



Christ the Servant - Lakeview



Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 18, 2026



In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap

Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through † Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN - RECKLESS LOVE

Before I spoke a word
You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath
You breathed Your life in me
You have been so, so kind to me

O, the overwhelming never-ending
Reckless love of God
O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine

I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it
Still you give Yourself away
O, the overwhelming never-ending
Reckless love of God, yeah

Interlude

When I was Your foe
Still Your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me
When I felt no worth
You paid it all for me
You have been so, so kind to me

O, the overwhelming never-ending
Reckless love of God
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Interlude

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain you won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall you won't kick down
Lie you won't tear down
Coming after me (x4)

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Reckless love of God
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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 45:1-7

- ¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
- ² I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;
- ³ I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
- ⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.
- ⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
- ⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun

and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷ I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96:1-9

- ¹ Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
- ² **Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**
- ³ Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.
- ⁴ **For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**
- ⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
- ⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- ⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

SECOND READING – 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

- ¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.
- ² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you
in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and
Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of
hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and
sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our
message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in
power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you

know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL - MATTHEW 22:15-22

The Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON - Pastor Jon

HYMN OF THE DAY - ALL MY HOPE

I've been held by the Savior
I've felt fire from above
I've been down to the river
I ain't the same, a prodigal returned

All my hope is in Jesus
Thank God that yesterday's gone
All my sins are forgiven
I've been washed by the blood

I'm no stranger to the prison
I've worn shackles and chains
But I've been freed and forgiven
I'm not going back,
I'll never be the same

All my hope is in Jesus
Thank God that yesterday's gone
All my sins are forgiven
I've been washed by the blood

There's a kind of thing
That just breaks a man
Break him down to his knees
God, I've been broken more than
A time or two Yes, Lord
Then He picked me up and showed me
What it means to be a man

All my hope is in Jesus
Thank God my yesterday's gone
All my sins are forgiven
I've been washed by the blood

All my hope is in Jesus
Thank God my yesterday's gone
All my sins are forgiven
I've been washed by the blood
Oh I've, I've been washed by the blood

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - RESPONSE: Your mercy is great.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERING HYMN - HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works
Thy hands have made

I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thru'out
The universe displayed

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art (x2)

When through the woods
And forest glades I wonder
And hear the birds
Sing sweetly in the trees
When I look down

From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook
And feel the gentle breeze

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art (x2)

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart

Then shall I bow
In humble adoration
And there proclaim
My God, how great Thou art

Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
How great Thou art (x2)

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OFFERING PRAYER

**God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.
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.

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COMMUNION HYMN - PRAISE YOU IN THIS STORM

I was sure by now
God You would have reached down
And wiped our tears away
Stepped in and saved the day
But once again I'll say amen
And it's still rainin'

As the thunder rolls
I barely hear You whisper
Through the rain I'm with You
And as Your mercy falls
I'll raise my hands
And praise the God who gives
And takes away

And I'll praise You in this storm
And I will lift my hands
For You are who You are
No matter where I am
And ev'ry tear I've cried
You hold in Your hand
You never left my side
And though my heart is torn
I will praise You in this storm

I remember when
I stumbled in the wind

You heard my cry to You
And raised me up again
But my strength is almost gone
How can I carry on
If I can't find You

As the thunder rolls
I barely hear You whisper
Through the rain I'm with You
And as Your mercy falls
I'll raise my hands
And praise the God who gives
And takes away

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And I will lift my hands
For You are who You are
No matter where I am
And ev'ry tear I've cried
You hold in Your hand
You never left my side
And though my heart is torn
I will praise You in this storm

I lift my eyes unto the hills
Where does my help come from
My help comes from the Lord
The Maker of heaven and earth (x2)

And I'll praise You in this storm
And I will lift my hands
For You are who You are
No matter where I am
And ev'ry tear I've cried
You hold in Your hand
You never left my side
And though my heart is torn
I will praise You in this storm

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and
abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to
serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your
liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in
whose name we pray.
Amen.**

COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN - THIS IS AMAZING GRACE

Who breaks the power
Of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty
And so much stronger
The King of Glory
The King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth
With holy thunder
And leaves us breathless
In awe and wonder
The King of Glory
The King above all kings

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross

You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Whoa, Jesus I sing for all that
You've done for me

Who brings our chaos
Back into order
Who makes the orphan
A son and daughter

The King of Glory
The King of Glory

Who rules the nations
With truth and justice
Shines like the sun in
All of its brilliance
The King of Glory
The King above all kings

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross

You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Whoa, Jesus I sing for all that
You've done for me

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy, worthy, worthy

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross

You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Whoa, Jesus I sing for all that
You've done for me
All that You've done for me

DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

**HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY TO PASTOR BOB LEHNER ON OCTOBER 21!
STAY FOR CAKE FOLLOWING WORSHIP.**

Announcements

Statistics

Attendance last Sunday, October 11 was 72
Online: 34

This week's offerings to General Fund: \$1,701.00
Received online: \$573.30

Upcoming Dates:

October 24	Trunk or Treat - CANCELLED
November 8	60th Anniversary Celebration
November 22	Joint Worship with Eternal Flame at Lakeview with Thanksgiving Potluck following worship

2027 Summer mission trip fundraising opportunity:

In order to help raise funds for our upcoming 2027 summer mission trip, Christ the Servant has set up a fundraising opportunity with Gerten's green house. Members can place orders online for Christmas holiday plants, wreaths and poinsettias. Sale is open through 10 pm on Thursday, October 29. (Plants will be delivered to Christ The Servant church and will be available for pickup the evening of Dec 2.) 30% of all sales will be given to Christ the Servant Lutheran Church.

To place an order online:

1. Go to www.gertensfundraising.com
2. Enter the store ID code: **649** and click 'Enter ID to Continue'.
If you have any questions or need assistance with placing your orders, please reach out to Wendy Shulze or Lori Moore.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE SERVANT

Today: Sunday, October 18 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM - Bible Study

9:30 AM - Worship

10:30 AM - Fellowship

10:30 AM - Care of Creation Team

Monday, October 19

9:00 AM - Package Bread and Delivery

12:00 PM - Piecemakers (FH)

Tuesday, October 20

7:00 AM - Bread Preparation (FH)

8:30 AM - Bread Distribution (FH)

6:30 PM - AA (FH)

Wednesday, October 21

10:00 AM - Bible Study (FH)

6:00 PM - Youth

6:30 PM - Church Council Meeting

7:00 PM - AA Meeting (Class A)

Thursday, October 22

3:45 PM - Thursday Chair Yoga

Friday, October 23

Saturday, October 24

Trunk or Treat - CANCELLED

12:00 PM - UCG Church (S/K/FH)

Sunday, October 25 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM - Bible Study

9:30 AM - Worship

10:30 AM - Fellowship

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY! THANK YOU!

Greeter: Katie Wright

Ushers: Splittstosser Family

Reader: Tony L.

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

Communion Assistants: OPEN

Musician: Revelation

Coffee Servers: Jackie F. & Karen L.

Cub Bread Pickup: Mike W.

Counters: Ron H. & Glen J.

Flowers: Tim & Sarah K. in honor of grandson Jonah Michael's 1st birthday and son Mark's 34th birthday!

PRAYER REQUESTS...

We pray for those in need of healing and mercy:

Kayla, (Tasha's friend), Norma, (Leila's Mother), Burdette P, Linda W, Jennifer C (best friend of Angie M), Mary Kay (Joni's Mother) Brian I (son of Pam I), Salomie (sister-in-law of Peter S), Patty W (sister of Mike W), Clarice, Jean A, Anne, Peter, Grace B.

We pray for our service men and women:

Laiden S (deployed to Germany)

We pray for those who are grieving:

The family of Steve Holtz.

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

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