



# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

September 22, 2019



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*The congregation is invited to stand*

### INVOCATION

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the strength of our ancestors, the host of this meal, the builder of the city that is to come.

**C: Amen.**

### BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

P: God our helper,

**C: We confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. For the sake of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN     “Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”     ELW 676**

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## **PRESENTATION FOR BAPTISM**

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

### *Parents present the candidate*

F & M: We present Briar Elizabeth Koch for baptism.

### *The minister addresses parents*

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

F & M: We do.

P: As you bring Briar to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help Briar grow in the Christian faith and life?

F & M: We do.

### *The minister addresses the congregation*

P: People of God, do you promise to support Briar and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

### *The congregation is invited to stand*

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

*The minister addresses parents. The assembly joins in the responses.*

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**C: I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

## THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that

those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## **BAPTISM**

P: Briar Elizabeth Koch, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

*Laying hands on the head of the newly baptized*

P: Sustain Briar with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*The minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized*

P: Briar, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **WELCOME**

*A lit candle is given to the newly baptized as a representative  
of the congregation says:*

R: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

*A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome*

R: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*The congregation is invited to stand*

## **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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray,

**C: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## **FIRST READING**

**Amos 8:4-7**

L: The first lesson is from Amos, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
<sup>5</sup>saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, <sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

<sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

L: The word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

# PSALM 113

## TONE



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## REFRAIN



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**<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants | of the LORD;  
praise the name | of the LORD.**

**<sup>2</sup>Let the name of the | LORD be blessed,  
from this time forth for- | evermore.**

**<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its | going down  
let the name of the | LORD be praised.**

**<sup>4</sup>The LORD is high a- | bove all nations;  
God's glory a- | bove the heavens. R**

**<sup>5</sup>Who is like the | LORD our God,  
who sits en- | throned on high,**

**<sup>6</sup>but stoops | to behold  
the heavens | and the earth?**

**<sup>7</sup>The LORD takes up the weak out | of the dust  
and lifts up the poor | from the ashes,**

**<sup>8</sup>enthroning them | with the rulers,  
with the rulers | of the people.**

**<sup>9</sup>The LORD makes the woman of a | childless house  
to be a joyful mother of children. | Hallelujah! R**

## SECOND READING      1 Timothy 2:1-7

L: The second lesson is from 1 Timothy, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

<sup>1</sup>First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup>for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup>This is right and is

acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,<sup>4</sup> who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.<sup>5</sup> For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human,<sup>6</sup> who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time.<sup>7</sup> For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

L: The word of the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

*The congregation is invited to stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## GOSPEL LESSON      Luke 16:1-13

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied,

‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’<sup>8</sup> And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.<sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.<sup>10</sup> “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.<sup>11</sup> If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?<sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?<sup>13</sup> No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

P: The gospel of the Lord!

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**PASTOR JEFF STEEBER**

**HYMN OF THE DAY “Take My Life, That I May Be”**

**ELW 685**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God’s creation.

*A brief silence*

A: Faithful God, you call your church to serve you. Free your people from the deceptions of false masters so that we discover the true richness of serving in your name. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Creating God, you have made all kinds of creatures. Protect animals in the midst of seasonal migration, whether by water, through the air, or over land. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Wise God, you rule the nations. When the powerful trample on the needy and take advantage of the poor, turn them from their selfish ways. Show us your ways of truth that lead to justice. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Healing God, you raise up those who have been brought low, and you remember the forgotten. We lift up to you all who are in need *especially those we name aloud or silently in our hearts...* Grant them joy and comfort in your presence. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Mothering God, you give us life. Give strength to families experiencing infertility or challenging pregnancies, to foster parents, parents of adopted children, single parents, and families of all varieties. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Eternal God, you hold us close even in death. We lift to you our thanks for those who have recently died and are now at rest with you. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to sit*

**OFFERING**

**“O Sing unto the Lord”**

**Sanctuary Choir**

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Let us pray.

**C: God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

## 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:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
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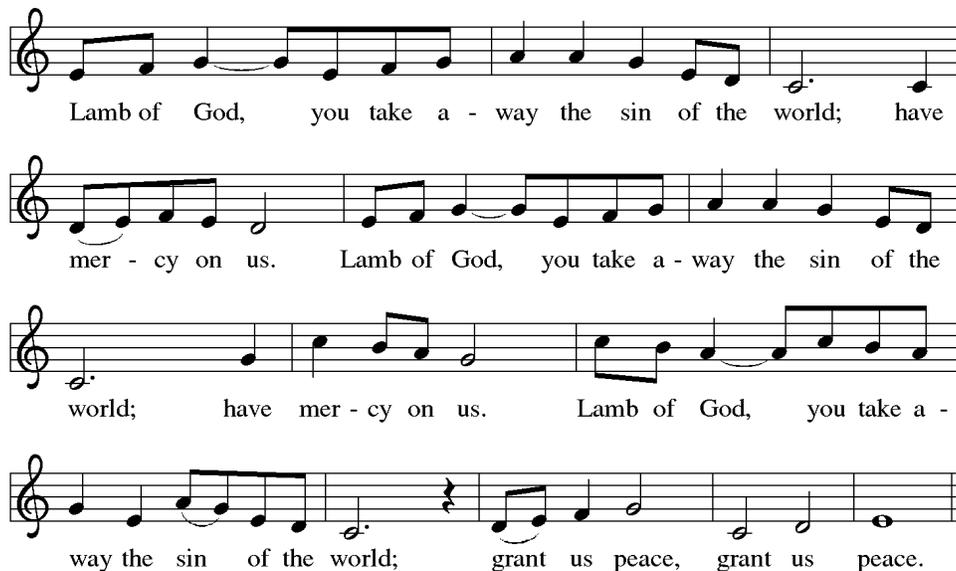
## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and gave it for all to eat, saying, “This is my body, given for you, do this for remembrance of me”. Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sins, do this for the remembrance of me”.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -  
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS “We Give Thee but Thine Own”

“Borning Cry”

“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

ELW 686

ELW 732

ELW 864

*The congregation is invited to stand*

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Let us pray.

**C: God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God † bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

**“We Are Called”**

**ELW 720**

## **DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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Jesus  
loves me  
THIS I know  
for the BIBLE  
tells ME SO



Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement: *“Gospel In Action: Caring for all God’s children, we shall serve God through worship, learning, and sharing.”*

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