

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

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

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

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 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 - Good, Good Father

*I've heard a thousand stories Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased And that I'm never alone*

*You're a Good Good Father It's who You are
It's who You are It's who You are
And I'm loved by You It's who I am
It's who I am It's who I am*

*I've seen many searching For answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching For answers only You provide
Because You know just what we need Before we say a word*

*You're a Good Good Father It's who You are
It's who You are It's who You are
And I'm loved by You It's who I am
It's who I am It's who I am*

*You are perfect In all of Your ways
You are perfect In all of Your ways
You are perfect In all of Your ways to us (x2)*

*Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still Into love love love*

*You're a Good Good Father It's who You are
It's who You are It's who You are
And I'm loved by You It's who I am
It's who I am It's who I am (X3)*

GREETING AND PRAYER

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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Let us pray.

Source and sustainer of life, we cherish the myriad works of your hands. Water, earth, and sky are yours, as are all their inhabitants, wild and tame. We thank you for creatures that nourish and serve us, befriend, enrich, entertain, and protect us. May we, who are made in your image, care for them well. And may your groaning yet wondrous creation rally and thrive, revealing to all who come after us your wise, redemptive, transfiguring love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

PSALM 148 (Responsively)

¹Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

²**Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

³Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴**Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

⁶**He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

⁷Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
⁸**fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!**

⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰**Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹²**Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴**He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

READING - Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

¹The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. ²Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. ³Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him.

¹After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." ⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. ⁷Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸

Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together.

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL - John 1:29

The holy Gospel according to John, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON - PASTOR JON

HYMN OF THE DAY - Goodness of God

*I love You Lord Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God*

*All my life You have been faithful All my life You have been so, so
good With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of
God*

*I love Your voice You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a father I've known You as a friend*

And I have lived in the goodness of God

*All my life You have been faithful All my life You have been so, so
good With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of
God*

*Your goodness is running after It's running after me
Your goodness is running after It's running after me*

*With my life laid down I'm surrendered now
I give You everything Your goodness is running after
It's running after me*

*All my life You have been faithful All my life You have been so, so
good With every breath that I am able I will sing of the goodness of
God (x3)*

I will sing of the goodness of God

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - RESPONSE: Receive our prayer

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERING HYMN - How Great Thou Art

*Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds
thy hands have made I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed*

*Refrain - Then sings my soul my savior God to thee how great thou
art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul my savior God to
thee how great thou art, how great thou art!*

*And when I think that God, his son not sparing sent him to die, I
scarce can take it in. That on the cross my burden gladly
bearing he bled and died to take away my sin. (Refrain)*

*When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation and lead me
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble
adoration and there proclaim: "My God, how great thou
art!" (Refrain x2)*

How great thou art, how great thou art!

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 - Lord I Need You

*Lord I come I confess Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart You're the one that guides my heart*

*Lord I need You oh I need You Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You*

*Where sin runs deep Your grace is more Where grace is found is
where You are And where You are Lord I am free Holiness is
Christ in me Where You are Lord I am free Holiness is Christ in me*

*Lord I need You oh I need You Ev'ry hour I need You My one
defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You*

*So teach my song to rise to You When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You Jesus You're my hope and
stay And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You Jesus You're my hope
and stay*

*Lord I need You oh I need You Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You (x2)*

My one defense my righteousness Oh God how I need You

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 - Mighty is Our God

*(Refrain) Mighty is our God, mighty is our king. Mighty is our lord,
ruler of ev'rything. Glory to our God, glory to our king. Glory
to our lord, ruler of ev'rything.*

*His name is higher, higher than any other name. His pow'r is
greater, for he has created ev'rything.*

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Statistics

The attendance on Sunday, September 7 was 59 (11 attended online). This week's offerings to General Fund: \$1,119 - online: \$874

Giving Statements

YTD giving statements will soon be appearing in your mailbox. As we come into fall and face a busy time with several community and family events coming up we rely on your regular giving to support our work and ministry. *Thank you for your generosity!*

No Project Day in September

Please note that the project day originally scheduled for Saturday, September 18 has been cancelled.

Bags of Hope Packing Event for Union Gospel Mission

On Sunday, October 12 CSLC youth will host a packing event after worship to assemble bags of hope for Union Gospel Mission of the Twin Cities. Our goal is to assemble 50 bags! Lists of the requested items are available at the Welcome desk and donations can be left in the collection bin in the narthex. If you wish to make a monetary donation we will use funds to purchase items to reach the 50 bag goal.

Reception of New Members

On Sunday, September 21 we will welcome On Sunday, September 21 we will welcome new members into our church family. Please join us as these sisters and brothers in Christ are welcomed into our midst! If you're interested in membership or know someone who is, please contact the office so that we can be in touch with you about membership at CSLC.

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.

UPCOMING DATES:

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| Today | Blessing of the Animals |
| September 21 | Worship & Reception of New Members 9 AM |
| October 11 | Pumpkins Arrive! |
| October 12 | Bags of Hope packing event for UGM - 10 AM |
| October 12-31 | Pumpkin Patch open |
| October 25 | Trunk or Treat 2-4 PM |
| November 14 | Community Family Movie Night: 6:30 PM |

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



THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE SERVANT

Today: September 14 - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Monday, September 15

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

Tuesday, September 16

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

Wednesday, September 17

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

Thursday, September 18

6:00 PM - Church Council Meeting

Friday, September 19

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

Saturday, September 20

8:30 AM - Men's Breakfast (FH)
9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study
11:00 AM - Revelation Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

Sunday, September 21 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM - Bible Study
9:00 AM - CSLC Worship
10:00 AM - Care of Creation Team
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: September 14 - Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 AM - Worship at Christ the Servant/Blessing of the Animals
12:00 - 5:00 PM - Eternity Karen Baptist Church

Monday, September 15

6:30 PM - Finance Meeting
7:00 PM - AA

Tuesday, September 16

6:30 PM - Council Meeting

Sunday, September 21 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 AM - Fellowship
10:30 AM - Worship
11:15 AM - Worship Meeting
12:00 - 5:00 PM - Eternity Karen Baptist Church

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY! THANK YOU!


Greeter: Katie Wright
Ushers:
Reader: Ron Hawkinson
Sound Booth: Tim, Tom, Peter, Kim, Jayson, Tony
Communion Assistants:
Musicians: Revelation
Coffee Servers: Jacqueline Farm & Karen Lehner
Bread Pickup: Gary S.
Counters: Sandy Meyer & Tim Kelvie
Bulletin cover art by: Ramona Yurk

PRAYER REQUESTS...

We pray for those in need of healing and mercy:
The family of Jean S. on her passing, 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.cslcvh.org/giving. Offering envelopes are available at the Welcome Desk.

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