

Time After Pentecost
September 25, 2022

9:30 a.m.

Christ Lutheran Church
Cottonwood, Minnesota



Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We are grateful to God you are here.
We pray that you will feel the Spirit and welcome of this faith community,
and we look forward to seeing you again!

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

(from Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress, 2021)

GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.*

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made,
All: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

OPENING WORDS OF FAITH

based on Psalm 146

P: Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

All: I will praise the Lord as long as I live. I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

P: Do not put your trust in rulers of this world, for they have no ultimate power.

All: Like all of us, when they breathe their last, they return to the dust and their power perishes.

P: Happy are they who put their trust in the Lord, who call upon the God of Jacob for their help.

All: For this is the God who made the heavens and earth, the seas and all that is upon the earth. This is the God who keeps his promises forever.

P: This is the Lord who gives justice to the oppressed and provides food for those who hunger.

All: This is the Lord who sets the prisoners free, who opens the eyes of the blind, who lifts up those who are bowed down.

P: This Lord shall reign forever and ever, throughout all the generations;

All: so turn to the Lord your God, for this is your hope and your salvation.

OPENING HYMN *“O God beyond All Praising”* ELW# 880

(You will find the hymns in the red hymnal under the chair in front of you.)

Please rise in body or spirit.

WORDS OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: We worship in the name of the Father, † and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

All: Give us the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord.

P: Let us now confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(Silence for a time of self-reflection)

P: Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion, forgive our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may follow and serve you in newness of life.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ †, your sins are forgiven. May the almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

All: Amen. Thanks be to God.

GATHERING HYMN

“What Is This Place”

ELW# 524

GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O God, rich in mercy,

All: you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

¹Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; ⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; ⁶who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! ⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

L: Word of God, Word of Life

All: Thanks be to God

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. ¹¹But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. ¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly

provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

L: Word of God, Word of Life

All: **Thanks be to God**

Please rise in body or spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ***“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”*** **ELW# 172**

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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GOSPEL READING

Joshua 2:1-21

P: The reading from the book of Joshua the second chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Then Joshua son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, “Go, view the land, especially Jericho.” So they went, and entered the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab, and spent the night there. ²The king of Jericho was told, “Some Israelites have come here tonight to search out the land.” ³Then the king of Jericho sent orders to Rahab, “Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come only to search out the whole land.” ⁴But the woman took the two men and hid them. Then she said, “True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they came from.” ⁵And when it was time to close the gate at dark, the men went out. Where the men went I do not know. Pursue them quickly, for you can overtake them.” ⁶She had, however, brought them up to the roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax that she had

laid out on the roof. ⁷So the men pursued them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. As soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut.

⁸Before they went to sleep, she came up to them on the roof ⁹and said to the men: “I know that the Lord has given you the land, and that dread of you has fallen on us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt in fear before you. ¹⁰For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites that were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. ¹¹As soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no courage left in any of us because of you. The Lord your God is indeed God in heaven above and on earth below. ¹²Now then, since I have dealt kindly with you, swear to me by the Lord that you in turn will deal kindly with my family. Give me a sign of good faith ¹³that you will spare my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death.” ¹⁴The men said to her, “Our life for yours! If you do not tell this business of ours, then we will deal kindly and faithfully with you when the Lord gives us the land.” ¹⁵Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was on the outer side of the city wall and she resided within the wall itself. ¹⁶She said to them, “Go toward the hill country, so that the pursuers may not come upon you. Hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers have returned; then afterward you may go your way.” ¹⁷The men said to her, “We will be released from this oath that you have made us swear to you ¹⁸if we invade the land and you do not tie this crimson cord in the window through which you let us down, and you do not gather into your house your father and mother, your brothers, and all your family. ¹⁹If any of you go out of the doors of your house into the street, they shall be responsible for their own death, and we shall be innocent; but if a hand is laid upon any who are with you in the house, we shall bear the responsibility for their death. ²⁰But if you tell this business of ours, then we shall be released from this oath that you made us swear to you.” ²¹She said, “According to your words, so be it.” She sent them away and they departed. Then she tied the crimson cord in the window.

P: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Please be seated.

MESSAGE

Pastor Bruce Berg

HYMN OF THE DAY *“Will You Come and Follow Me”* ELW# 798

Please rise in body or spirit.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

All: 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 GOD’S PEACE

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

All: And also with you.

Please share a verbal peace with one another.

Please be seated.

THANKSGIVING

We respond in gratitude for God’s never-failing love and mercy.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

OFFERING AND MUSIC

Thank you for your generosity.

Please rise in body or spirit.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The congregation responds to the prayer petitions with, "hear our prayer."

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

SENDING

God sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING BLESSING

P: The God of peace, Father, † Son and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you and show you the path of life this day and always.

SENDING HYMN

"Canticle of the Turning"

ELW# 723

SENDING WORDS

L: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Thank You For Serving This Sunday, September 25, 2022 —

Ushers: Alton Huso, Chad Gregoire, Jon Hoehne, Marvin Kremin, Erik Lundberg, Aubrey Pederson, Mallory Pederson, Natalie Pederson, Scott Pederson, and Doug Warnke

Musician: Marian Kalass

Acolyte: Evelyn Keleher

Lector and Assisting Minister: Carolyn Olson

PA: Corey Moseng, Conner Moseng, and Jon Myrvik

Video Camera: Jonathan Olson and Larry Isaackson

Altar Care: Karen Berg and Sandy Boehne

Counters: Linda VanUden-Wilson and Lee Huso

This Week's Calendar

Today, Sunday, September 25: Time After Pentecost

Fellowship Time before and after Worship

9:00 am Preschool Sunday School

9:30 am Worship

Wednesday, September 28:

6:00 pm Mission Possible

7:00 pm Confirmation

Next Sunday, October 2: Time after Pentecost

Fellowship Time before and after Worship

9:00 am Preschool Sunday School

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion



WELCA PRAIRIE CONFERENCE FALL GATHERING

Christ Lutheran is hosting this gathering on
Saturday, October 8, 2022

Theme: Love Your Neighbor As Yourself

Speaker: Portia Martinson, Take Time To Care

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with fee of \$10.00

Brunch will be served at 9:00 a.m.

Followed by worship, speaker, and business meeting

In-kind Offering: For Clothed With Love, NEW underwear and socks for boys
and girls, infant to size 14 or CASH

All women are invited!

Prayer Requests

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:6-7 to, “*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*” Your prayers are a gift to those requesting them, and encouragement for one another as we experience challenges, sorrows, or thanksgivings of any kind.

Health Concerns, as well as Others In Our Hearts and On Our Minds:

Grant Johnson, Teri Kemmer, Lloyd Powell, Jeff Ristau, Ron Moon

All those dealing with illness, addictions, depression, cancer, hunger, homelessness, unemployment, and any challenges in their lives. Pray for the people of Ukraine.

Independent Living/Assisted Living/Care Center Residents/Homebound:

Darleen Cole, Irene Evers, Betty Lovsness, Jody Mohr, Donna Neuharth, Bobby Olson, Sonny and Ione Olson, Laurie Pickthorn, Steve Pederson, Margaret Rewerts, Jim Runholt

Families of our Congregation:

Marv and Nancy Kremin
Pastor Janel Kuester
Adam, Emmett, and Ethan Laleman

Grieving Families:

The family of Howard Mohr
The family of Robert (Bob) Almquist

Workers in Other Countries, Missionaries, and Local Congregation Missions.

*Robin’s Nest Children’s Home, Jamaica, Kikatiti Secondary School, Tanzania,
and World Mission Prayer League (WMPL)*

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