh.org/giving). Offering envelopes are available at the Welcome Desk.

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