

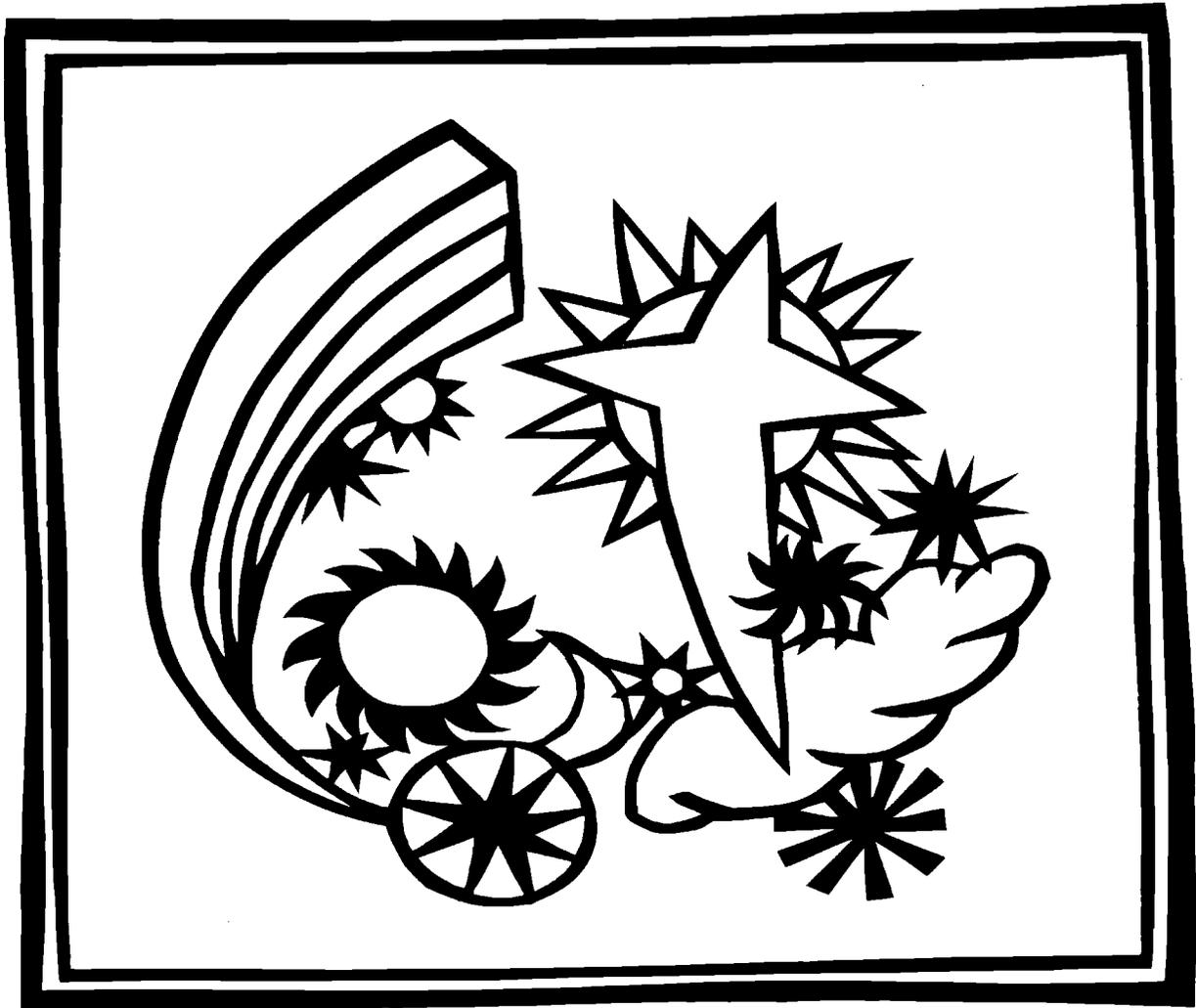


# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



**Sunday, November 13, 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. If you or your children need a break, we have a nursery room available with your supervision. If you need assistance, an usher will happily direct you to the nursery. 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.

### **Worship Assistants for Sunday, November 13, 2016**

***Greeters:*** Kacenjar Family, ***Usher:*** Chip Crout, ***Lector:*** Karen Klement, ***Acolytes:*** Maggie Jantz, Kelly Owens, ***Cantor:*** Anne Paine, ***Assists:*** Cantor, Sharon Davidson, Gwen Hogrefe, ***Acolytes,*** ***Altar:*** Marilyn Culler, ***Bread:*** Kelly Pedersen

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*The congregation is invited to stand*

### INVOCATION

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.

*The congregation is invited to stand, kneel or sit in silence for reflection and self-examination*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: 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**

*The congregation is invited to stand*

**GATHERING HYMN:**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* ELW 693

## 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

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

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb  
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of  
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,  
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

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

## 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.**

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## FIRST LESSON: MALACHI 4:1-2a

L: The first lesson is from Malachi, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

1See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. 2aBut for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

L: The word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

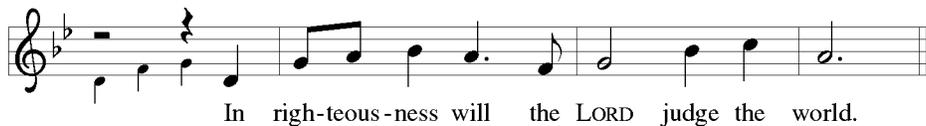
## PSALM: 98

### STONE



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### REFRAIN



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1 Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done | marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have | won the victory.

**2 O Lord, you have made | known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight | of the nations.**

3 You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the | house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

**4 Shout with joy to the Lord, | all you lands;  
lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing. R**

5 Sing to the Lord | with the harp,  
with the harp and the | voice of song.

**6 With trumpets and the sound | of the horn  
shout with joy before the | king, the Lord.**

7 Let the sea roar, and | all that fills it,  
the world and those who | dwell therein.

**8 Let the rivers | clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to | judge the  
earth.**

9 The Lord will judge the | world with righteousness  
and the peo- | ples with equity. R

## SECOND LESSON: 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

L: The second 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.

L: The word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*The congregation is invited to stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

## 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!**

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Jeff Steeber**

*The congregation is invited to stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY:**

*Lord of Our Life*

**ELW 766**

## **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.**

## **DEDICATION OF CANDLE LIGHTERS**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: 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.

*A brief silence.*

A: 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.**

A: 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.**

A: 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.**

A: 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.**

A: 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.**

A: 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.**

## PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## OFFERING

### *Come Thou Font of Every Blessing*

**Choir**

*The congregation is invited to stand*

## OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

**C: 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.

## 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:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

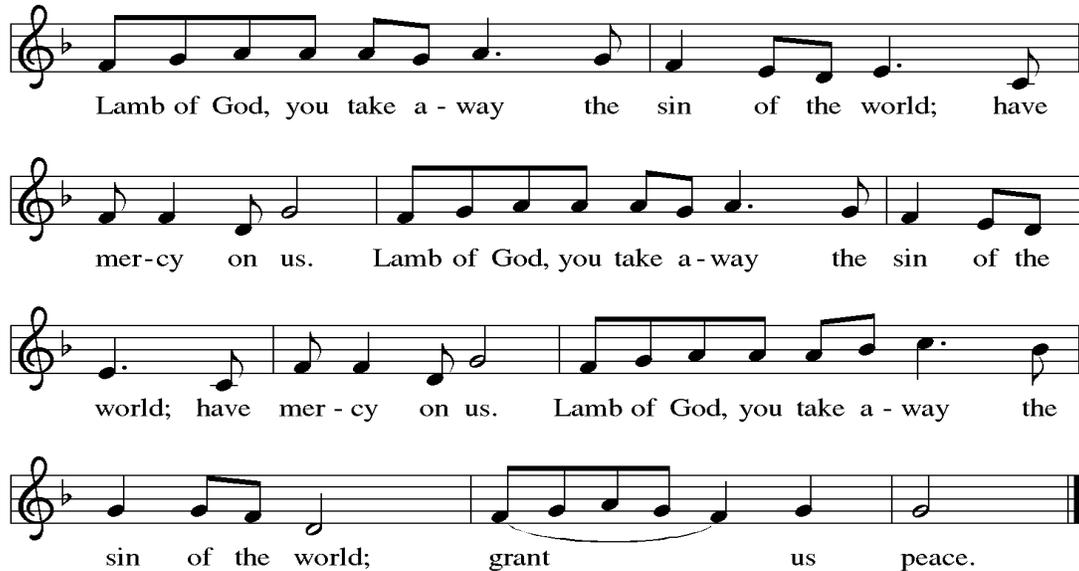
Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## 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.

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## COMMUNION

<b>COMMUNION HYMNS:</b> <i>This Is My Father's World</i>	<b>ELW 824</b>
<i>When Peace like a River</i>	<b>ELW 785</b>
<i>Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies</i>	<b>ELW 553</b>

*The congregation is invited to stand*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A:** 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 HYMN:**

*Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* ELW 890

## **DISMISSAL**

A: 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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