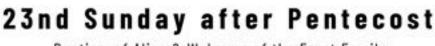
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What We Can Do: Curiosity to Commitment

SUNDAY, November 16, 2025 9:30AM



ELCA

Baptism of Alice & Welcome of the Ernst Family

We welcome all people to grow in faith

and serve in Jesus' name.



PASTOR WELCOME!



Welcome to worship today, we are so blessed to have you with us at Christ the Servant. All are welcome and we want to ensure a safe, sacred, and comfortable experience for everyone who worship with us. Please feel free to touch base with me after worship so we can get to know each other a little better.

Peace- Pastor Karen Pahl

Worship Information:

Offering: The offering will take place up front during the communion process. Members will be encouraged to bring their offering up to the plate when coming up to take communion.

We Care Books: Members and visitors are asked to sign the We Care books and pass them along to their neighbors. Feel free to make introductions during the process.

Sharing the Peace: People are encouraged to share and receive the peace in any manner they feel comfortable.

Communion: Communion is offered to all regardless of age or faith tradition and is offered at the rail, you may choose to kneel or stand. The pastor and worship assistant will hand out a communion wafer, which is gluten free, and the communion assistants will hold a tray of communion cups (red liquid is wine and the white liquid is grape juice), so each participant can take the cup of their choice. The pastor, worship assistant, and communion assistants will share the words of promise with anyone who comes forward. If anyone would prefer a blessing, their arms should be crossed in front of their chest. After participating in Communion please discard the empty cup in the basket, located at each side aisle, as you return to your seat.

Children's Activity Bags: if your little ones are looking for something to keep their minds and hands busy during worship there are crayons, coloring books, & notepads in the cloth bags hanging on the small coat rack just outside the Sanctuary doors. Help yourself - you can return the bags following worship.

Nursery: We love to have children with us in worship and their sounds and voices are to be celebrated. We also realize that sometimes the freedom to play is needed and we have a nursery for just those times. Our nursery is unstaffed, but parents may access it any time, while supervising their child/children. The nursery is located down the hallway to the left of the coat closet, the 3rd door on the left, or ask one of our ushers to direct you.

Congregation reads C: bolded text.

▲= The congregation is invited to stand as able. ▼= The congregation is invited to sit.

GATHERING The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God

Prelude

Welcome

▲ Baptism

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Parents and Sponsor: We present ALICE KELSIE ERNST for baptism

Miranda and Katie, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of
God, do you desire to have Alice baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do.

As you bring **Alice** to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that Alice may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help **Alice** grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

Kristie and Adam, do you promise to nurture Alice in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: We do.

People of God, do you promise to support **Alice**, and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

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Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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 to the dead. 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Thorough the water of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you lead your people Israel from slavery into freedom. In the river, Naaman washed his leprosy away; by the well, the Samaritan woman never thirst again. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to life in you. We praise you for the water of baptism and your Word that saves. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Alice Kelsie Ernst, you are baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your children new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:

Sustain **Alice** with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Alice, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

A lighted candle is given to the sponsor of the newly baptized as a representative of the congregation says:

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Go, let Christ's light in you so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify our living God. Let us welcome the newly baptized:

We welcome Alice as a child of God into this family of faith, and we welcome Miranda and Katie as the newest members into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

▲ Call to Worship

Come out of the darkness, O people of God.

We have come into the light of Jesus.

Whoever follows Jesus,

Will never walk in darkness.



Word of God, Come Down on Earth- ELW 510



Prayer of the Day

Radiant God, we live in a world plagued by the darkness of injustice and despair.

By your holy light, scatter the darkness and fill us with the hope of your promised redemption. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

WORD God speaks in scripture and proclamation



▼ Reading Isaiah 9:1-7

¹But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 2The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. 4For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. 5For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. 6For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

▼ Gospel Reading

Luke 19:1-10

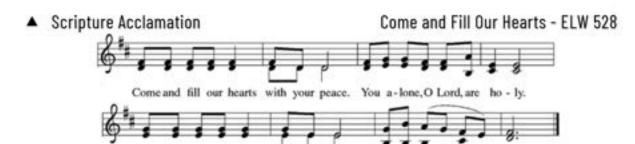
The Gospel according to St. Luke the 19th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." ⁵So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

The Gospel of Our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.



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Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

We Are Waiting for Jesus- ACS 905

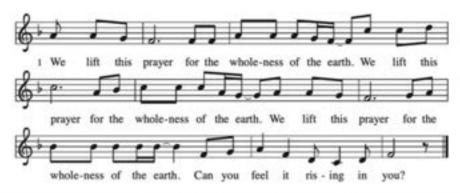
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Prayers of the People

Confident that our God hears and answers our prayers.....we pray for the church, the world, and all in need as we sing....

For the Wholeness of the Earth vs 1-ACS 1067



Isaiah's vision still sounds as far away to us as it must have for his listeners. Forgive us when we despair, and plant within us renewed passion for the work of your Spirit. God of promise,

Hear our prayer.

Your light is the source of all life. Make us loving stewards of nature, which you feed with your life-giving light, and which, in turn, makes our lives possible. Keep us ever mindful of our sacred interdependence. God of promise,

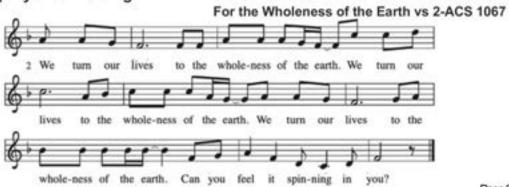
Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for all those who dedicate their lives in service to others, to the relief of suffering and the implementation of justice. Strengthen their witness, uphold them, and give them rest when needed. God of promise,

Hear our prayer.

Be with those who bear daily burdens, be it mental or physical illness, fear of homelessness or hunger, or other challenges which test their resilience. Surround them with your presence and guide them to the help they need. We especially pray for those we mention out loud, in our hearts, and who are listed on our long-term prayer list.... (pause)... God of promise,

Hear our prayer as we sing....



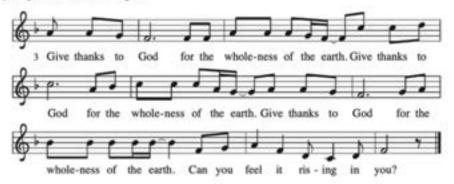
Prayers of the People - Continued

Whoever follows you, O Lord, will never walk in darkness. Shine your eternal light upon all your faithful servants, still living or alive in your resurrection, and surround them evermore with your blessing. God of promise,

Hear our prayer.

Other petitions may be offered from prayer journal and others......
WE ARE ASKED TO PRAY FOR: Lois, Bob, Channing, Patty, Heather, Dick, Whitney, Jerri, Bill, and the family of Sue Seiler. God of promise,

Hear our prayeras we sing....



We lift all these prayers, and those of our hearts, to your loving care, O God. Receive them and restore our hope in your promises. In Jesus' name.

Amen.

▲ Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

▼ Pop-Up Choir - Simple Gifts

▼ Announcements

We Care Book Please sign in the We Care book and pass it down the pew.

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Confession Prayer

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Holy God,

You have created us in your image, protected and nourished us, and called us into your work of justice. Yet while we profess these truths, we forget who we are and whose we are. We put our trust in ourselves, in material goods, and in worldly powers instead of trusting you. We prioritize our comfort over our neighbor's needs. Call us back to you, God. Forgive us as we sing.....



Hear the good news, siblings in Christ. You have been created in wholeness, claimed in love, and forgiven according to God's boundless grace. Nothing - even the worst we do or fail to do can separate us from the love of our God. Receive this forgiveness with joy, in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

▲ Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

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.

▲ Lord's Prayer

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.

▲ Invitation to the Table

Jesus, the light of the world, now invites you to the table where his presence shines forth in the bread and the wine. Come, receive nourishment, forgiveness, and new life in his name. All is prepared.

Thanks be to God.

DURING THE COMMUNION HYMN WE WILL PASS A BASKET FOR YOUR OFFERING, PLEDGE CARDS AND TIME AND TALENT FORMS.

COMMUNION: Communion is a gift of God for the people of God, no matter age, faith tradition or where you are on your journey. Ushers will guide each row to the altar, you may kneel or stand by the communion rail. Pastor will hand out the communion bread, which is gluten free, and the deacon will hold a tray of communion cups (red liquid is wine, white liquid is grape juice), each participant will take a cup. If anyone would prefer a blessing please cross your arms in front of your chest. Empty cup may be discarded in the basket provided as you return to your seats.



Prayer after Communion/Blessing of our Committeents

Generous God, you are the source of all that we have, and we thank You for Your abundant provision. As we gathered at your table of grace today, may it nourish us to do Your work in the world. Continue to bless our congregation's generous hearts and our financial commitments, so that our giving may reflect Your goodness and support the mission You have called CTS to.

We pray that our resources will be multiplied to meet every need, sustain our ministries, and allow us to be a beacon of light in our community. May all that we do bring glory and honor to Your name. In Jesus' name, Amen.

SENDING God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

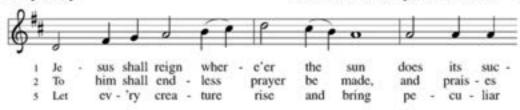
▲ Benediction

May God Bless you and keep you; may God's face shine upon you with grace and mercy; may God look upon you with favor, and ⊕ give you peace.

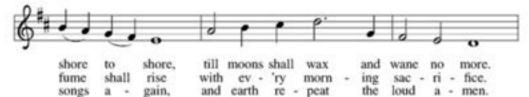
Amen.



Jesus Shall Reign vs 1, 2, & 5 - ELW 434







▲ Dismissal

Go in peace as:

We welcome all people to grow in faith and serve in Jesus' name. Thanks be to God.

THANK YOU TO OUR WORSHIP SERVERS

Sunday, November 16, 2025 - Baptism/New Member Welcome

Presiding: Pastor Karen Pahl

Accompanist: Mary Johnson Vocal Lead: Mike Dutelle
Worship Assistant: Laury Grow Acolyte: Maddy Mulqueen

Altar Guild: Laury Grow Counters: Patty Marti, Jan Cavett

Usher Team: Patti & Jeff Marti, Bert Magnuson, Mike Jehn, Marty Grow

Tech Team: Adam and AJ Johnson, Mitzi Keadle

Plant Sponsorship:

Join us in supporting Christ the Servant Lutheran Church's mission and ministry! Scan the QR code to the right to give securely online. Your gift helps sustain our worship, faith formation, and serving in our community. This also helps us continue to be a welcoming community to share God's love and make a difference in the lives of our neighbors around us.



PRAYER REQUESTS

"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the One who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference." - Max Lucado

If you would like to include someone, or yourself, on our prayer list, you may visit the website at: www.christtheservant.org to fill out a prayer request form.

Or you can send an email to CTSprayerchain@gmail.com.

Those currently on our long term prayer list:

Patty Jehn Dawn Yellen Marilyn Schlei Jim & Linda Saladin Dan Williams Arlene Stewart Jerri Simmert Midge and Bob Bennett Jon Williams Bob Swanson Jan Cavett Marty Monfre Shirley Haugse Gordon Nowakowski Joe Frederick Charlotte Winger Lois and Paul Wegner Chris Tralongo

We pray for, and thank, all who are currently serving our country and for all veterans who have served.

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVERS Sunday, November 23, 2025

Presiding: Pastor Karen Pahl

Accompanist: Mary Johnson Vocal Lead: Abbi Monfre

Worship Assistant: Bert Magnuson Acolyte: Jack Nelson

Altar Guild: Nancy Kuhl Counters: Linda Gatlin, Larry Bornemeier

Usher Team: Jill & Scott Stamn, Kay Styza, Kerry, Ryan, & Hazel Bantz

Tech Team: Dave, Amy, & Maddy Mulqueen

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4 - Week Bible Study - An Unlikely Advent

Come join us as we continue Wednesday Advent Bible Study. We will gather at 10am & 6:30pm on Wednesday, Nov 19th, Dec 3rd & Dec 10th. We will be discussing An Unlikely Advent: Extraordinary People of the Christmas Story by Rachel Billups.

This is a time to remember that Advent is a season of waiting, but do not for a second think that this kind of waiting is a passive activity. Waiting is anything but passive. Even for you worrying types. Waiting is active waiting with minds, ears, and hearts leaning in, tilted toward a hope-filled future. We actively wait, placing our trust and lives in God's hands. And in this season of waiting, actively waiting for the coming Christ, we are a people of audacious hope.

If you would like a book please purchase it on Amazon.



Advent Intergenerational Event

On Sunday, November 30th, Pastor Karen will host the Advent Intergenerational Event. This year you will create an Advent Jesse Tree. The Jesse tree tells the story of Jesus' ancestry. It is a great way for us to connect the Old and the New Testament.

We will meet following Worship at 10:45 AM.



The News the Angels Bring-Jubilate Chorale Concert

Mike Dutelle, who is part of the Jubilate Chorale, wanted to share this invite and hopes you can attend!! December 6th 7:30 PM - St. John's 20275 Davidson Rd. Brookfield or December 7th 3:00 PM - St. Matthew's 1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave. Wauwatosa Advanced Purchase - www.jubilatechorale.org or call 262-290-5242



Waukesha Food Pantry

Food insecurity has grown in Waukesha County! The Waukesha Food Pantry served 4,300 clients in 2021 and doubled that number to 8,900 clients in 2024.

There is a need and CTS responds throughout the year by regularly filling our grocery cart. On November 23 we will have the opportunity to place our groceries for the Waukesha Food Pantry around the altar and have them blessed. Holiday food items suggested by the Pantry include stuffing mix, instant mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, mushroom soup, and French-fried onions, cranberry sauce, and canned pumpkin. In addition, the Pantry recently reported that it needs pasta, rice, cereal, and canned foods and vegetables. Please consider picking up some extra food and donating it on November 23 and throughout the year!

Thanks for your support!

Baking Spirits Bright!



The CTS Jail Ministry will once again sponsor a COOKIE DRIVE for inmates. The cookies need to be homemade (with love!) and our goal is 84 dozen. Cookies can be dropped off at the CTS kitchen and are due by December 18th! Bake and Freeze is a great plan! The cookies will be packed on December 19th and distributed on December 20th. Thank you for participating!

You can contact Linda Pischke at 262-506-8366 or authorlinda1945@gmail.com. Please consider this wonderful opportunity to share the "taste" of Christmas...



Hand Chimes

We will practice on on November 23rd at 10:45 am.

Group will play during worship Dec. 7th and will

meet at 8:30 am for final practice

Let's get ringing!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Christmas Clearing House Bring gifts to church on or before
 Wednesday Dec. 10. Wrapping Gifts on Saturday Dec. 13.
- 2 Hospitality Sunday Join us following Worship TODAY!
- 3 Book Discussion Group November 17th 7 pm
- 4 LAF November 19th at NOON Thanksgiving Celebration
- Sunday School is collecting socks, undies and winter essentials for the Hope Center. Members in the congregation are asked to participate, too. A table display has been set up and we hope to fill the table with all our gifts!

See all details in Thursdays email blast - sign up at http://www.christtheservant.org/stay-in-touchcontact-us

17 MON	Book Discussion Group 7:00 PM
19 WED	BIBLE STUDY - An Unlikely Advent 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM LAF - NOON - Thanksgiving Celebration
21 FRI	Joyful Souls 6:30 PM
22 SAT	Celebration of Life - Joanne Dutelle Visitation-1:00 PM, Service-2:00 PM, Fellowship & Refreshments Followin
23 SUN	Worship - 9:30 AM 10:45 AM - Sunday School, Youth Group, Hand Chime Practice
25 TUE	Council Meeting 6:30 PM

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WHO ARE WE

At Christ the Servant we embrace people for who God created them to be, including those from all backgrounds, races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, abilities, and economic status. We commit ourselves to advocating for social and environmental justice, racial equity and serving others. We will strive to create a space where everyone feels loved and invited to fully participate in our mission.

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