

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME VISITORS! We are glad that you have joined us for worship this morning. We have come into God's presence to worship him as our Lord and Savior.

- ❖ Restrooms are located to the right of the main doors.
- ❖ There is a staffed nursery available outside of the worship area for children under 3.
- ❖ There is a private area for nursing mothers located in the main preschool classroom.
- ❖ Coffee and drinks are available after the service.
- ❖ Please sign the guest register in the fellowship area.

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**WHAT MAKES CHRISTIANS DIFFERENT:
CHRISTIANS TRUST GOD TO PROVIDE**



SERIES THEME:

The Bible says Christians are different. Christians are people who believe in Jesus as their Savior. But they often look the same as those who do not believe in Jesus. How are Christians different? The answer is often something internal, attitudes or perspectives that come only from the work of the Holy Spirit in Word and sacrament. Ultimately, Christians are people who run to Christ for forgiveness because they have failed to live perfect lives. As we receive the mercy of Christ, it moves us to strive with all our being to do all the things that Jesus says Christians do, things that make Christians different.

THEME OF THE DAY:

The hardest times to trust God are the times we need him most. It's easier to trust God when your job is going great, your health is fine, your relationships are fine, and your family is good. It's easier to trust God when the sun is shining, but what happens when your life is suddenly overshadowed by dark days?

When tragedy strikes, we may wonder if God continues to care for us. At those times, Christians do not despair like those who have no hope. Instead, Christians focus on certain foundational facts. We are chosen and adopted as God's dear children. God provides us innumerable spiritual blessings and promises us an eternity of peace and joy. If we recognize those spiritual blessings, how can we doubt that God will give us everything we truly need at the right time? Christians trust God to provide.

SERVICE OF THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

INVOCATION ¹

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION ² (*The congregation joins in singing where indicated*)

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Introduction: (*Silent Confession*)

Sung by a soloist:

I confess to you, O Lord, that I have sinned.
I confess to you, O Lord, all my sin within.
I have failed to live for you
In the things I say and do,
And have fallen short of living in your love.

Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, set me free.
O forgive me, Lord, I pray
And take my sin away,
By the cross and empty grave for my soul.

¹ The Invocation, which uses the words spoken over us at our baptisms, remind us of who we are (children of God) and what we are members of—the church of God on earth.

² This confession directs our hearts to the fount of forgiveness we find in baptism. Here we find a beautiful reminder to think in these terms: “I am baptized.” Every day we live in baptismal grace and confidence in God’s forgiving promise.

 Congregation sings:

I confess to you, O Lord, that I have sinned.
I confess to you, O Lord, all my sin within.
I have placed myself above,
And have hurt the ones I love,
And I know that only you can set me free.

Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, set me free.
O forgive me, Lord, I pray
And take my sin away,
By the cross and empty grave for my soul.

Sung by a soloist:

Take us back to the water.
Wash away our sins.
Welcome us, O Father,
Back to your home again.
Bless your sons and daughters,
And let the feast begin,
Let it begin!

 Congregation sings:

Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, set me free.
O forgive me, Lord, I pray
And take my sin away,
By the cross and empty grave for my soul.

ABSOLUTION:

P: The Lord has had mercy on you and has sent his Son Jesus Christ as the atoning sacrifice for your sins. By his Word and promise I declare to you the forgiveness of all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You are forgiven. You are set free.

🎵 ***Congregation sings:***

You take us back to the water.
You wash away our sins.
You welcome us, O Father,
Back to your home again.
You bless your sons and daughters.
Now let the feast begin,
Let it begin!

Lord, your mercy covers me.
Lord, your mercy has set me free.
You've forgiven me today,
And my sins are washed away
By the cross and empty grave for my soul. *(repeat)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY ³

P: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

³ No matter how earnestly we would ever seek God's kingdom, God is always more pleased to give it through the merits of his Son. This prayer comes from the Leonine Sacramentary (ca. A.D. 500).

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON: 1 KINGS 17:1-6 ⁴

¹Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word.”

²Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: ³“Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there.”

⁵So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. ⁶The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

SECOND LESSON: EPHESIANS 1:3-10 ⁵

³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

⁴ In dark times with a wicked king, the Lord provided food for his faithful prophet.

⁵ God provided for our eternal needs by choosing us to be his beloved children.

P: Alleluia. He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Alleluia.

481 ALLELUIA! LET PRAISES RING

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Let prais-es ring! To God the Fa - ther

let us bring our songs of ad - o - ra - tion.

To him through ev - er - last - ing days be wor - ship,

hon - or, pow'r, and praise whose hand sus-tains cre - a - tion.

Sing - ing, ring - ing: ho - ly, ho - ly, God is ho - ly;

spread the sto - ry of our God, the Lord of glo - ry.

⁶ The Verse of the Day, traditionally called the Alleluia (a Latinized form of the Hebrew word meaning “praise the Lord”) highlights a text of particular relevance to the theme of the day.

GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 14:13-21⁷

¹³When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

¹⁶Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

¹⁷"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

¹⁸"Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.



⁷ Jesus graciously provides for the needs of a great multitude.

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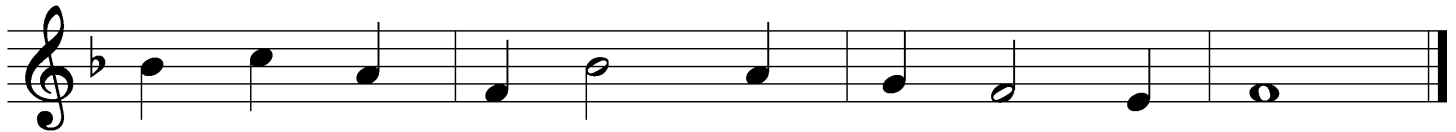
1 Not un - to us, not un - to us be glo - ry, Lord;
 2 A - maz - ing grace— that chose us ere the worlds were made;
 3 O faith - ful love— that shep - herd - ed through faith - less years;
 4 Not un - to us but to your name be glo - ry, Lord,



not un - to us but to your name be praise;
 a - maz - ing grace— that sent your Son to save;
 for - giv - ing love— that led us to your truth;
 for grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.



not un - to us but to your name all hon - or be giv'n
 a - maz - ing grace— that robed us in your right - eous - ness
 un - yield - ing love— that would not let us turn— from you
 A - bide with us till trav - 'ling days are o - ver and done,



for match - less mer - cy, for - give - ness, and grace.
 and taught our lips to sing glo - ry and praise.
 but sent us forth to speak par - don and peace.
 and pil - grim feet lead us home, Lord, to you.

We Preach Christ Crucified

- I. As clay jars
- II. With God's power

¹And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ²For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. ⁴My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.



⁸ The Sermon is the Word of God, proclaiming the living voice of the Gospel to God's people. The preacher is the appointed representative who illuminates the Scripture for the congregation and applies it to our contemporary situation. He is neither lecturer nor entertainer, but a link through whom the Holy Spirit brings law and gospel to bear upon the hearts and minds of the worshiper and enlivens their faith and life.

NICENE CREED⁹

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,**

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

⁹ The Nicene Creed is the great Confession of the Christian faith professed by all Christians. The Creed originated at the First Council of Nicaea (c. A.D. 325) and was finalized at the First Council of Constantinople (c. A.D. 381), which are respectively known as the First and Second Ecumenical Councils of the Church. The Creed itself was crafted as a clear confession of Scripture – that the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit are God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING

The members of Christ Our Savior have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. An offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary. We also offer an electronic giving option. If you would like to start giving your weekly offering electronically, please go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "Vanco Mobile" to download the App for free or use this QR Code:



This offering is a joyful response of our faith; so, if you are visiting with us this morning, we do not want you to feel obligated. Please stand for the next hymn.

509 FEED YOUR CHILDREN, GOD MOST HOLY

Feed your chil - dren, God most ho - ly; com - fort sin - ners

poor and low - ly. Je - sus, bread of life from heav - en, bless the

food you here have giv - en. As these gifts the bod - y nour - ish,

may our souls in grac - es flour - ish till with saints in

heav'n - ly splen - dor at your feast due thanks we ren - der.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE ORDER OF COMMUNION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

SANCTUS ¹⁰



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



¹⁰ *Sanctus* means "holy." The body and blood of our Lord are present in this Sacrament, and so we use the words of the angels from Isaiah 6 and of the Palm Sunday crowds from Matthew 21 to acknowledge the holy presence of God in this meal. Take note of the intense reverence of God's holiness in this song. We pray that we may daily show such reverence.

THE WORDS OF THE INSTITUTION ¹¹

P: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take and eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to them, and said: "Drink of it all of you. This is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. ¹²

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD ¹³

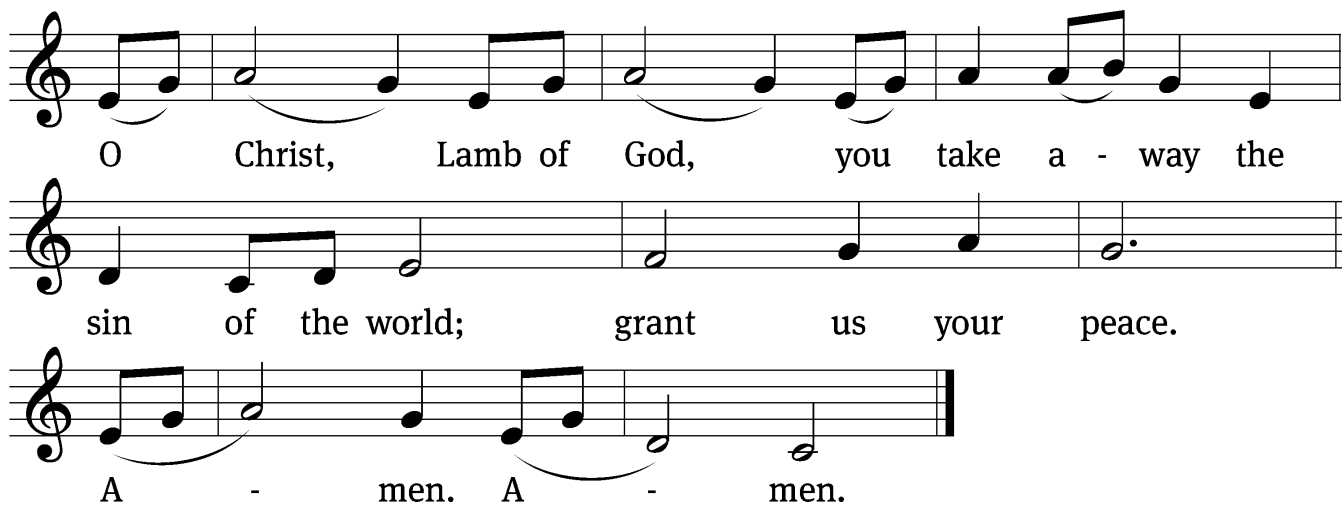
The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff contains the lyrics "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the". The second staff contains the lyrics "sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.". The third staff contains the lyrics "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the". The fourth staff contains the lyrics "sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.". The music is in a simple, melodic style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and ties.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

¹¹ As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus (Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22; 1 Corinthians 11) to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death, which is necessary for this Sacrament.

¹² "The peace of the Lord..." The resurrected Lord calmed the fears of his disciples with his peace. The resurrected Lord is present in the Supper, and so the pastor speaks to us on his behalf (John 20:19–21, 26).

¹³ With the words of John the Baptist, the *Agnus Dei* confesses the mercy and peace that we receive from the Lamb of God in his Supper. He gave of himself – body and blood – that we may receive forgiveness, life, and salvation through that very body and blood in this meal.



DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Christ Our Savior practices "close communion". This means that we ask that only members of Christ Our Savior or those who have spoken to the pastor in advance take communion. We do this out of love and concern for our fellow men and women, for the Scripture clearly says, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself." (1 Corinthians 11:28-29) In communion we have a very close form of fellowship with our fellow Christians and we need to be sure that we stand together on the teachings of the Scripture. We read in 1 Timothy 4:16, "Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers."

PERSONAL PRAYER FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, with joy and gratitude I now come to your table to receive the precious food of your life-giving body and blood. May it strengthen me to remain in you as you remain in me, so that I bear much fruit in devoted service to you and in acts of kindness to others. Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON ¹⁴

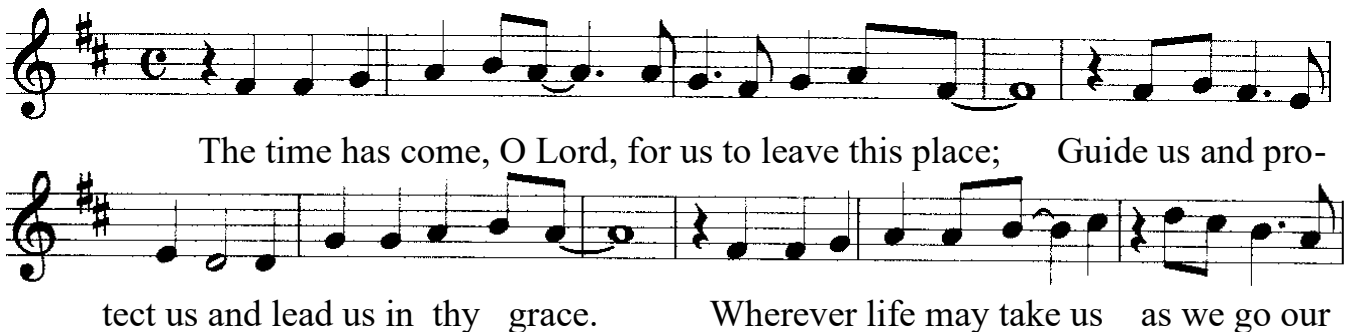
O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!

LORD'S BLESSING ¹⁵

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

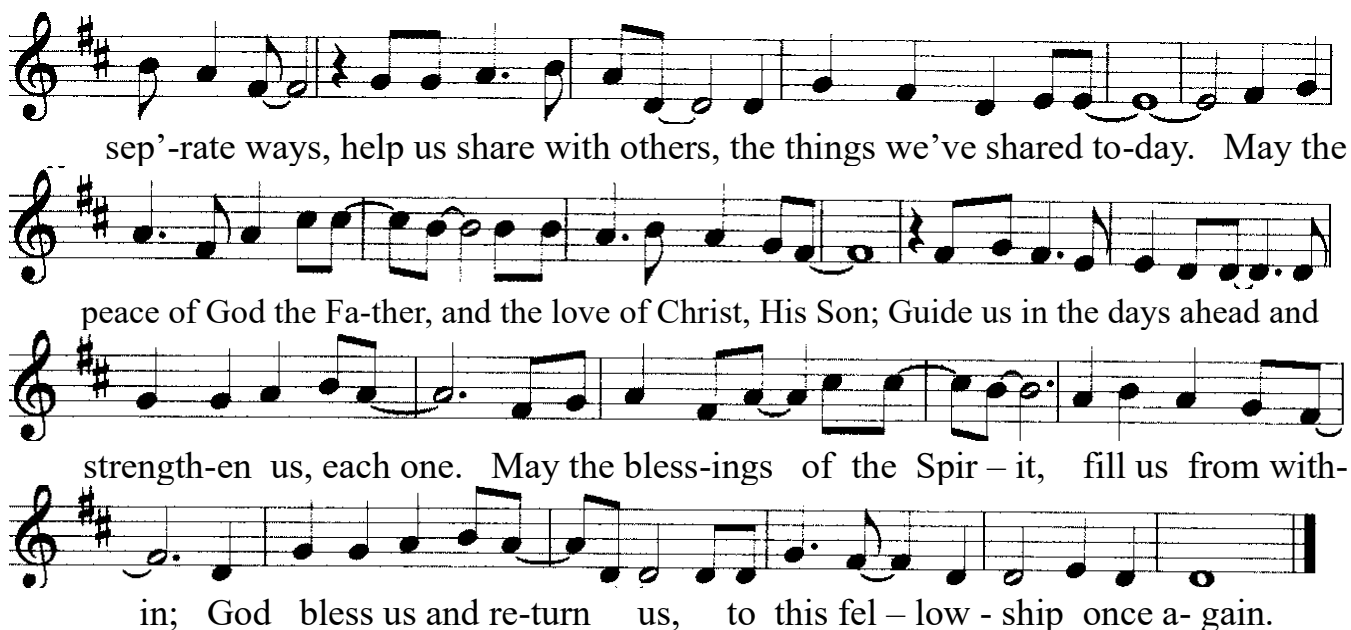
A CLOSING PRAYER



The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place; Guide us and protect us and lead us in thy grace. Wherever life may take us as we go our

¹⁴ The *Nunc Dimittis*, which is Latin for "Now you dismiss", is a song that uses the words of the priest, Simeon, found in Luke 2. The Lord promised Simeon that he would see the Savior with his own eyes before his death. When Mary and Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the temple, Simeon held the Son of God in his hands. Out of thanks for the fulfillment of his promise, Simeon praised God with these words.

¹⁵ The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them." (cf. Numbers 6:27) As we began the service with the Lord's name, so we are sent out in his name.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The altar flowers are given by Sam and Sara Novak in celebration of their 5th wedding anniversary.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

1 Kings 19:9-18

Romans 8:28-39

Matthew 14:22-33

SERVING THEIR SAVIOR AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 9:

Flowers: Gumm

Nursery: 8:30am—Jennifer Walters and Delaney Pfund
11:00am—Lisa Seltz

Ushers: 8:30am—Charlie Davis and Larry Philo
11:00am—Scott Wernert and Derek Zivolich

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR:

Sunday Worship	8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
Sunday School, Adult and Teen Bible Study	9:45-10:45 AM
Thursday Night Worship	7:00 PM
Lord's Supper	1 st and 3 rd Sundays
Youth Confirmation	Sundays, 6 PM (begins 9/13)
Bible 101	Tuesdays, 7:00 PM
Canvassing	Wednesdays, 6:00 PM
Ladies Bible Study	August 12, 10:00 AM
Iron Sharpens Iron (<i>Men's group</i>)	2 nd Saturday of each month, 8:30 AM
Pastor Westra Farewell	August 2
High School Cookout	8/23, 4-7 PM



Want to hear more from us? Use this QR code to sign up for our weekly devotion and newsletter.

Pastor Westra Farewell: Today is Pastor and Deb Westra's final Sunday at Christ Our Savior. Please join us as we thank both of them for their many years of service. There will be a reception with a meal from 12:30 to 2:30 following the second service.

Pre-call meeting: All are invited to join us Sunday, August 2, during the Bible Study hour at 9:45am, for a pre-call meeting. Pastor Westra will share with the congregation information about the call process in our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. Our hope is to move forward with plans to call for a second pastor here at Christ Our Savior as approved by the church council.

Call Meeting: Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church will hold a call meeting on or after Sunday, August 9. More details will follow.

Adult Bible Study: The Christian church can sometimes look like a mess. That has always been true. Paul's inspired first epistle to the Corinthian church is a very

practical book of the Bible. The problems and difficulties of the Corinthian congregation are in many instances the same as we experience today. The apostle deals with them all in light of the cross and the atoning work of Christ. Join us during the Bible study hour (9:45am) on Sunday mornings as we study 1 Corinthians to approach the practical matters of Christian living. **Please note there is no Adult Bible Class or Sunday School today.**

Canvassing: Canvassing efforts continue this week. We would love to have many involved in our attempts to reach those who don't know Christ with the life-saving message of the gospel. We will meet at church at 6:00 pm each Wednesday night. If you are unsure, please note you will partner with an experienced canvasser and receive "on the job" training. Please consider giving canvassing a try! We would love for you to join the canvassing team this summer on Wednesday nights.

Confirmation: Youth confirmation classes will begin on September 13th at 6pm. Please contact the pastoral staff or email the church office (office@coslutheran.com) if you have a child entering 7th or 8th grade.

The Well Outreach – Jetpack Volunteers Needed: Help make a difference for local children. The Well Outreach is a local organization that provides food for those in need, including weekend meals for over 1,400 students who may not have enough at home. Volunteers pack simple, nutritious food for children to take home each Friday in a Jetpack. We're organizing a group from Christ Our Savior to serve at the Spring Hill location every 3rd Saturday of the month from 9:30–10:30 AM during this school year. Our first opportunity is Saturday, 8/15. Sign up on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary to join us!

COS High School Youth Cookout: The COS high school youth (9th-12th grade) will be having a cookout on Sunday, 8/23 @ 4 PM until 7 PM at Adam and Melissa Moore's house. Swimming will also be available for those who are interested. Please RSVP on the signup sheet outside the sanctuary or email john.dale@coslutheran.com if you plan to attend.

Nursery Volunteers: Volunteers are needed to staff the nursery during both services. Please contact Lisa Seltz (paulandlisag95@yahoo.com) if you are interested in helping.

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