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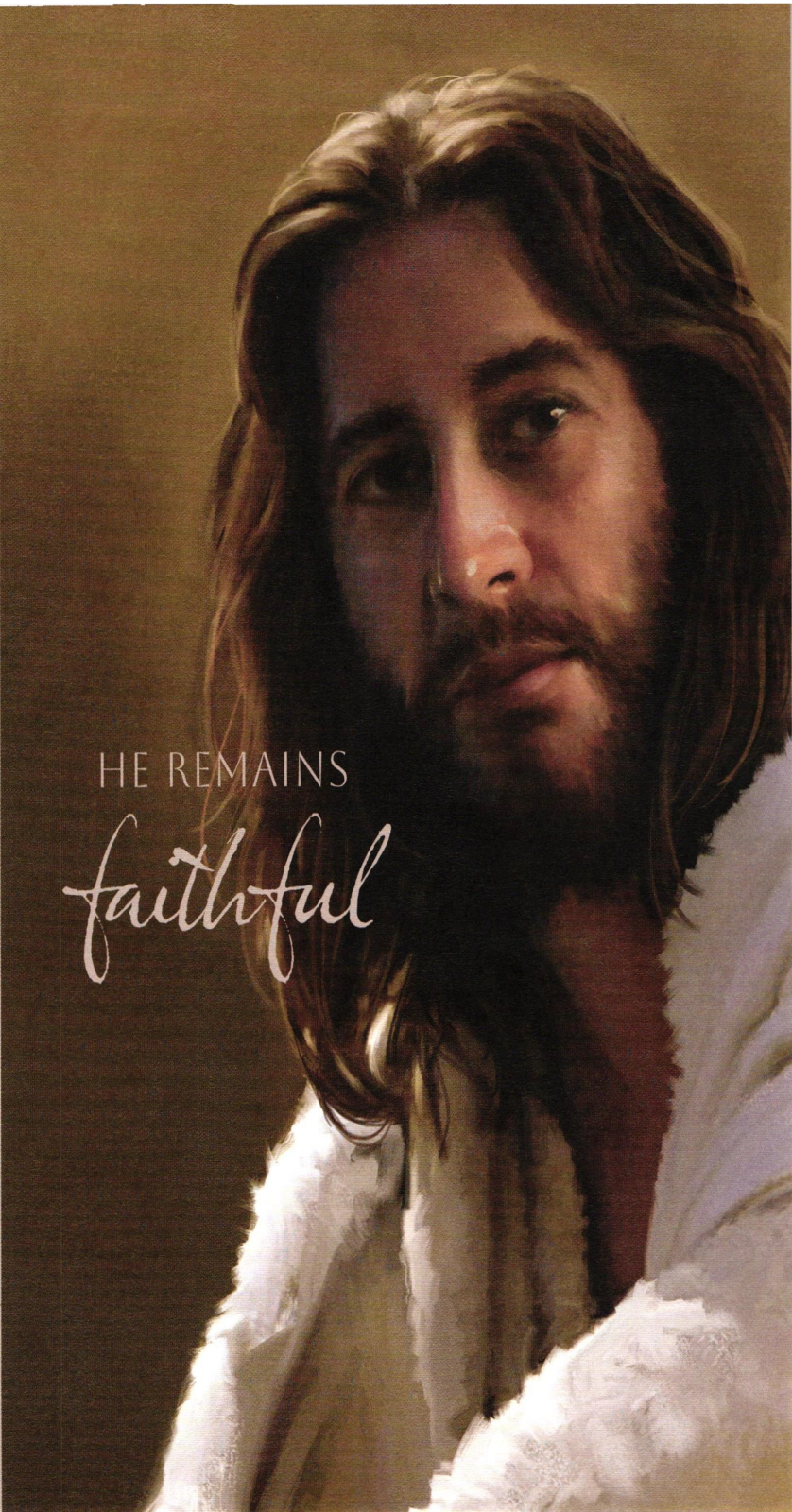
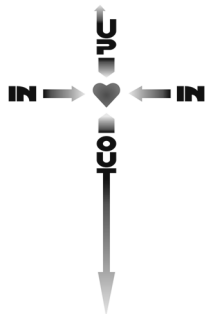
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HE REMAINS
faithful



AS WE GATHER~ In our Readings today, we see not only where faith guides but also to whom it ultimately leads. In Ruth 1, we learn of Naomi's difficulties as she faced numerous instances of grief. Yet her faith remained in the Lord and His provision, which would lead her to Judah. Faithful to her mother-in-law, Ruth would be guided not only to a new land but also to the knowledge of the one true God. In 2 Timothy 2, even amid imprisonment and suffering, Paul points young Timothy and all hearers in faith to remember Jesus Christ, reminding of the One who remains faithful despite earthly troubles. In Luke 17, ten lepers encounter Jesus and beg for His mercy. Jesus heals them all and then affirms the faith of the cleansed Samaritan, making him well spiritually. As we are called, gathered, and enlightened by the Holy Spirit, who gives and sustains

the gift of faith still, we are guided by Scripture and led through it to our Savior, Jesus, in whose name we worship in our prayer, our praise, and our thanksgiving for all He has done.

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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.

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Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement

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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST— PROPER 23

Guided by Faith
October 12, 2025

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN “ Son of God, Eternal Savior “ (LSB) 842

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 111:1–8*

Pastor: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

People: Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.

Pastor: Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.

People: He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

Pastor: He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever.

People: He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

Pastor: The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy;

People: they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

CONFESSION and GOD'S FORGIVENESS *2 Timothy 2:1, 3, 8a, 11–13; Psalm 111:9–10*

Pastor: As we come before the Lord with humble and contrite hearts, we hear the words of encouragement from Paul to young Timothy: "You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

People: God of grace, we ask Your forgiveness for the times we seek strength away from where You promise to be present with Your Word and in Your means of grace, and for the times we have not desired the grace found in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Pastor: "Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus."

People: We confess we have chosen the easy way out when our following and serving of Jesus becomes difficult for our lives, forsaking Your name and the name You have given us in Baptism.

Pastor: "Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead."

People: We confess we have not remembered the victory Jesus Christ has won for us over sin, death, and the devil, through His sacrificial death and rising from the dead. Because of this, we have not loved You with all our heart, soul, and strength, and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with Him,

People: we will also live with Him;

Pastor: if we endure, we will also reign with Him;

People: if we deny Him, He also will deny us;

Pastor: if we are faithless,

People: He remains faithful—for He cannot deny Himself.

Pastor: Our faithful God, the one almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

People: Amen.

Pastor: He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.

People: Holy and awesome is His name!

Pastor: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

People: His praise endures forever!

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 34:2–4, 17; antiphon: Psalm 48:1* **People in Bold**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.

Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears. (cont.)

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

**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.**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!

KYRIE (pg. 204 in Hymnal)

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

HYMN/SONG OF PRAISE "He is Exalted" (MMPB) 111

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high I will praise Him
He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name
He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high (3 X)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.
Almighty God, in times of suffering, You invite Your people
to call upon You in the day of trouble, for You will deliver
and Your people will glorify You. In our times of need, be
with us.

People: **As we follow and bear Your name in our lives and in our
witness, through Your Spirit enliven our faith that we may
be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, who
we are called to always remember is risen from the dead;**

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

+ SERVICE OF GOD'S WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Ruth 1:1–19a* (Ruth's loyalty to widow Naomi)

¹In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me." ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. (cont.)

¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.”

¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE 2 Timothy 2:1–13 (A good soldier of Jesus Christ)

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he also will deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 17:11–19* (Jesus cleanses ten lepers.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

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 “Onward, Christian Soldiers” (LSB) 662

SERMON

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 "Take My Life and Let It Be " (LSB) 783 vs. 3 and 4

- 3 Take my voice and let me sing
 Always, only for my King;
 Take my lips and let them be
 Filled with messages from Thee.
- 4 Take my silver and my gold,
 Not a mite would I withhold;
 Take my intellect and use
 Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

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 has risen from the dead. For our condition of sin, He took on our sin; for our suffering, He endured suffering and shame; for our salvation, He endured the cross for our forgiveness; and by His glorious resurrection, He opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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.

LAMB OF GOD *[LSB 550 refrain only]*

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!

O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS/SONGS

“ O savior, Precious Savior” (LSB) 527

“ Thy Body, Given for me, O Savior” (LSB) 619

“ My Faith Looks Up to The” (LSB) 702

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
strengthened us by the grace that is in Christ Jesus
through His true body and blood that has been received.
Strengthen us by grace, amid suffering, to remain in faith
toward You and show 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES *2 Timothy 2:1, 3, 8a, 11–13*

Pastor: Be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

People: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead.

Pastor: Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

People: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead.

Pastor: If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him; if we endure, we will also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He also will deny us; if we are faithless, He remains faithful—for He cannot deny Himself.

People: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead.

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 “There Is a Redeemer” (LSB) 971

1 There is a Redeemer—
Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One. Refrain

ref Thank You, O my Father,
For giving us Your Son,
And leaving Your Spirit
Till the work on earth is done.

2 Jesus, my Redeemer,
Name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Hope for sinners slain. **Refrain**

3 When I stand in glory,
I will see His face;
There I'll serve my King forever
In that holy place. **Refrain**

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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.

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END OF COMMUNION.***

About the Cover: Paul's life was wrapped up in Jesus—in His suffering, death, and resurrected life. Christ is committed in all that He has said and done for us. Christ always remains faithful, even if we are faithless. The Jesus who knew Paul is the same Jesus who commits Himself to and loves each of us. His promise to be faithful to and love His people went all the way to the cross and will never stop.