

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

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

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

*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*  
*July 27, 2025*

You know the  
generous act  
of our  
Lord Jesus Christ ...  
**for your sakes**  
**he became poor,**  
so that  
**by his poverty**  
**you might**  
**become rich.**

2 Corinthians 8:9, NRSV

## *Welcome to Christ the Servant Lutheran Church*

### **PRELUDE**

### **WELCOME**

### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.**

**Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**Amen.**

### **GATHERING HYMN - Gratitude**

### **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 ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## READING - 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

<sup>1</sup>We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia, <sup>2</sup>for during a severe ordeal of affliction their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. <sup>3</sup>For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means and even beyond their means, <sup>4</sup>begging us earnestly for the favor of partnering in this ministry to the saints, <sup>5</sup>and not as we expected. Instead, they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, <sup>6</sup>so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. <sup>7</sup>Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

<sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but I am, by mentioning the eagerness of others, testing the genuineness of your love. <sup>9</sup>For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. <sup>10</sup>And in this matter I am giving my opinion: it is beneficial for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something. <sup>11</sup>Now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. <sup>12</sup>For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what one does not have. <sup>13</sup>For I do not mean that there should be relief for others and hardship for you, but it is a question of equality between <sup>14</sup>your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may also supply your need, in order that there may be equality. <sup>15</sup>As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,  
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL - John 13:31-35**

The holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup> When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON - MISSION TRIP RECAP**

**HYMN OF THE DAY - 10,000 Reasons**

## **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: Hear our prayer.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERING HYMN - Give Me Jesus**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with  
these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for  
the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
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** - Oceans

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**Mothering God,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.  
Amen.**

**COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN** - Mighty is Our God

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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

#### **Today: July 27 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00 AM - CSLC Bible Study  
9:00 AM - CSLC Worship  
10:00 AM - Fellowship  
11:15 AM - EFLC Sunday School  
11:30 AM - EFLC Worship  
12:40 PM - EF Choir Rehearsal (Class A)  
12:45 PM - EF New Pastor Installation Celebration  
1:45 PM - EF Board Meeting (SS Room)

#### **Monday, July 28**

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

#### **Tuesday, July 29**

7:00 AM - Bread Preparation (FH)  
8:30 AM - Bread Distribution (FH)  
6:00 PM - VH Green Team

#### **Wednesday, July 30**

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

#### **Thursday, July 31**

10:00 AM - Grief Support Group (Lib)  
5:30 PM - Revelation Rehearsal (S)

#### **Saturday, August 2**

8:30 AM - AAPC St. Paul Chapter

#### **Sunday, August 3 - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:00 AM - CSLC Bible Study  
9:00 AM - CSLC Worship  
10:00 AM - Fellowship  
11:15 AM - EFLC Sunday School  
11:30 AM - EFLC Worship  
12:40 PM - EF Choir Rehearsal (Class A)  
1:45 PM - EF Board Meeting (SS Room)

### **THIS WEEK AT LAKEVIEW**

#### **Today: July 27 - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

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

#### **Monday, July 28**

7:00 PM - AA

#### **Sunday, August 3 - Eighth 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!**

Youth Mission Trip Participants:

Logan Mason, Andrew Schulze, Kate Schloe, Josh Moore, David Yurk, Sarah Songster, Amelia Ahrens, Ramona Yurk

Greeter: Katie Wright

Ushers: Matt & Jayson Mehring

Reader: Peter Songster

Sound Booth: Tim, Tom, Peter, Kim, Jayson, Tony

Communion Assistants: Susan & Kyla Rensted

Musicians: Revelation

Coffee Servers: Sandy Meyer & Mary Barlau

Bread Pickup: Farm Family

Counters: Ron Hawkinson, Glen Johnson


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

We pray for those in need of healing and mercy:

The family of Flo Eissinger on her death; Laiden S., Jean S. (Sister of Lynn L.), Karen R.; Norma (Mother of Leila H.), Sharon G. Steve H., 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.)

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