



Christ the Servant - Lakeview



Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost
October 25, 2026



Jesus' summary of the law in today's gospel echoes our first reading from Leviticus. We are called not only to love God with heart, soul, and mind, but also to love our neighbor as ourselves. It is out of such deep care that Paul shares the gospel with the Thessalonian community. In the confession of sins, we acknowledge that we have not loved God, neighbor, and self; yet we gather to hear the word of forgiveness and to be strengthened by word and meal to be signs of God's love and mercy in 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 - A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

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A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever

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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

O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING – Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

¹ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

² “Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

¹⁵ “You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the LORD.

¹⁷ “You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself.

¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1

¹ Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

² **Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

³ They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴ **It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

⁵ Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶ **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

SECOND READING – 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8

¹ You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, ² but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. ³ For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, ⁴ but, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the

gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals but to please God, who tests our hearts. ⁵ As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed, ⁶ nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, ⁷ though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. ⁸ So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL - MATTHEW 22:34-46

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷ He said to him, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

⁴¹ Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: ⁴² "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." ⁴³ He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴ 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet" '?"

⁴⁵ "If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" ⁴⁶ No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON - Pastor Bob

Shine Jesus shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word
Lord and let there be light

Lord the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining
Jesus Light of the World shine upon us
Set us free by the truth You now bring us
Shine on me shine on me

Shine Jesus shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze
Set our hearts on fire
Flow river flow
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your word
Lord and let there be light

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story
Shine on me shine on me

Shine Jesus shine
Fill this land with the Father's glory
Blaze Spirit blaze
Set our hearts on fire
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Flood the nations with grace and mercy
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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 - JUST AS I AM

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Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am; thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN - SPECIAL MUSIC

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 - SOON AND VERY SOON

**Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King**

Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King

Hallelujah hallelujah
We're going to see the King

No more crying there
We are going to see the King
No more crying there
We are going to see the King
No more crying there
We are going to see the King

Hallelujah hallelujah
We're going to see the King

No more dying there
We are going to see the King
No more dying there
We are going to see the King
No more dying there
We are going to see the King

Hallelujah hallelujah
We're going to see the King

Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King
Soon and very soon
We are going to see the King

Hallelujah hallelujah
We're going to see the King

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Statistics

Attendance last Sunday, October 18 was 66

Online: 0 (technical difficulties)

This week's offerings to General Fund: \$3,876.50

Received online: \$511.65

Upcoming Dates:

November 8	60th Anniversary Celebration
November 22	Joint Worship at 11:00 AM 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 25 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 AM - Bible Study

9:30 AM - Worship

10:30 AM - Fellowship

Monday, October 26

9:00 AM - Package Bread and Delivery

12:00 PM - Piecemakers (FH)

Tuesday, October 27

7:00 AM - Bread Preparation (FH)

8:30 AM - Bread Distribution (FH)

5:30 PM - Vadnais Lakes Townhomes

6:00 PM - VH Green Team

6:30 PM - AA (FH)

Wednesday, October 28

10:00 AM - Bible Study (FH)

11:30 AM - Senior Hi-Lites

6:00 PM - Youth

7:00 PM - AA Meeting (Class A)

Thursday, October 29

3:45 PM - Thursday Chair Yoga

Friday, October 30

Saturday, October 31

9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study

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

Sunday, November 1 – All Saints Day

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS

8:30 AM - Bible Study

9:30 AM - Worship

10:30 AM - Fellowship

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY! THANK YOU!

Greeter: Katie Wright

Ushers: Tigges Family

Reader: Elaine K.

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

Communion Assistants: Peter & Sarah S.

Musician: Wendy S. & Tony L.

Coffee Servers: OPEN

Cub Bread Pickup: Farms

Counters: Mike W., Tim K. & Sandy M.

Flowers: 1st bouquet is for celebrating Regina's birthday & 2nd bouquet is from Kathy P.

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), Brian I. (son of Pam I.), Salomie (sister-in-law of Peter S.), Patty W. (sister of Mike W.), Clarice, Jean A, Anne, Peter, Shawn and Ken (relatives of Kathy P.), Pat S.

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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