

# Christ the Servant - Lakeview



## *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 6, 2026*



Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

### 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.**

### Apostle's Creed

### GATHERING HYMN - MORNING HAS BROKEN

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!

Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
- 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

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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, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

### FIRST READING - Ezekiel 33:7-11

<sup>7</sup> So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup> If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup> But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup> Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" <sup>11</sup> Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn

back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Word of God, Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 119:33-40

- <sup>33</sup> Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it to the end.  
<sup>34</sup> **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;  
I shall keep it with all my heart.**  
<sup>35</sup> Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
for that is my desire.  
<sup>36</sup> **Incline my heart to your decrees  
and not to unjust gain.**  
<sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;  
give me life in your way.  
<sup>38</sup> **Fulfill your promise to your servant,  
which is for those who fear you.**  
<sup>39</sup> Turn away the reproach that I dread,  
because your judgments are good.  
<sup>40</sup> **Behold, I long for your commandments;  
by your righteousness enliven me.**

### SECOND READING - Romans 13:8-14

<sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup> let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God, Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL - MATTHEW 18:15-20

The Gospel according to Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup> “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup> But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup> Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON - PASTOR JON

### HYMN OF THE DAY - GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

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- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

#### *Refrain*

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

#### *Refrain*

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

#### *Refrain*

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

**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 PIANO MUSIC

**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 - BE THOU MY VISION** **793**

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,  
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

- 4 Light of my soul, after victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

**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 - SHOUT TO THE LORD** **821**

My Jesus, my Savior,  
Lord, there is none like you.  
All of my days I want to praise  
the wonders of your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter,  
tower of refuge and strength;  
let ev'ry breath, all that I am  
never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing  
power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
at the sound of your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands;  
forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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## DISMISSAL

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

## POSTLUDE

### Statistics

Attendance last Sunday, September was 67.  
Online: 0; tech. difficulties

This week's offerings to General Fund: \$2795.01.  
Received online: 280.83.

### 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@csclcvh.org](mailto:office@csclcvh.org).

### UPCOMING DATES:

|              |                                         |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------|
| September 14 | Book Club - Whistler by Ann Patchett    |
| 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                     |

### 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 6 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:30 AM - Bible Study

9:30 AM - Worship

10:30 AM - Fellowship

### **Monday, September 7**

9:00 AM - Package Bread and Delivery

### **Tuesday, September 8**

7:00 AM - Bread Preparation (FH)

8:30 AM - Bread Distribution (FH)

6:30 PM - AA (FH)

### **Wednesday, September 9**

10:00 AM - Bible Study (FH)

11:30 AM - Senior Hi-Lites

6:00 PM - Youth

7:00 PM - AA Meeting (Class A)

### **Thursday, September 10**

3:45 PM - Thursday Chair Yoga

### **Friday, September 11**

### **Saturday, September 12**

9:00 AM - UCG Church (S/K/FH)

### **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

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

Greeter: Katie Wright

Ushers: Tigges Family

Reader: Linda W.

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

Communion Assistants: OPEN

Musicians: Piano; Wendy S.

Coffee Servers: Mike & Deb G.

Cub Bread Pickup: Paused through Sept 10

Counters: Linda W. & Sue W.

Flowers: OPEN

### **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

*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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