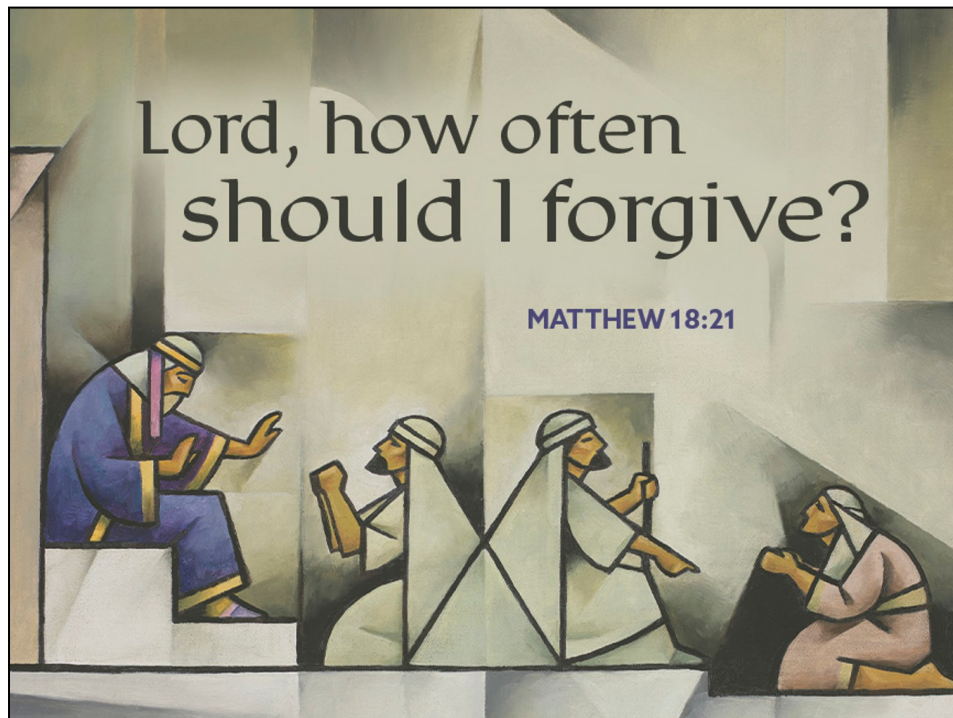


# Christ the Servant - Lakeview



## *Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost* *September 13, 2026*



In today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation 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 - OH, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING 886

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of your name.

- 3 The name of Jesus charms our fears  
and bids our sorrows cease,  
sings music in the sinner's ears,  
brings life and health and peace.
- 4 He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.
- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

### 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, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### FIRST READING - Genesis 50:15-21

<sup>15</sup> Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup> So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup> 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good,

in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup> So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 103:8-13

<sup>8</sup> Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;

**<sup>9</sup> you will not always accuse us,  
nor will you keep your anger forever.**

<sup>10</sup> You have not dealt with us according to our sins,  
nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

**<sup>11</sup> For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.**

<sup>12</sup> As far as the east is from the west,  
so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

**<sup>13</sup> As a father has compassion for his children,  
so you have compassion for those who fear you, O Lord.**

### SECOND READING - Romans 14:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup> Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup> Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup> Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup> Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup> Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup> For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup> If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup> For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,

and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

<sup>12</sup> So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL - MATTHEW 18:21-35**

The Gospel according to Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup> Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?”

<sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup> “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup> When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, <sup>25</sup> and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup> Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup> But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup> And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup> So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON - PASTOR JON**

Change my heart, O God;  
make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God;  
may I be like you.  
You are the potter;  
I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me;  
this is what I pray.  
Change my heart, O God;  
make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God;  
may I be like you.

Text: Eddie Espinosa, b. 1953

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### **Apostle's Creed**

**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 - AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND 779**

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;

how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares  
I have already come;  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me;  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

### 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 - JESUS PAID IT ALL

I hear the Savior say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small;  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in Me thine all in all.

#### Refrain

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.

For nothing good have I  
Whereby Thy grace to claim,  
I'll wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

And now complete in Him  
My robe His righteousness,  
Close sheltered 'neath His side  
I am divinely blest.

Lord, now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone.

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#### COMMUNION HYMN - JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA 592

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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,
- 4 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.

Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789-1871

## 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 - TO GOD BE THE GLORY

To God be the Glory, Great things he has done;  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son;  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

#### *Refrain*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give him the glory, great things he has done.

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender by grace may believe,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receive.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our vict'ry, when Jesus we see.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

Music: TO GOD BE THE GLORY, William H. Doane, 1832-1915

### DISMISSAL

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

### POSTLUDE

## Announcements

### Statistics

Attendance last Sunday, September was 63.

Online: 23

This week's offerings to General Fund: \$2579.05

Received online: \$1576.00.

### Did You Know?

CSLC participates in a program called Simply Giving® that allows members to set up recurring contributions directly from a savings or checking account with zero fees to the church. Forms are available at the Welcome Desk. If you have questions about the program, contact Terri at office@cslcvh.org.

### UPCOMING DATES:

September 14      Book Club - Whistler by Ann Patchett

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| October 2  | Red Cross Blood Drive                   |
| October 4  | Blessing of Animals                     |
| October 5  | Book Club - Nomadland by Jessica Brader |
| October 11 | Pumpkin Delivery - 4:00 PM              |
| October 12 | Pumpkin Patch Opens                     |
|            | Photo Directory Picture Day 1           |
| October 13 | Photo Directory Picture Day 2           |

### Need for Backup Volunteers

Pickup Panera Bread (Co. Rd. E)

Sundays, 9:00 PM or Monday, 6:00 AM

Mondays, 9:00 PM or Tuesday, 6:00 AM

Wrap Panera at Church

Monday mornings for about an hour and ready for pickup by 9:30 AM

Call Sandy Johnson at 651-329-1928 or Tim Kelvie at 612-720-9933 for more information.

### Food Scraps Pickup Program

Here's how it works:

1. Order your free supply of food scrap bags.
2. Collect your food scraps in the food scrap bags. At least once a week, tie a knot at the top to close the bag.
3. Place your food scrap bag inside your trash cart or dumpster for collection.
4. Done! The food scraps will be composted.

See Pr. Bob Lehner for more information.

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

### **Today: Sunday, September 13 - Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

8:30 AM - Bible Study

9:30 AM - Worship

10:30 AM - Fellowship

### **Monday, September 14**

9:00 AM - Package Bread and Delivery

10:30 AM - Book Club

12:00 PM - Piecemakers

5:30 PM - Evergreen Ponds HOA

### **Tuesday, September 15**

7:00 AM - Bread Preparation (FH)

8:30 AM - Bread Distribution (FH)

6:30 PM - AA (FH)

### **Wednesday, September 16**

10:00 AM - Bible Study (FH)

6:00 PM - Youth

7:00 PM - AA Meeting (Class A)

### **Thursday, September 19**

3:45 PM - Thursday Chair Yoga

6:00 PM - Church Council Meeting

### **Friday, September 18**

9:00 AM - Piecemakers

### **Saturday, September 19**

9:00 AM - Project Day (K/FH)

9:30 AM - Women's Bible Study

11:00 AM - Revelation Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

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

### **Sunday, September 20 - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:30 AM - Bible Study

9:30 AM - Worship

10:30 AM - Fellowship

10:30 AM - Care of Creation Team

## **WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY! THANK YOU!**

Greeter: Katie Wright

Ushers: OPEN

Reader: Regina B.

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

Communion Assistants: OPEN

Musicians: Gaye, Tony & Carol

Coffee Servers: Judy Z., Bette & Roberta I.

Cub Bread Pickup: Mike W.

Counters: Loretta M., & Roger G.

Flowers: Kelvies

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

*We pray for those in need of healing and mercy:*

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), Dale, Clarice, Jean A, Dwayne, Patrick, Anne, Peter, Grace B.

*We pray for our service men and women:*

Laiden S (deployed to Germany)

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

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