

# ***Living Christ Lutheran Church (L.C.M.S.)***

***Faith | Love | Outreach | Worship***

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***The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 6, 2023***



## **As We Gather**

Without explaining Himself and to the surprise of those He chose, God decided to use the people who eventually became the nation of Israel to save all people. Likewise, He has graciously invited us and all people to join them, solely because we trust His promises. Recognizing that faith, not physical descent, is the factor that includes one in God's promises, Paul laments that most of his Jewish friends have rejected God's Son, Jesus Christ. To those who follow our Lord, the disciples learn in today's Gospel, God's grace even invites them to serve as His instruments in caring for the people around them. Today we rejoice in God's invitation to us, and we ask His blessings as we seek to extend His gracious invitation to those who do not yet know Christ as their Savior.

## ***Living Christ for Kids***

Christian educational childcare for infants thru 11 years - Mrs. Kim Maxwell, Director  
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**Visitors, we welcome you** and thank you for being with us today. May we be a blessing to you and you to us. We pray you will be moved to come again soon to receive with us God's gifts of forgiveness, peace and life in the name of Jesus Christ.

Quietly prepare your hearts and minds to worship and approach the throne of our holy and almighty God.

**Worship each week** 10:30 AM (Communion: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

### **Growing in our Faith Walk -New series of Discussion Videos "Trite, not true"**

This series looks at some cultural beliefs and trite statements inside Christianity that sound good, wise and helpful, but in the end might not be true biblically, could discourage people, could disrupt their faith and lead them further away from a true relationship with God. Join on Sundays at 9:00 am

"When God Closes a Door, He Opens a Window"

"You're Never More Safe than When You're in the Will of God"

"Let Go and Let God"

"God Helps Those Who Help Themselves"

**"Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin"- August 6th**

"I Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strengthens Me"

"Everything Happens for a Reason"

**The worship service is recorded and available by text and/or email. You can also find it on our website – [www.livingchristplainfield.com](http://www.livingchristplainfield.com).** Please let us know if you (or someone you know) would also like to receive the service.

**If you are in need of pastoral services**, please contact Pastor Latzke at (574) 261-4427 or Emmett Fuehrer (317-260-0821) or Evelyn Benning (317-292-3195).

## **Upcoming Events**

**Saturday, August 12 Indiana District LWML Treatshop – 9:30 – 3:30**

Let Evelyn know if you plan to attend.

**Tuesday, August 15 – 6:00 pm Church Council**

**Saturday, August 19 (date change) – 9:30 am LIFT Planning Meeting**

This meeting will be to discuss ideas and thoughts regarding the LIFT program for 2023-2024.

**Tuesday, August 22 – Fellowship Dinner, 5:00 pm– Gray's Cafeteria, Mooresville**



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things  
 2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our  
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the  
 neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work  
 guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -



or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Bloss - om and wood.  
 with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.  
 joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### Confession and Absolution

**P** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

We admit, O Lord, that we often do not freely respond to Your grace.

**C** **Forgive us for confusing Your free and eternal grace with the ways of this world. In Your mercy, renew our faith and instill gratitude in us that we may rely on Your daily and eternal blessings.**

**P** We admit that we have not always shared the compassionate concern of Paul. We rejoice in having faith but do not always share our joy with the people around us.

**C** Forgive us and open our eyes to see the opportunities to tell of our faith. Give us compassionate hearts to care for those who have rejected our Savior's sacrifice for all people.

**P** We admit that we have not always considered the needs of others before our own, nor how You might use us and our gifts for their welfare.

**C** Forgive us and increase our faith in You. Move us by Your Holy Spirit to be part of the answer to their prayers, for we are Your instruments to meet the needs of the people around us.

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus, Son of God and Son of David, kept God's eternal covenant. He paid the price with His suffering and death for you so that grace might be freely offered to you. You are counted as children of Abraham because of the faith God has planted within you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Rest assured, your sins are forgiven.

**C** Amen. Thanks be to God.

## Service of the Word

Introit

*Psalm 105:39–43; antiphon: v. 1*

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**He spread a cloud for a covering,  
and fire to give light by night.**

They asked, and he brought quail,  
and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.

**He opened the rock, and water gushed out;  
it flowed through the desert like a river.**


For he remembered his holy promise,  
and Abraham, his servant.

**So he brought his people out with joy,  
his chosen ones with singing.**

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!

## Gloria Patri

LSB 186



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;




as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Kyrie

LSB 186




**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Gloria in Excelsis


LSB 187



**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**18C Amen.**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 55:1–5*

*(God offers an everlasting covenant to David.)*

<sup>1</sup>“Come, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and he who has no money,  
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.

<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.

<sup>4</sup>Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,  
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Epistle**

*Romans 9:1–13*

*(We are included in the promise because we share Abraham’s faith.)*

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. <sup>5</sup>To them

belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

<sup>6</sup>But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, <sup>7</sup>and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” <sup>8</sup>This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. <sup>9</sup>For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” <sup>10</sup>And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, <sup>11</sup>though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— <sup>12</sup>she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” <sup>13</sup>As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*  
Verse

*Psalm 78:25*

**Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels; he sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.**

Alleluia

*LSB 190*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

*Matthew 14:13–21*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

*(The feeding of 5,000)*

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup>Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a



desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.”<sup>16</sup> But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.”<sup>17</sup> They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.”<sup>18</sup> And he said, “Bring them here to me.”<sup>19</sup> Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.<sup>20</sup> And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over.<sup>21</sup> And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

#### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the  
dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and  
 glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

*Sit*

Hymn of the Day

915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
 2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
 Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
 His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
 What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
 The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
 No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
 When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
 A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
 Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
 We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

Text: Oswald Allen, 1816–78, alt.

Tune: Friedrich K. Anthes, 1812–after 1857

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## Votum

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

*Stand*

## Offering

*(Please place your offering in the offering plate in the back.)*Offertory *(Presentation of our offerings.)*

LSB 192



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray together in Christ Jesus for all people according to their needs.

*Following each petition:*

- P** let us pray to the Lord:  
**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 194



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

### Proper Preface (Full)

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

LSB 195



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

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**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the

disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

LSB 197



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**G** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

### Distribution

**Before communing:** "Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen."

**Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament:** "I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen."

### Distribution Hymn

### 684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary



1 "Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."  
2 "Come un - to Me, ye wan - d'ers, And I will give you light."  
3 "Come un - to Me, ye faint - ing, And I will give you life."  
4 "And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op-pressed!  
O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!  
O cheer - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to aid our strife!  
O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,



It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par - don, grace, and peace,  
Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;  
The foe is stern and ea - ger, The fight is fierce and long;  
Which, though we be un - wor - thy Of love so great and free,



Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.  
But Thou hast brought us glad - ness, And songs at break of day.  
But Thou hast made us might - y And strong - er than the strong.  
In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-98, alt.

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### Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -  
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

### Thanksgiving

LSB 200

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.



## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Salutation

*LSB 201*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 202*



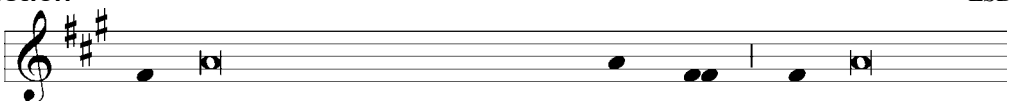
**A** Bless we the Lord.



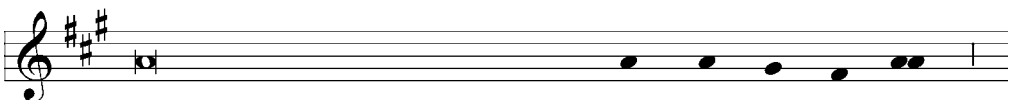
**C** Thanks be to God.

## Benediction

*LSB 202*



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



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**The Lord's Supper is celebrated** at this altar in the confession and glad confidence that, as HE says, our LORD gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but HIS very BODY and BLOOD to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with HIM and with one another. Our LORD invites to HIS table those who are baptized, who trust in HIS WORDS who repent of all sin, and who set aside any refusal to forgive as HE forgives us, that they may show forth HIS death until HE comes.

Because those who eat and drink our LORD's BODY and BLOOD unworthily (without discernment) do so to their great harm and because HOLY COMMUNION is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from this congregation and the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the SACRAMENT, are asked first to speak with the pastor. For further study see Matthew 5:23, 10:32, 18:15-35, 26:26-29, and 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.

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