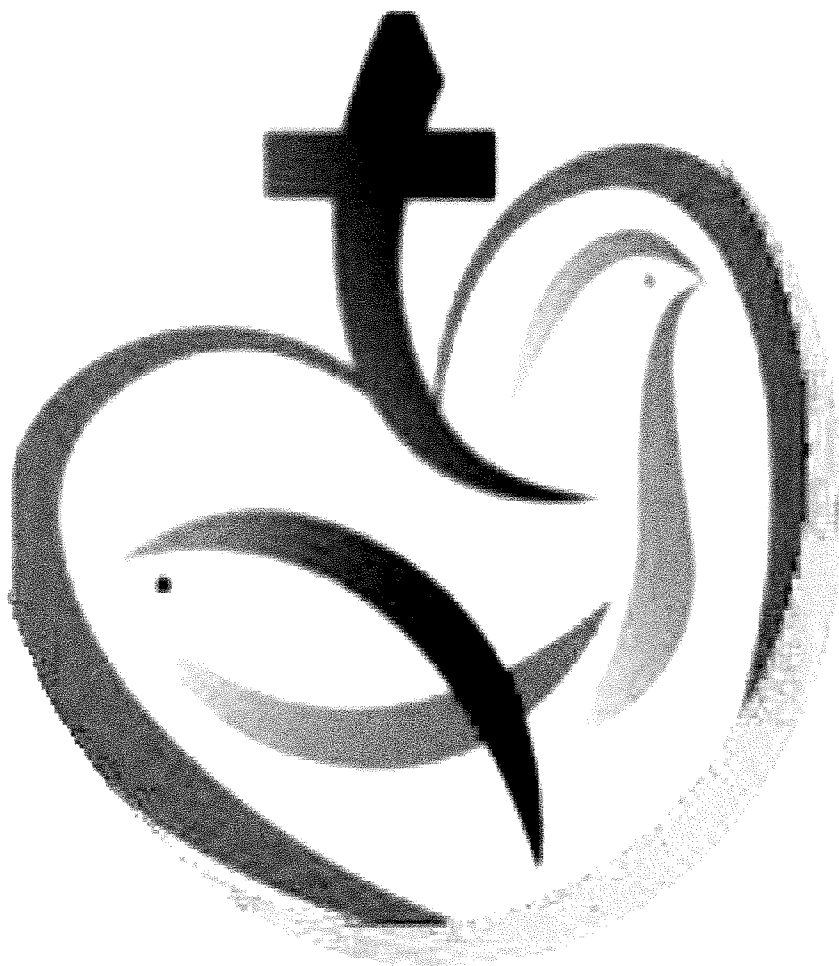


Welcome to Worship with Holy Communion



**Bringing Christ To All People
Today And Every Day**

GATHERING TOGETHER

WELCOME - Make a special effort to welcome our visitors!! Christ Lutheran Church is a weapon, smoke, vape and tobacco free church and campus. We share Joys, News, and Concerns.

PRELUDE

We take a quiet moment to prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.

GATHERING HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM - Stand As You Are Able

YOUTH/YOUNG IN SPIRIT MESSAGE

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the love of GOD our Father, and the communion of The Holy Spirit be with you all!

C And also with you!

CONFESSION

P Blessed be The Holy Trinity, ✝ One God, our creator, our redeemer, and our sanctifier!

C Amen!

P Trusting in God our Father's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God our Father and of one another!

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Merciful and loving God our Father,

C at times we resist your will for our lives. At times we neglect to serve your people in need. At times we complain about your gracious forgiveness of others. At times we turn away from your call for us to care for your world. Continue to have mercy on us and forgive our sins. We give thanks that you rejoice over us as your people who once were lost in our sin but now are cleansed in your mercy and love. Amen!

P Even when we sin, God our Father reaches out to save us in His Son Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. We are gathered by our Good Shepherd Jesus into His flock as the Body of Christ. In the Holy Name of ✝ Jesus and by His grace, our sins are forgiven!

C Amen!

SHARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray!

C Beloved God our Father, from you come all things that are good. Through the power of The Holy Spirit, continue to lead us by the life, death, resurrection and ascension of your Son Jesus to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, guide us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen!

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD

P Let us pray!

C Let us pray for all victims of any forms of violence, terror, human trafficking, and all displaced peoples; all victims of ethnic, racial, gender, sexual, political, and religious discrimination and violence; all victims of natural disasters or human made disasters; all victims of war or warlike activity, conflict, oppression and strife including in Gaza, Iran, Israel, Lebanon, Ukraine, United States and all other involved/surrounding nations, and for Jesus' Gospel to reach the Hindu Kurmi People in India. Gracious GOD our Father of healing and wholeness, through the power of The Holy Spirit, bring relief in every way you see fit for those impacted by natural disasters, human made disasters, conflicts, persecutions and wars. Empower all peoples to reach out to those impacted through the healing power of Jesus Christ. GOD our Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, we admit our human frailties and recognize we live in a fallen creation. Restore us each and every way as you see fit so that your will is done. In Jesus' Holy Name we pray. Amen!

SCRIPTURE HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM

GOSPEL - Stand As You Are Able

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED - Stand As You Are Able

P Living together in faith, trust, and hope, let us confess our faith together!

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 into hell. 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!

THE BANQUET

COMMUNION LITURGY

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 The Holy Spirit, that by this Holy Communion we may know the unity we share with all your people in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of The Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever!

C Amen!

LORD'S PRAYER - SING

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the Banquet, for all is now ready!

C Thanks be to God!

All Baptized Christians who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are welcome at the Lord's Table. We receive His continuing forgiving presence in our lives, along with His mercy, salvation, and promise of eternal life. You are also invited to come forward for a blessing. Pick up a communion wine cup from the cup stand. Receive the host bread from the Communion Assistant and the wine from the Pastor. Tell the Communion Assistant if you prefer gluten-free bread and the Pastor if you prefer grape juice. Return your used cup to the tray from the Communion Assistant.

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM

TABLE BLESSING

P The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace now and forever!

C Amen!

THE SENDING

BLESSING - SING - Stand As You Are Able

C Blessed be the Name of the Lord; He is worthy to be praised and adored; So we lift up holy hands in one accord, singing, "Blessed be the Name, blessed be the Name, blessed be the Name of the Lord!" We are Jesus strong! Amen!



SENDING HYMN/CHOIR ANTHEM

FINAL SENDING

P Continue to bring Christ to all people today and everyday! Go in Peace! Share the good news!

C We will with thanks to GOD! Amen!

LESSONS & FINANCIALS

Time After Pentecost, October 18, 2026 Year A



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GOSPEL: St. Matthew 22:15-22

L As Jesus continues teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap Him with questions. First they ask if the people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 22nd chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

L ¹⁵The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

L The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 33:12-23

L The prophet Moses successfully interceded with the Lord God to accompany Israel to the promised land after their sin with the golden calf. In response to a request to display His Divine Glory, the Lord God recites a sentence that appears frequently in the Hebrew Scriptures: "I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious." Moses is not allowed to see the Lord God's face, but only the Lord God's back.

L ¹²Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." ¹⁴He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. ¹⁶For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be

EXODUS CONTINUED:

L distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." ¹⁷The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." ¹⁹And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy." ²⁰But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." ²¹And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; ²²and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 99

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God. (Ps. 99:5)

- ¹The LORD is king; let the ¹ people tremble.
The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let ¹ the earth shake.
- ²**The LORD, ¹ great in Zion,
is high a- ¹bove all peoples.**
- ³Let them confess God's name, which is ¹ great and awesome;
God is the ¹ Holy One.
- ⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- ¹tablished equity;
you have executed justice and righteous- ¹ness in Jacob.**
- ⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- ¹fore God's footstool;
God is the ¹ Holy One.
- ⁶**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon
your ¹ name, O LORD; they called upon you, and you ¹ answered them,**
- ⁷you spoke to them out of the pil- ¹lar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree ¹ that you gave them.
- ⁸**O LORD our God, you answered ¹ them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their ¹ evil deeds.**
- ⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's ¹ holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the ¹ Holy One.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

L Most likely this letter is the first written by St. Paul. St. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

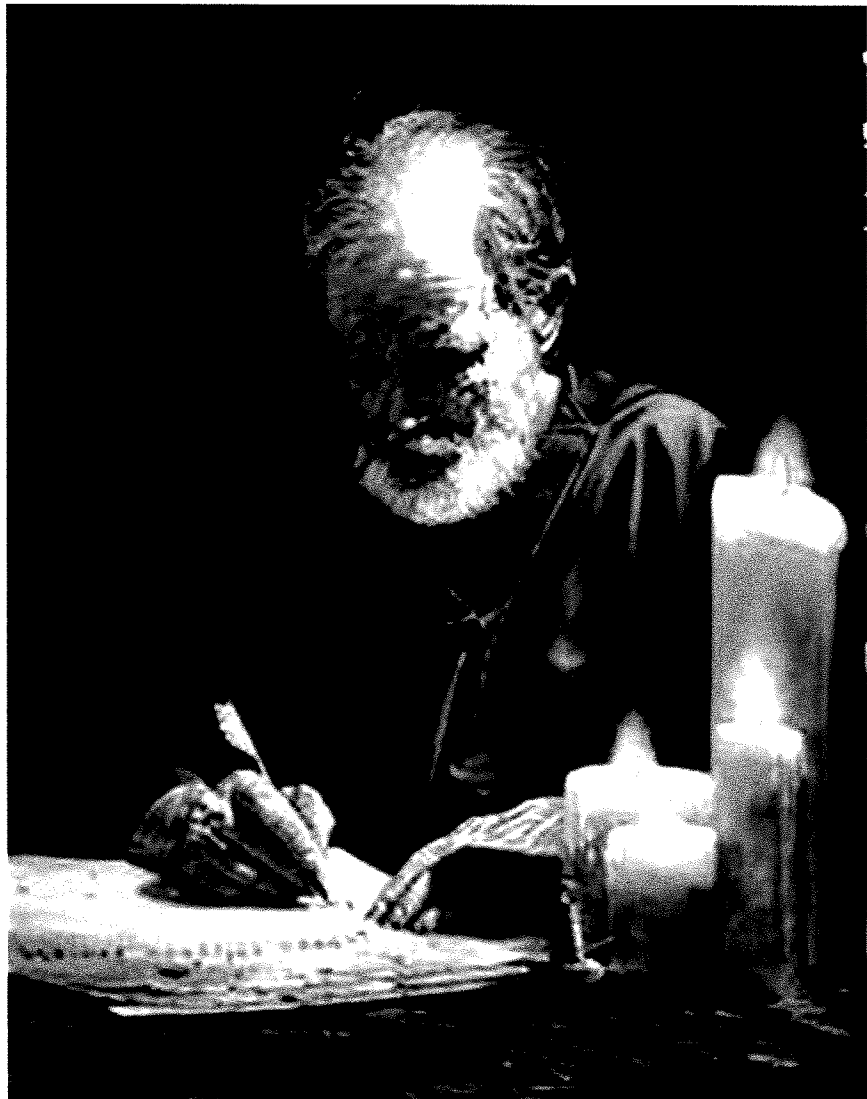
L ¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you,

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 CONTINUED

L ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS for 10/18/2026 BULLETIN

	<u>Operating Funds</u>
Balance @ 01/01/26	\$ 80,182
YTD Income:	
Regular Operations	\$ 305,355
Blake Estate Funds	\$ 82,672
YTD Expenses:	<u>\$ 286,399</u>
Balance @ 10/11/2026	<u>\$ 181,810</u>

Offering for 10/11/2026	
Operating Fund	\$ 1,810
Loose	\$ 81
Mortgage Fund	\$ 1,100
Mortgage Fundraising Proceeds	\$ 724
Designated Giving:	
- Food For The Poor	\$ 25
- Salvation Army	\$ 20
- Lutheran World Relief	\$ 20
- ELCM Missions	\$ 25
- Fellowship	\$ 362
- Feed My Starving Children	\$ 272
- Shepherd's Lighthouse Fashion Show	\$ 30
Total Offering	<u>\$ 4,468</u>

FMSC Net Fundraising for 2027 Pack:	\$ 21,422
2026 FMSC Shared Proceeds with Mortgage Fund:	\$ 7,259
(included above with Mortgage Fundraising Proceeds)	
Mortgage Debt Balance as of 9/28/2026	\$ 784,185
 <i>Note: If anyone would like further details on Church financials, please see Barb LeFevre, Treasurer.</i>	

To The Wonderful Members of Christ Lutheran Church

It's the time of year to collect food for our annual Thanksgiving Baskets. Now more than ever Thanksgiving Baskets are needed. Our goal is to deliver 50 baskets in the middle of November to Hands of Mercy Everywhere, Shepherd's Lighthouse, Harbour View Elementary School, Belleview Santos Elementary School and Lake Weir Middle. The list below are the items needed this year for the baskets.

NO GLASS CONTAINERS PLEASE

Mac & Cheese	Stuffing	Yams
Green Beans	Instant Potatoes	Chicken Broth
Corn	Canned fruit	
Cream of Mushroom Soup	Cream of Chicken Soup	
Canned Gravy/Gravy Mix	Cranberry Sauce	
Brownie Mix	Oreos	

Please place all list items on the shelves in the Sanctuary.

A \$25 Publix Gift Card will be placed in each basket for the families to buy a turkey.

If you would like to make a monetary donation we will shop for you!

Please have all donations to the church no later than Sunday, November 15. Basket assembly is Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 2:30 and Deliver Wednesday, Nov 18 at 10am. Sign up sheet on table in Fellowship Hall.

Questions call Diane Beavers, Coordinator, 609-315-1068 & John Moore, Coordinator, 352-598-6912.





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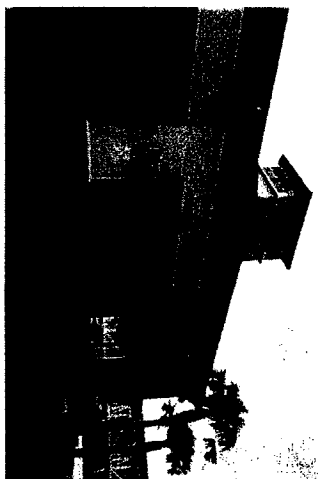
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Questions: Kelly Hallermeier, CLC Member & Gen. Manager, Coordinator, 352-572-4247.



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HYMNS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2026

Quiet Moment-Jesus Loves the Little Children-Choir

- 1. A mighty Fortress Is Our God ELW 504**
- 2. Lord, Be Glorified ELW 744**
- 3. Communion-A. Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling ELW 608 B.
Jesus, Remember Me ELW 616**
- 4. Shout to the Lord ELW 821**