



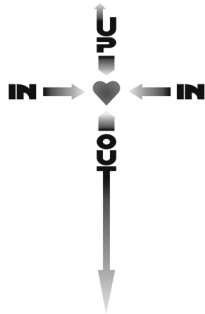
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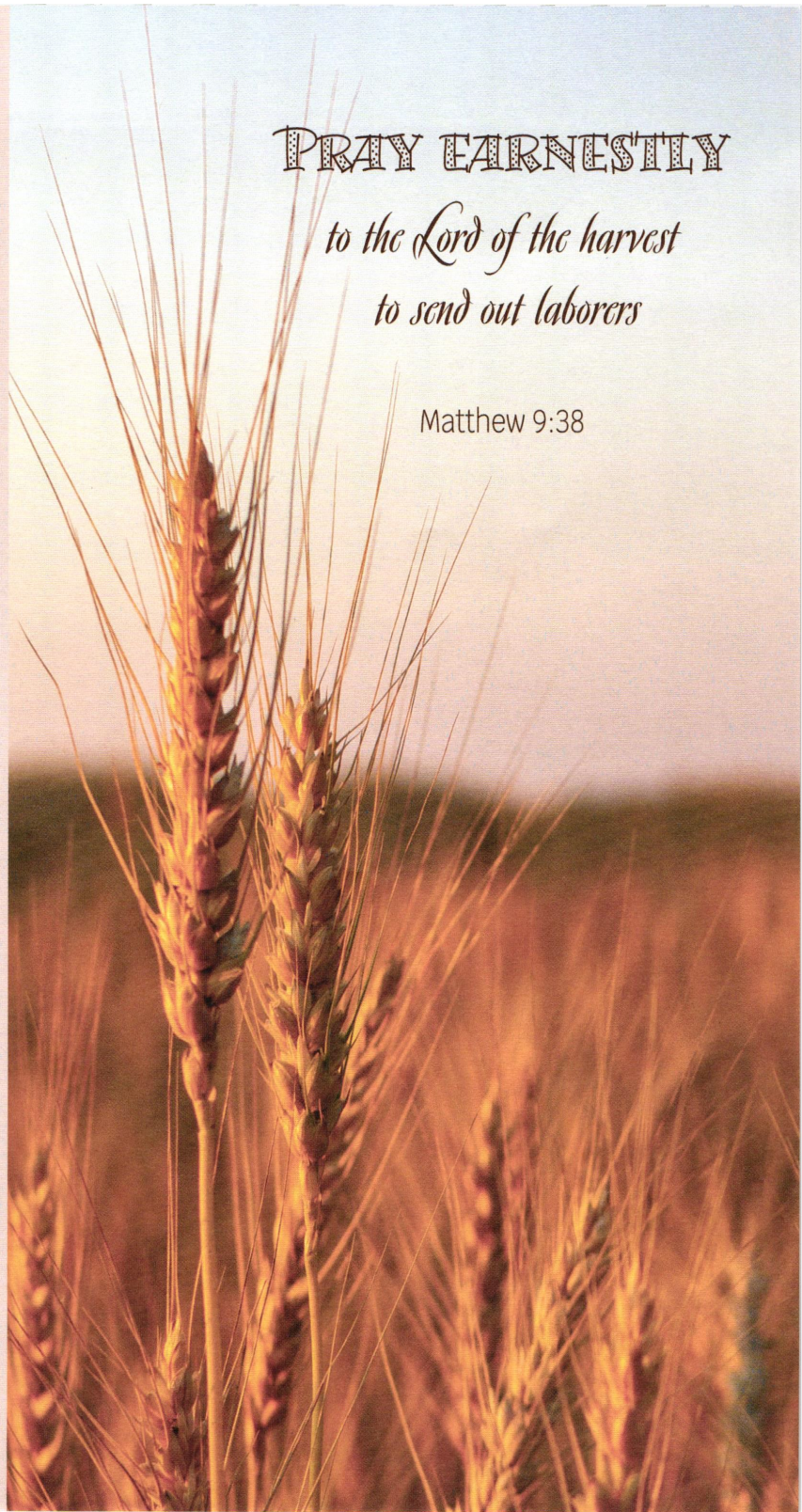
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PRAY EARNESTLY

*to the Lord of the harvest
to send out laborers*

Matthew 9:38





AS WE GATHER~

When the shadow of a bird in flight comes near to us, we don't help the bird fly, but we do indeed marvel at how effortless it seems. God in the Old Testament Reading uses the wings of an eagle to teach the Israelites how He rescued them from Egypt. Of what greater magnitude it was for Jesus, crucified and buried with our sins! And He rescued us without our lifting a finger! Now, in the Gospel, He sends us out with that Good News to all who will listen that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 10:7). Again, most assuredly, we have done nothing, yet "the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

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.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST— PROPER 6

In the Shadow of His Wings

June 14, 2026

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “God Himself Is Present” (LSB) 907

INSTALLATION Pastor Randy Benscoter Presiding

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Exodus 19:5; Romans 5:11; Matthew 9:38*

Pastor: You shall be My treasured possession among all peoples,

People: for all the earth is Mine.

Pastor: We also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

People: through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Pastor: Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest

People: to send out laborers into His harvest.

CONFESSION and GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Let us come into God's presence in humility and confession.

Heavenly Father, who rescued Your people from Egypt,
People: rescue us from our sins in thought, word, and deed. Forgive us.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, who gave Yourself into death that we might have life,

People: we confess that we deserve that death You willingly took for us. Forgive us.

Pastor: O Holy Spirit, who wants all people to be saved,

People: we are by nature sinful and in need of Your gracious love. Forgive us.

Pastor: May forgiveness and joy fill your hearts, willing obedience guide your steps, and may the Gospel be proclaimed as you live out each day. In the stead and by the command of our 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 67:4–7; antiphon: v. 3* **People In Bold**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

**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.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

KYRIE (pg. 944 in Hymnal)

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

HYMN/SONG OF PRAISE "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (LSB) 790
Vs. 1&2

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear
Now to His temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen
All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty, eternal God, in the Word of Your apostles and
prophets You have proclaimed to us Your saving will.

**People: Grant us faith to believe Your promises that we may receive
eternal salvation;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, 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 *Exodus 19:2–8* (God did everything to free His
people from slavery.)

²[The people of Israel] set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai,
and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the
mountain, ³while Moses went up to God. The Lord called to him out of the mountain,
saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ⁴You
yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles'
wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice

and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”

⁷So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. ⁸All the people answered together and said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Romans 5:6–15* (The one man's death means life for many.)

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 9:35–10:8* (The disciples are sent out as apostles.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth and tenth chapters.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

¹And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. ²The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his 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. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

MESSAGE HYMN “ We Are Called to Stand Together” (LSB) 828

SERMON “ **Bad News – Good News**” *Romans 5:6–15*

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 "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" (LSB) 782 vs.
1&2

1. Gracious God, You send great blessings
New each morning all our days.
For Your mercies never ending,
For Your love we offer praise.

**Refrain: Lord We pray that we, Your people Who Your gifts
unnumbered claim, Through the sharing of Your blessings may bring
glory to Your name.**

2. By Your Word You formed creation
Filled with creatures large and small;
As we tend that endless treasure
May our care encircle all. **(refrain)**

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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

“God Loved the World So That He Gave” (LSB) 571

“Jesus Comes Today with Healing” (LSB) 620

“ Jesus Loves Me” (LSB) 588

NUNC DIMITTIS *(LSB 199)*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant
depart in peace
according to Thy word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
Which Thou hast prepared
before the face of all people,
A light to lighten the Gentiles
and the glory of Thy people Isr-ael.
Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning,
is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have
refreshed us through this salutary gift,

**People: 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;**

Pastor: 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 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (*LSB*) 790 vs. 3-5

- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
 What need or grief
 Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
 Ponder anew
 What the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
 Let the Amen
 Sound from His people again;
Gladly forever adore Him!

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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 Lord gave His disciples both the prayer and its answer. With the harvest ready and the laborers few, He used them to proclaim His forgiveness to the nations after Pentecost. The harvest continues to be ready today, with people ripe to hear the Gospel of Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. So we also pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers to share the Gospel with people ready to hear it.