



# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

November 11, 2018



## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The congregation is invited to stand*

### BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW pg.94

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power. Source of all life,

**C: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

P: God, hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

**"Rise Up, O Saints of God!"**

ELW 669

### GREETING

ELW pg.138

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: O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## **YOKING FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS**

R: Through Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church's Mentoring Program the confirmands are connected with an adult Christian so that faith and service are passed from generation to another.

Will the confirmands please come forward with their Mentors.

P: In Christian love your parents and sponsors presented you for Holy Baptism. They promised to faithfully bring you to worship, to teach you about Jesus, and they are now providing for your instruction in the Christian faith, so that you will lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ. As part of the Christian instruction here at Christ Lutheran you have been given the gift of a mentor, a person of faith who displays a deep commitment to Jesus Christ. These individuals will guide you as you prepare to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ, you Lord and Savior.

M: "So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the Gospel of God, but also our own selves." (1 Thess. 2:8).

P: Let us pray: We thank you, Christ Jesus, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have given these youth the gift of caring adults who are willing to share their faith. Bless their service, bless their lives and watch over them as they travel on their faith journey. Send your Holy Spirit to rule their hearts, that they may strive to overcome the world, and serve you in holiness and righteousness of living and may continually thank you for all your goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Today we place these stoles upon your shoulders as a symbol of the unity of the faith. "We have been given gifts to equip us for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." (Eph 4:12 paraphrased)

Hear now the words of our Lord: "Come to me all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest. 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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matt 11:28-30)

“As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

## **FIRST LESSON**

### **1Kings 17:8-16**

L: The first lesson is from 1 Kings, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>8</sup>The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, <sup>9</sup>“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.”

<sup>10</sup>So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” <sup>11</sup>As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” <sup>12</sup>But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” <sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” <sup>15</sup>She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

L: The word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

# PSALM 146

## TONE



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## REFRAIN



The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

Psalm 146:8

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<sup>1</sup>Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;**

**I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your | trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there | is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,  
and in that day | their thoughts perish.     R**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,  
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;  
who keeps promis- | es forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the | captive free.

<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed  
down;**

**the LORD | loves the righteous.                     R**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares | for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall | reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!                     R**

## SECOND LESSON

### Hebrews 9:24-28

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

<sup>24</sup>Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

<sup>25</sup>Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; <sup>26</sup>for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, <sup>28</sup>so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

L: The word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*The congregation is invited to stand*

## GOSPEL VERSE

ELW pg. 142

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 LESSON

### Mark 12:38-44

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>38</sup>As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! <sup>40</sup>They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” <sup>41</sup>He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. <sup>43</sup>Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup>For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

P: The gospel of the Lord!

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

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON**

**REV. JEFF STEEBER**

*The congregation is invited to stand*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**“For the Fruit of All Creation”**

**ELW 679**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**ELW pg. 105**

**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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**A:** With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence*

**A:** O God, preserve your church from empty piety. Stir up our will to act with mercy and compassion. Keep our bishops, pastors, teachers, and all who proclaim your good news strong in faith. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**A:** Provide all living things with sufficient food and clean water. Make us ever mindful of the farmers and laborers who supply us with food, and open our hands to share what we have received. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**A:** Awaken our nation to care for veterans and others who have experienced the stress and trauma of war or other military conflicts. Inspire us to promote the well-being of those who have put themselves in the service of others. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Bow down to meet those who are trampled. Greet them with mercy, and give new life to those who feel overwhelmed or broken by discrimination, grief, or illness *especially...* Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Bless the ministries in our community that reach out to people who are unnoticed or neglected. Give us a common vision of justice that eliminates hunger, greed, and self-righteousness. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Bind us together with the saints of every time and place until we join them around your throne. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**ELW pg. 143**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## **OFFERING**

**“This Little Light of Mine” Sanctuary Choir**

*The congregation is invited to stand*

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

A: Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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**

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.

## 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”.

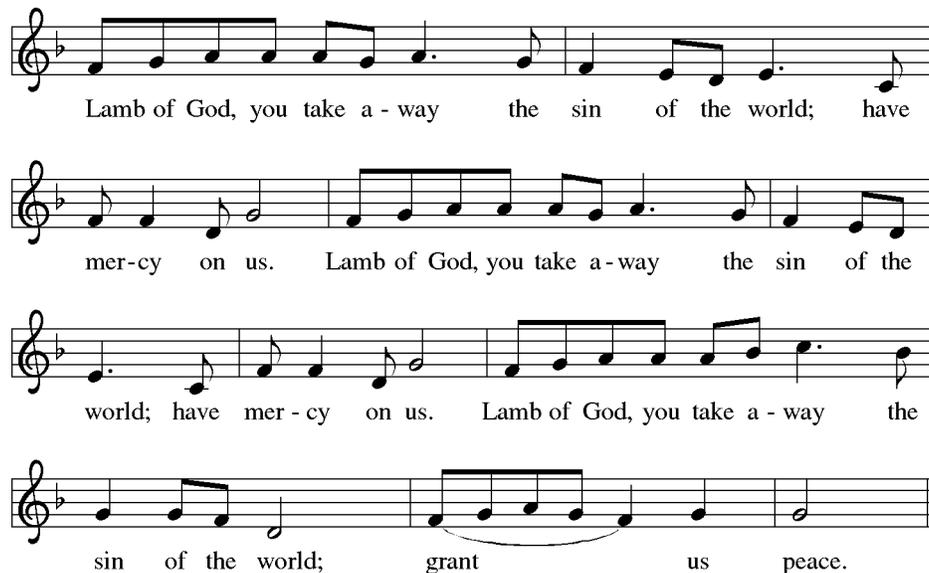
## LORD'S PRAYER

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**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

ELW pg. 146



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

### COMMUNION HYMNS

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

ELW 685

“Blessed Assurance”

ELW 638

“Jesus, the Very Thought of You”

ELW 754

*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: Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: The love of God surround you; the grace of † Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

**“As Saints of Old”**

**ELW 695**

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON NOTES**



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