

# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

July 9, 2023

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



**ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!**

**Gospel in Action: Caring for all God's children, we shall serve God through worship, learning, and sharing.**

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*The congregation is invited to stand.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God,

**C: We confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Righteous God,

**C: We confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.**

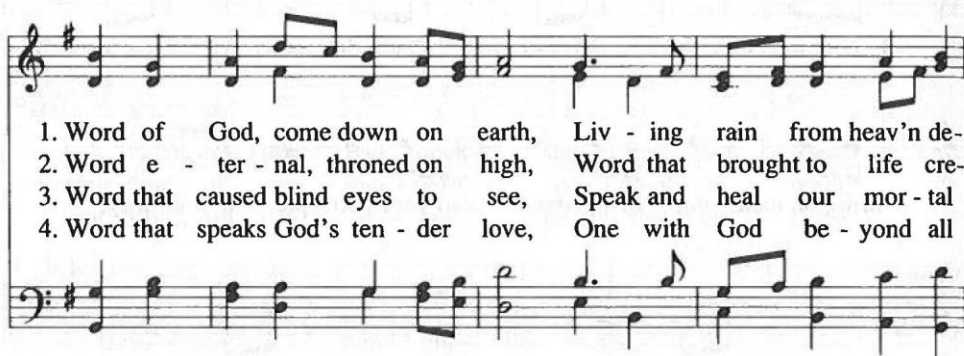
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P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

776 WORD OF GOD, COME DOWN ON EARTH



1. Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from heav'n de-  
2. Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to life cre-  
3. Word that caused blind eyes to see, Speak and heal our mor - tal  
4. Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be - yond all

scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth Faith and-  
a - tion, Word that came from heav'n to die, Cru - ci  
blind - ness; Deaf we are: our heal - er be; Loose our  
tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove, God the

hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y, we re -  
fied for our sal - va - tion, Sav - ing Word, the world re -  
tongues to tell your kind - ness. Be our Word in pit - y  
Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to all truth

vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.  
stor - ing, Speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.  
spok - en, Heal the world, by our sin bro - ken.  
lead us, Word of life, with one Bread feed us.

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Tune: LIEBSTER JESU, 7 8 7 8 88: Johann R. Ahle, 1625-1673

## GREETING

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

# KYRIE

## Refrain

*Assistant:* *Congregation:*



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,




*to Verses*

Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*Assistant:* For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

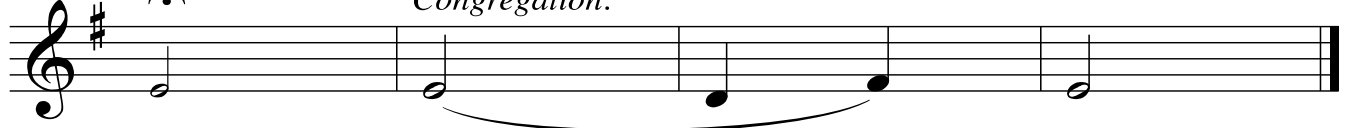
*Assistant:* For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

*Assistant:*



Help, save and de - fend us, O

*Congregation:*



God. A - men.

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# NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

## Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre - a - tion  
sings for joy, to the God of life and love and free-dom;  
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

## Verse 1

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,  
whose blood has freed and u - nit-ed us  
to be one great peo - ple of God. **D.C.**

## Verse 2

2. Pow-er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and  
glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. **D.C.**

## Verse 3

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us  
peo-ple of God; to make all things new. **D.C.**

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## SALUTATION



Presider: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

**C: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*The congregation is invited to sit.*

## FIRST LESSON Zechariah 9:9-12

L: The first lesson is from Zechariah, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>9</sup>Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L: The word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

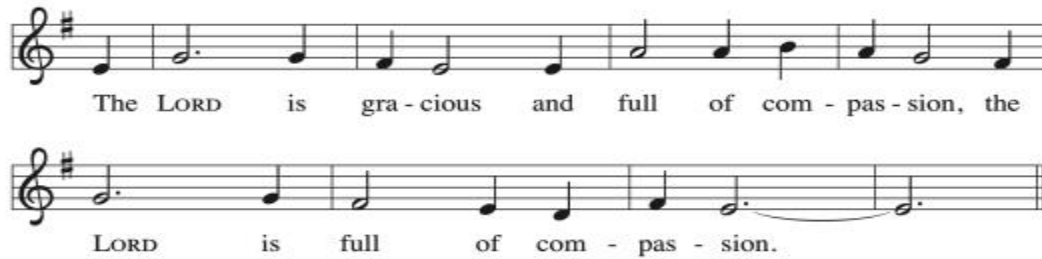
## PSALM 145:8-14

### TONE



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## REFRAIN



Psalm 145:8

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<sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>**LORD, you are | good to all,  
and your compassion is over | all your works. R**

<sup>10</sup>All your works shall praise | you, O LORD,  
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup>**They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom  
and speak | of your power,**

<sup>12</sup>that all people may know | of your power  
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup>**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures  
through- | out all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all your works.**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord upholds all | those who fall  
and lifts up those who | are bowed down. **R**

## SECOND LESSON          Romans 7:15-25a

L: The second lesson is from Romans, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>15</sup>I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

L: The word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*The congregation is invited to stand.*

## GOSPEL VERSE

*Congregation:*

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we  
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal  
life. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Optional Repeat*

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## GOSPEL Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup>“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup>‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ <sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” <sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P: The gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!



*The congregation is invited to sit.*

**SERMON**

**Pastor Laura Kuntz**

*The congregation is invited to stand.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM 821**

Verses

*Cantor:*



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:

*All:*

*Cantor:*



Salt for the King - dom of God! Share the fla - vor of  
Light for the Cit - y of God! Shine so ho - ly and  
Bring forth the King - dom of God! Seeds of mer - cy and  
Bound for the King - dom of God! Love our jour - ney and

*All:*



life, O peo - ple: Life in the King - dom of God!  
bright, O peo - ple: Shine for the King - dom of God!  
seeds of jus - tice, Grow in the King - dom of God!  
love our home - land: Love is the King - dom of God!

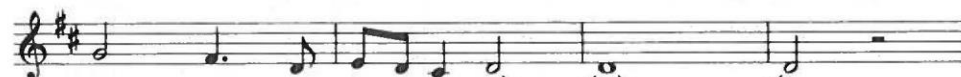
Refrain



Bring forth the King - dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King - dom of peace; Bring forth the King - dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

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## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: God of the covenant, you call ministers to proclaim your gospel of grace throughout the world. Inspire pastors, deacons, church musicians, and all ministers of your word as they carry out your work. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of all creation, you reveal your goodness through all you have made: rivers and seas, plants and animals, and endangered species. Prosper the work of conservation organizations, botanical gardens, zoos, and wildlife sanctuaries. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of the nations, you desire that all the peoples of the world live in peace. Guide government leaders at all levels—national, state, and local—to work for justice, mercy, and reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of compassion, you bring healing to those who are sick, consolation to those who are grieving, and well-being to those who are distraught. Send skilled caregivers to all in need especially those we say aloud or silently in our hearts... and make your presence known among all who suffer. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of rejoicing, you have brought us together this day to worship around word and sacrament. Encourage children in their learning and growing, and watch over those who are absent today. Lead us all to places of renewal and refreshment. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: God of all faithfulness, through the witness of the faithful departed you reveal love in action. Embolden us by their example to build up the beloved community in all the contexts we encounter. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to sit.*

## OFFERING

### As the Grains of Wheat

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

**P:** Let us pray.

**C:** God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

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## PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Congregation:*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and  
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!  
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P:** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P:** Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C:** **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.**

# LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:*                      *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God,            you    take   a - way   the   sin   of            the  
    you    break   the chains   of   ha - tred            and  
    you    are   the way   of   jus - tice            and  
    you    are   the way   of   mer - cy            and

*Congregation:*

world:                      have   mer - cy   on   us,            mer - cy   on   us,  
 fear:  
 peace:  
 love.

**Final Stanza**

*Congregation or Assistant:*

mer-cy            on            us.                      Lamb of God,            you

*Congregation:*

take   a - way   the   sins   of            the world:            grant   us   peace,  
 grant   us   peace,            grant   us            peace.

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# COMMUNION

# THINE THE AMEN, THINE THE PRAISE 771



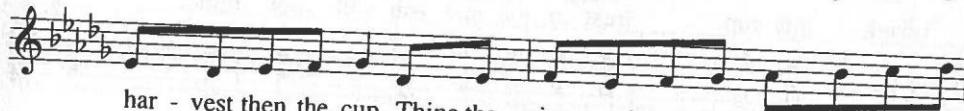
1. Thine the a - men thine the praise Al - le -  
 2. Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the  
 3. Thine the tru - ly thine the yes Thine the  
 4. Thine the king - dom thine the prize Thine the  
 5. Thine the glo - ry in the night No more



lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head Thine the  
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion thine the tree All the  
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from thee Thine the  
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise Then the  
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the ri - ver thine the tree Then the



break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry Thine the  
 earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing Gone the  
 glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the sing - ing Then the  
 jus - tice of thy ways Thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry Then the  
 Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Cel - e -



har - vest then the cup Thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed  
 plead - ing gone the cry Gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was  
 end of all the war Thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er -  
 wel - come to the least Then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy  
 bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly



up lift - ed up.  
 loss lift - ed high.  
 more ev - er - more.  
 feast at thy feast.  
 thee on - ly thee.

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 Tune: THEN, 77 77 44 7 14; Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929, © 1987, Hope Publishing Co.

# 824 PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me

stand, I am tired, I am

weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the

night, Lead me on to the light, Take my

hand, pre - cious Lord, Lead me home.

1. When my way grows drear, pre - cious  
2. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the

Lord, lin - ger near, When my life is al - most  
night draws near, And the day is past and

gone, Hear my cry, hear my  
gone, At the riv - er I

call, Hold my hand lest I fall; Take my  
stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand; Take my

hand, pre - cious Lord, Lead me home.  
hand, pre - cious Lord, Lead me home.

*D.C.*

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*The congregation is invited to stand.*

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

## THANKS BE TO YOU

*Congregation:*

1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your  
love, re - mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of  
life with us. 3. Praise to you, O  
God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for  
ev - er! Thanks be to you for ev - er!

The musical score is written on ten staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It includes lyrics for three verses of the hymn 'Thanks Be to You'.

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# BLESSING

*Presider:* May God bless and keep us.  
 May God's face shine on us and be gracious.  
 May God look on us with favor and ☩ give us peace.

— give us peace. A - men.

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# SENDING HYMN

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## May you run and not be weary

May you run and not be weary. May your  
 heart be filled with song. And may the  
 love of God con - tin - ue to  
 give you hope and keep you strong. And may you  
 run and not be wea - ry. May your  
 life be filled with joy. And may the  
 road you trav - el al - ways lead you home.

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**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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