

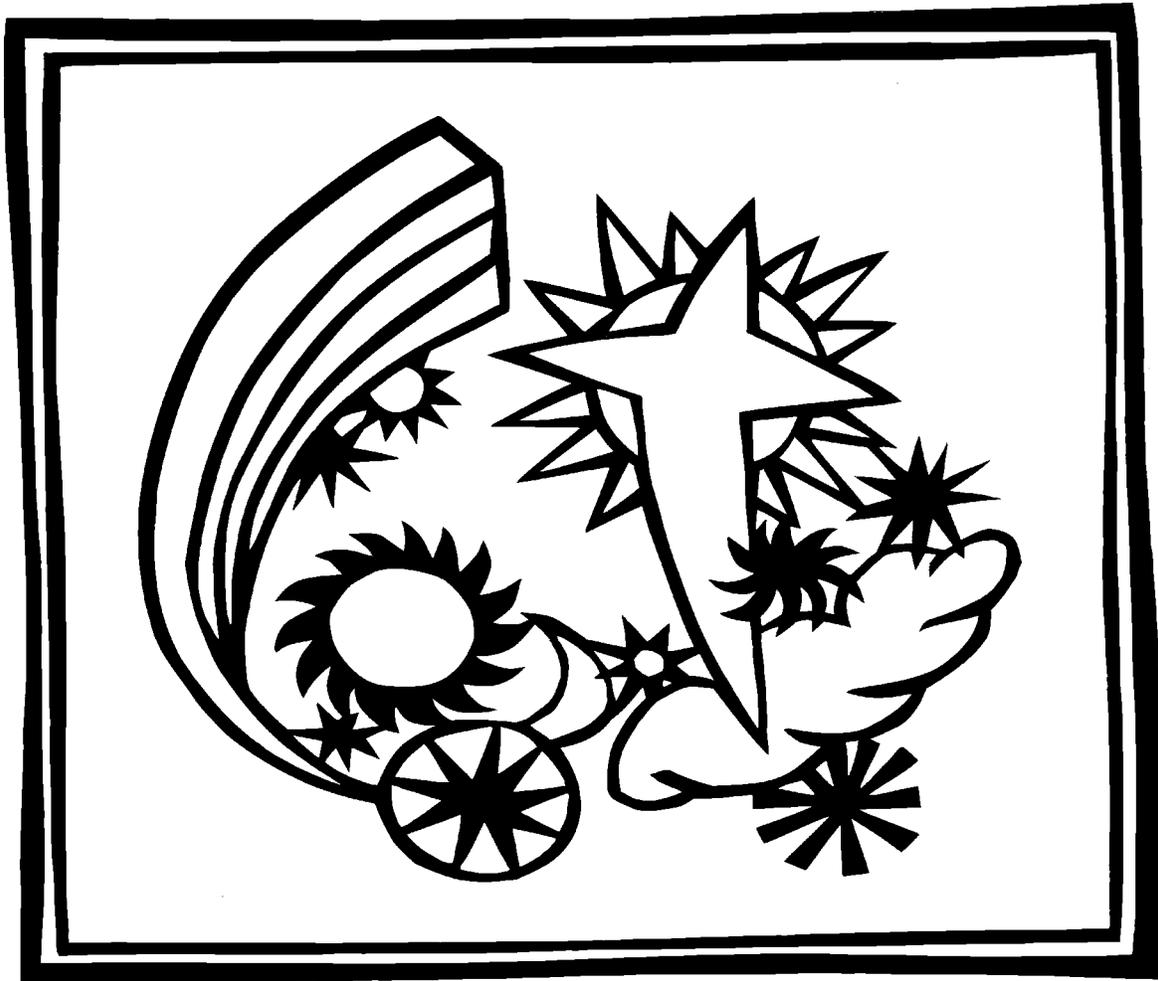


# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



**Saturday, November 12, 2016**

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



**ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!**

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

## **WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Welcome to worship** - Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) is a congregation of the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), a part of the worldwide Lutheran community. Our order for worship is printed on the following pages of this bulletin. We invite you to join us regularly for worship and in a variety of activities and opportunities in our congregational life. If you are new here, we welcome you; if you are a member of long standing, we celebrate your gifts and ministry.

**New to CELC** - We are happy to have you with us and we wish you a warm welcome. If you would like more information about our church and its ministries, please look for a member of the Welcoming Team by the TV after the service for information and a gift. Please take a few minutes to view the announcements displayed on the TV in the gathering area.

**For those with children** - We encourage you to have your children participate in worship. They learn about worship and faith by being involved. Coloring and activity bags are available just outside the sanctuary doors.

**Holy Communion** - The sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated each week at CELC. All are welcome to receive this gift of God's grace, love, and forgiveness. All who hunger to know the love of God are welcome to commune with us. The table of our Lord is now set for all those who need grace, forgiveness, strength, and wisdom for ministry and mission to the world. If you are unable to come forward, Holy Communion can be brought to your seat. If you wish to come forward to receive a blessing, you are encouraged to do so. Gluten-free crackers and grape juice are available for those with dietary needs. If you have questions about the sacrament, or if you wish to receive instruction on the Christian faith, you are invited to speak with Pastor Jeff following the service.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### GATHERING SONG:

*Gather Us In*

ELW 532

#### Verse 1

Here in this place the new light is streaming,  
Now is the darkness vanished away;  
See in this space our fear and our dreamings  
Brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,  
Gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

#### Verse 2

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,  
We are the old who yearn for your face;  
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,  
Called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,  
Gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
Give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,  
Give us the courage to enter the song.

#### Verse 3

Here we will take the wine and the water,  
Here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Here you shall call your sons and daughters,  
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
Give us to eat the bread that is you;  
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

#### Verse 4

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
Not in some heaven, light years away  
Here in this place the new light is shining,  
Now is the kingdom, and now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever,  
Gather us in and make us your own;  
Gather us in, all peoples together,  
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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## INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of God the Father of glory; in the name of God the ☩ Son, our Redeemer; in the name of God the holy and life-giving Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: The Son of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy. Gracious God,

**C: We acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins—those known to us that burden our hearts and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin; liberate us from the bondage of guilt; and work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and ☩ forgives us all our sins. Christ, the dawn from on high, shines upon us and by the light of the Holy Spirit guides our feet into the way of peace.

**C: Amen**

**GATHERING SONG: *You are Holy* - repeat twice (sung as a round) ELW 525**

### Verse 1

You are holy, you are whole.  
You are always ever more  
Than we ever understand.  
You are always at hand.  
Blessed are you coming near.  
Blessed are you coming here  
To your church in wine and bread,  
Raised from soil, raised from dead.

## Verse 2

You are holy,  
You are wholeness,  
You are present.

Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!

Sing hosanna in the highest!

Sing hosanna!

Sing hosanna to our God!

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God,

**C: The protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## LESSON: 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

P: The lesson is from 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

6Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. 7For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, 8and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. 9This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. 10For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. 11For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. 12Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. 13Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

P: The word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## GOSPEL: LUKE 21:5-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

5When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, 6“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” 7They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” 8And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. 9When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” 10Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; 11there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. 12But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. 13This will give you an opportunity to testify. 14So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; 15for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. 16You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. 17You will be hated by all because of my name. 18But not a hair of your head will perish. 19By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

P: The gospel of the Lord!

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

**SERMON**

**Pastor Jeff Steeber**

**SONG OF THE DAY:**

*Give Thanks*

**WP 41**

Give thanks, with a grateful heart.

Give thanks, to the Holy One.

Give thanks, because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks, with a grateful heart.

Give thanks, to the Holy One.

Give thanks, because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say, I am strong.  
Let the poor say, I am rich.  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
And now let the weak say, I am strong.  
Let the poor say, I am rich.  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

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## **Repeat**

Give Thanks.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

**C: And also with you.**

*(Everyone is invited to gather around the altar for the remainder of the service. As you come forward you may place your offering in the offering plate on the stand. After the singing of "Jesus, Lamb of God" those receiving communion will be invited to kneel or stand next to the communion railing. All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Communion is by intinction: receive the bread – dip the bread into the cup – then consume the body and blood of Christ. If you are unable to come forward, Holy Communion can be brought to you.)*

## **PRAYERS AND CONFESSION:**

**P: With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation. For the church, for missionaries and teachers, clergy and laity, and all ministers who proclaim the**

gospel in word and deed, that the Sun of righteousness enlighten the whole earth, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For rivers and lakes, hills and mountains, fruit and vegetables, and animals great and small, that creation thrive and that we care for all God has given us, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For all in authority at the local, state, provincial, national, and international levels, for those who advocate for equity, and for relief workers and their supporters, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For those who hunger or thirst, for those who doubt or are terrified, for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, and for caregivers, that all experience the healing and comfort given through Christ, especially... let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For those gathered in this place to hear the gospel and receive the good gifts of God through Christ Jesus, that guided by the Holy Spirit, we serve our neighbor who is in need, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: In thanksgiving for men and women of every time and place who have died in Christ, and that we follow their examples of faithful living, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: Almighty God, you have promised to hear those who call upon your name. We commend all our spoken and silent prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: As we gather around this table tonight, we remember how 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

**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.**

**SONG:**

*Jesus, Lamb of God*

**WP 76**

Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Worthy is your name;  
Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Worthy is your name. *Repeat*

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## COMMUNION

## 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: We give you thanks, shepherding God, that you have gathered your scattered flock again this day, feeding us richly with the food of Paradise.**

**Accompany us as we serve you all the days of our lives, and gather us with the saints in the day of our death; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

**P: God who loves us, who gives us eternal consolation and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word; and the blessing of almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever.**

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING SONG:

*Soon and Very Soon* ELW 439

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!

## DISMISSAL

P: Sisters and Brothers in Christ...

**C: As the Gospel in action, go in peace. Christ is with you! Thanks be to God!**

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