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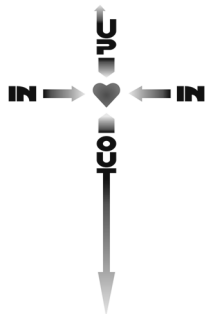
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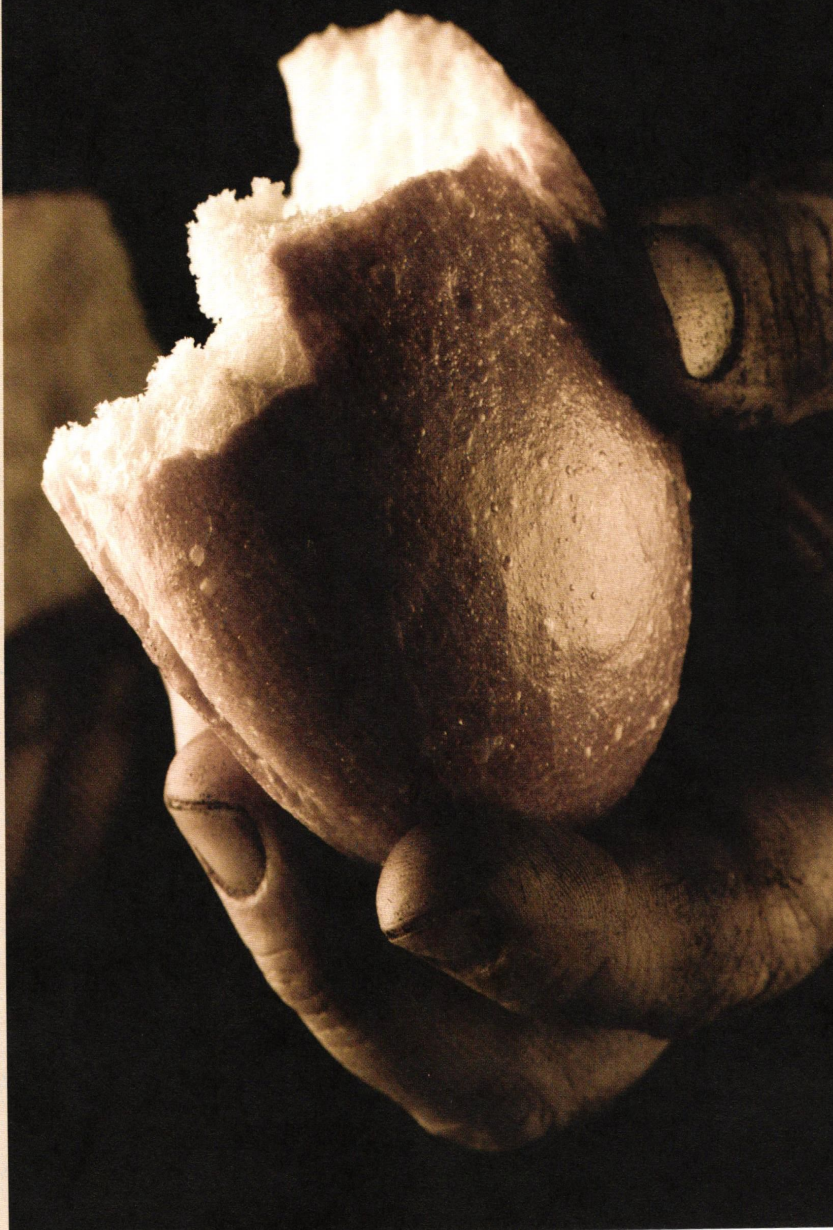
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*He who has no money,
come, buy and eat!*

ISAIAH 55:1





AS WE GATHER~ After a meal, does your family pray Psalm 136:1, “Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever”? That short prayer is not just a reminder to say “thank You” to God, who provides daily bread for our bodies. It also repeats why God provides, specifically, because of “His steadfast love.” In fact, if you pray that entire psalm, it lists the many ways God provides for all our needs of body and soul. The rich Hebrew word translated “steadfast love” reflects not only God’s general attitude but also His mighty acts and deeds to provide for His people’s entire lives and well-being. Jesus’ provision of food for the people in the wilderness (Matthew 14) as well as “our daily bread” call to the mind of faith His ultimate gift of love, the forgiveness of our sins. As the prophet Isaiah speaks of the “rich food” God provides “that your soul may live” (Isaiah 55:2–3), so the humble Meal of bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar causes us to remember the greatest work of our Lord’s steadfast love on the cross. At the altar, we receive the very substance of God’s steadfast love that enlivens and strengthens a steadfast faith that will endure until we are welcomed to the great and promised heavenly feast of eternal life.

WELCOME FAMILIES WITH LITTLE ONES!!!

THE NURSERY: is available to parents for infants and young toddlers under 5 years old during worship in the nursery room in the fellowship hall. See an usher for assistance. **Quiet time activity bags are located at the back of the sanctuary hanging on the wooden cross for older children to use during the service.**

FAMILY ROOM : You will also find through the southeast door marked FAMILY ROOM, there are some quiet toys on the shelf if you want a quiet space for your little one.

WE are Live streaming!!!

Find us on – Facebook : “Christ Lutheran Church ”

Boxcast/Sunday streams : “Christ Lutheran Church Meridian, Idaho”

YouTube: “Christ Lutheran Church Meridian, Idaho”

ALSO on our web-site “CLCMeridian.org where there is a bulletin to follow

IF YOU DO NOT want your child filmed, we ask that they sit behind the pulpit. If you have any other concerns, please ask an Elder or Usher for help.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE COMMUNING...SEE BACK OF BULLETIN

HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES AVAILABLE--Personal hearing devices are available to assist those attending worship services at Christ Lutheran. If you would like to use one, please ask an usher for assistance.

FOR THOSE WITH PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS, FEEL FREE TO STAY SEATED AS NEEDED DURING THE SERVICE AND STAND WHEN RECEIVING COMMUNION.

PLEASE! OUT OF RESPECT FOR THOSE AROUND YOU, PLEASE TURN YOUR CELL PHONE OFF (OR ON SILENT/VIBRATE) DURING WORSHIP.

Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement

Christ Lutheran Church exists to glorify God, by making disciples that reach up, reach in, and reach out.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST— PROPER 13

Nuthin' like It!
August 2, 2026

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (LSB) 686

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 43:4; 136:1*

Pastor: I will go to the altar of God,

People: to God my exceeding joy.

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,

People: for His steadfast love endures forever.

CONFESSION and GOD'S FORGIVENESS *Isaiah 55:3, 6; Psalm 145:18*

Pastor: Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live.

People: Hear my prayer, O Lord. I confess to almighty God all my sins of thought, of speech, of actions, and of inaction to help others in need. By Your steadfast love and mercy, forgive me and renew a right spirit in me that gives praise to You for Your faithfulness and that relies all the more on You for my salvation and for help in every need.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He has heard your cry for mercy. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE OF THE LORD *(We greet one another in peace.)*

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

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us extend the peace of God to one another.

+ WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 105:39–43; antiphon: v. 1* **People in Bold**

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.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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

KYRIE pg. (152 in Hymnal)

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship
and praise let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People: Amen.

HYMN/SONG OF PRAISE “ O Sing to the Lord” (LSB) 808 vs. 1-3

- 1 O sing to the Lord,
 O sing God a new song.
 O sing to the Lord,
 O sing God a new song.
 O sing to the Lord,
 O sing God a new song.
 O sing to our God,
 O sing to our God.

- 2 For God is the Lord!
 And God has done wonders.
 For God is the Lord!
 And God has done wonders.
 For God is the Lord!
 And God has done wonders.
 O sing to our God,
 O sing to our God.

- 3 So dance for our God
 And blow all the trumpets.
 So dance for our God
 And blow all the trumpets.
 So dance for our God
 And blow all the trumpets.
 And sing to our God,
 And sing to our God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF GOD'S WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 55:1–5* (The compassion of the Lord)

¹“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.
²Why 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.
³Incline 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.
⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵Behold, 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.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 9:1–13* (Not all Israel are Israel.)

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For 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. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. ⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This 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. (cont.)

⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though 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— ¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 14:13–21* (Jesus’ compassion on a great crowd)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Now 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. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now 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.” ¹⁶But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then 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. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

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 of the world to come. Amen.

MESSAGE HYMN "O Living Bread from Heaven" (LSB) 642

SERMON " **Personality Does Matter**" Matthew 14:13-21

OFFERING

"I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess." — **Martin Luther (1483-1546)**,

OFFERTORY "We Give Thee But Thine Own" (LSB) 781 vs. 1 and 2

1 We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2 May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our firstfruits give!

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (*Pastor invites prayer requests*)

After each petition Pastor will say, "Lord in Your mercy"
Our response:

People: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

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.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. [*Colossians 3:1*]

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [*Psalm 136*]

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, 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, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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 (p. 195 in hymnal)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that
cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace + of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI (p. 180 in Hymnal)

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace,
grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS/SONGS

"Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing" (LSB) 691

"I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" (LSB) 618

"How Great Thou Art" (LSB) 801

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *"Thank the Lord" (LSB 164)*

Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
Tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord
Rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises
And leads His people forth in joy
With shouts of thanksgiving.
Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “I Love Your Kingdom, Lord” (LSB) 651

- 1 I love Your kingdom, Lord,
The place of Your abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.
- 2 Beyond my highest joy
I prize its heav'nly ways,
Its sweet communion, solemn vows,
Its hymns of love and praise.
- 3 I love Your Church, O God,
Your saints in ev'ry land,
Dear as the apple of Your eye
And graven on Your hand.
- 4 For them my tears shall fall;
For them my prayers ascend;
For them my cares and toils be giv'n
Till toils and cares shall end.
- 5 Sure as Your truth shall last,
To Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield
And brighter bliss of heav'n.

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FOR THOSE WHO ARE COMMUNING...In keeping with Scripture, visitors who are active members of LCMS congregations (or from church bodies in fellowship with the LCMS) are asked to speak with the pastor or elder prior to the Sacrament. Because those who eat and drink the Lord's **Body and Blood** unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:29) and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith that is confessed at this altar, all other visitors are asked to make an appointment with the pastor to discuss the Lord's Supper prior to receiving the Sacrament.

Members and visitors alike, who have been instructed in the Christian faith, are encouraged to use the following questions:

Do I believe that in the Lord's Supper I receive Jesus' true **Body and Blood** with the bread and wine?

Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior, who paid for all of my sins on the cross and thereby saves me from eternal punishment?

Do I believe that I am a sinful being without hope of eternal life, except for God's mercy in Christ?

Do I repent of all sin, and set aside any grudges or refusal to forgive and love as God forgives and loves us?

Do I intend, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to turn away from my sins and strive to live a Godly life?

This is not a judgment of an individual's faith but a matter of proper preparation and pastoral care of souls. (1 Corinthians 11:26-30) Thank you for your deference to the Biblical doctrine of this congregation.

Note: The red wine in the Communion tray is Non-alcohol and is available for those with medical limitations. GLUTEN FREE WAFERS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

***IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE COMMUNION AT YOUR SEAT
PLEASE TELL THE USHER AND YOU WILL BE SERVED TOWARD THE
END OF COMMUNION.***

About the Cover: The food that God gives us is priceless. It is worth far more than we could ever afford. Our money is no good to Him, so He gives us His food for free. We could never earn or pay for salvation with anything we have. So Christ has redeemed us not with silver or gold, but with His precious blood poured out for us on the cross (1 Peter 1:18-19). He gives us holy food and drink for free, most especially at the Lord's Supper, where He gives us His very body and blood.