

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

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

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

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*August 31, 2025*



# 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.

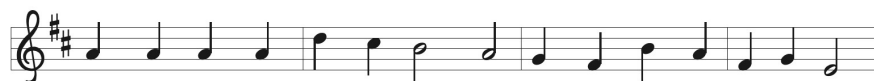
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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 - Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven



- 1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.
- 2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.
- 3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
- 4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.  
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.  
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

**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**

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

**READING - James 1:13-25**

<sup>13</sup> No one, when tempted, should say, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one. <sup>14</sup> But one is tempted by one's own desire, being lured and enticed by it; <sup>15</sup> then, when desire has conceived, it engenders sin, and sin, when it is fully grown, gives birth to death.

<sup>16</sup> Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup> Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup> You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, <sup>20</sup> for human anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup> Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup> For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup> But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL - Matthew 6:9-13

The holy Gospel according to Matthew the sixth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

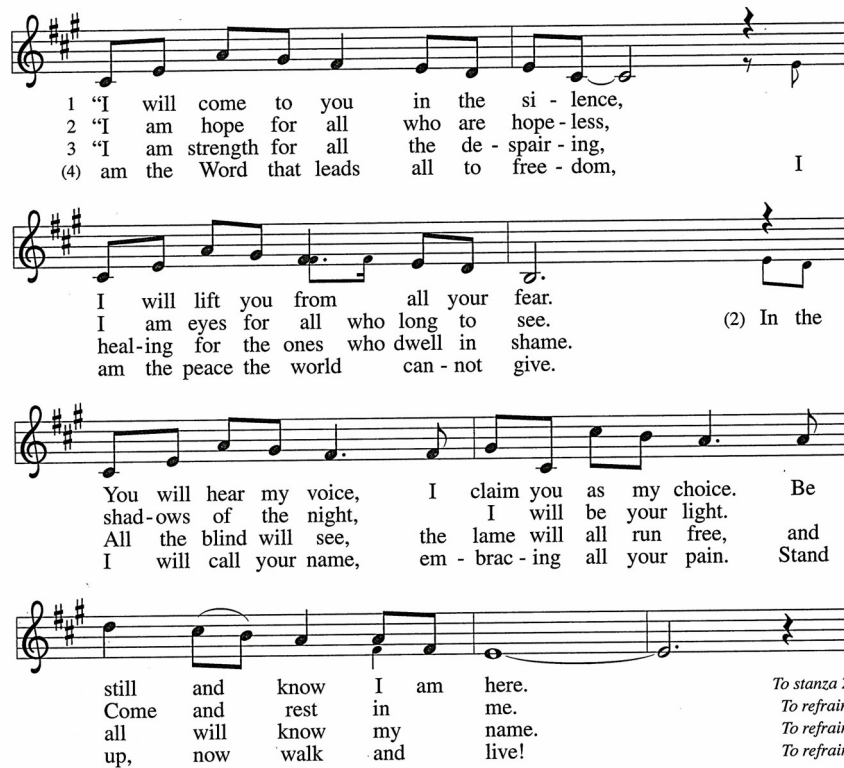
<sup>9</sup> "Pray, then, in this way: Our Father in heaven, may your name be revered as holy. <sup>10</sup> May your kingdom come. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread. <sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON - PASTOR JON

### HYMN OF THE DAY - You are Mine



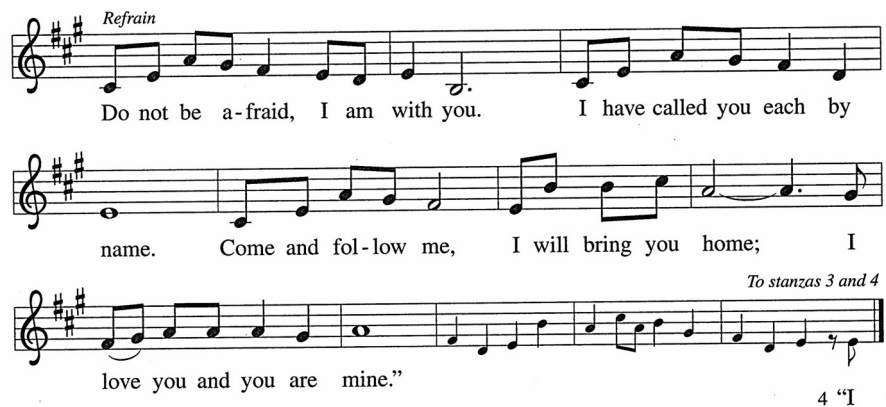
1 "I will come to you in the si-lence,  
2 "I am hope for all who are hope-less,  
3 "I am strength for all the de-spair-ing,  
(4) am the Word that leads all to free-dom, I

I will lift you from all your fear.  
I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
am the peace the world can-not give.

You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
I will call your name, em-brac-ing all your pain. Stand

still and know I am here. To stanza 2  
Come and rest in me. To refrain  
all will know my name. To refrain  
up, now walk and live! To refrain

*Refrain*



Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by  
 name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I  
 love you and you are mine."

*To stanzas 3 and 4*

4 "I

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

### OUR OFFERINGS

#### 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - Response: Your mercy is great.

### 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 - I Received the Living God

*Refrain*



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



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1 Je-sus said: I am the bread, knead-ed long to give you life;



2 Je-sus said: I am the way, and my Fa-ther longs for you;



3 Je-sus said: I am the truth; come and fol-low close to me.



4 Je-sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



*Refrain*

you who will par-take of me need not ev-er fear to die.  
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.  
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.  
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

## 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 - Soon and Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon  
2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,  
3 No more dy - in' there,  
4 Soon and ver - y soon



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Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

**DISMISSAL**

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

**POSTLUDE**

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## *Announcements*

### **Statistics**

The attendance on Sunday, August 24 was 61 (7 attended online).  
Total offerings to General Fund: \$2,453 - online offerings: \$431

### **God's Work - Our Hands**

Next Sunday, along with our sister congregations in the ELCA we will celebrate God's Work-Our Hands Sunday - the ELCA's annual day of service. In our worship we will bless quilts and other items for charitable organizations. Take part in our congregational activity after worship - trace your hand on colored paper, cut it out, and write one way you use your hands to serve God or the community - then add it to our collage!

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

The bread ministry is seeking 2-3 additional volunteers for the following:

- Pick up Panera (Cty Rd E) every other Sunday night at 9:00 PM (or Monday morning at 6:00 AM) and drop off at church.
- Pick up Panera every other Monday night at 9:00 PM (or Tuesday morning at 6:00 AM) and drop off at church.
- Help wrap bread on Sunday mornings about 6:30 AM
- 1-2 times per month on Monday mornings about 9:00 AM wrap bread and deliver to 5-Star Mobile Home Park

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

### **Serve with us at Union Gospel Mission**

On Saturday, September 13 a group from CSLC will serve at the men's shelter of Union Gospel Mission of the Twin Cities. Sign-up is now available for breakfast and lunch shifts. CSLC youth are covering the dinner shift. Since 1902 Union Gospel Mission has worked to combat homelessness, hunger, and addiction through their shelters and programming. Sign up in the Narthex to join us for a serving shift!

### **Blessing of the Animals**

Join us for an outdoor worship service and Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, September 7!

All furry, scaly, and feathered friends are welcome to receive a special blessing (and maybe even a treat!)

**UPCOMING DATES:**

September 7	God's Work Our Hands Sunday
September 13	Serving at Union Gospel Mission
September 14	Outdoor Worship & Blessing of Animals
October 11	Pumpkins Arrive!
October 12-31	Pumpkin Patch open
October 25	Trunk or Treat

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

#### **Today: August 31 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

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)

#### **Monday, September 1**

9:00 AM - Package bread & deliver

#### **Tuesday, September 2**

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

#### **Wednesday, September 3**

6:00 PM - Youth  
7:00 PM - AA Mtg. (ClassA)

#### **Friday, September 5**

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

#### **Saturday, September 6**

9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study  
4:00 PM - EF Women's Meeting

#### **Sunday, September 7- Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 AM - CSLC Worship  
10:00 AM - Fellowship

### **THIS WEEK AT LAKEVIEW**

#### **Today: August 31 - Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

#### **Monday, September 1**

7:00 PM - AA

#### **Sunday, September 7- Thirteenth 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: Matt & Jayson Mehring  
Reader: Mike Woehrle  
Sound Booth: Tim, Tom, Peter, Kim, Jayson, Tony  
Communion Assistants:  
Musicians: Nick Soler  
Coffee Servers: Sandy Johnson & Nancy Sacco  
Bread Pickup: Lyle N  
Counters: Sandy Meyer & Mike Woehrle

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

We pray for those in need of healing and mercy:  
Pastor Dick M. and caregiver Barb, 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.)

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

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