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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.

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 12, 2025

CAUSE/EFFECT—GENEROSITY/GRATITUDE



SERIES THEME:

"Every why hath a wherefore." That was Shakespeare's poetic way of saying that very little happens by chance. Generally, there is an agent behind an action. There is cause and effect. And to navigate life well, it is vital we understand both. If you want to effect a healthy heart, you need to know the causes of heart disease. Before a major purchase causes you to go into debt, you need to think about the effect it will have on your budget. If you want the peace of being close to God, you need to know what causes that effect. Again, to navigate life well, it is vital we understand cause and effect.

We are nearing the end of the Church Year. This past year, we have reviewed Jesus' life and teaching. The Scripture readings in these final weeks recall some of the major themes that are woven throughout the Church Year. In this final series we will be looking at those themes with the understanding that "every why hath a wherefore." We conclude the year by talking about cause and effect in God's kingdom.

THEME OF THE DAY:

Gratitude is the appreciation we feel when someone does something kind to us or for us. There are two factors that affect the intensity of gratitude. First, there is the deservedness factor. Say you do a favor for your neighbor. A month later, your neighbor does a favor for you. You are grateful, but not overwhelmingly so, because you deserved his help to some degree. However, if you have been an unkind or selfish neighbor, and yet your neighbor provides help when you are in need, you are extremely grateful precisely because you know you are undeserving. Second, there is the generosity factor. Imagine you pick up the mail for your neighbor for the three days he is out of town. When he gets back, he gives you a hundred-dollar bill. You might protest, *"This is too generous!"* He insists, and so you are very grateful.

Apply this to God. The deservedness factor. How deserving are we of his blessing? What does God owe us? The generosity factor. What has God done for us? What blessings has he given us now? What blessings has he promised us in eternity? As we answer those questions, we are stunned by the undeserved generosity our God has shown us. The effect? We overflow with gratitude.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

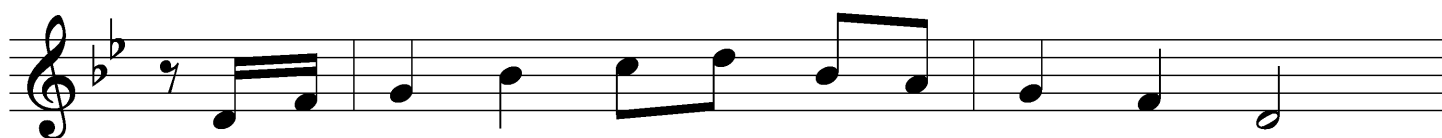
868 BY FAITH



1 By faith we see the hand of God
2 By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth
3 By faith the proph - ets saw a day



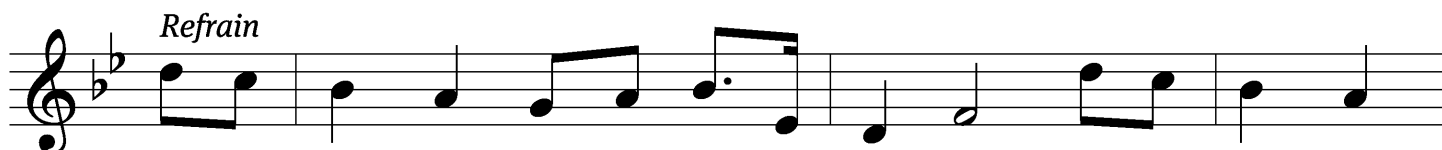
in the light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign,
with the pow'r of his prom - ise in their hearts,
when the longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear



in the lives of those who prove his faith - ful - ness,
of a ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death



who walk by faith and not by sight. v. 2
a place where peace and jus - tice reign. *Refrain*
and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. v. 4



We will stand as chil - dren of the prom - ise; we will fix our



4 By faith the church was called to go
in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
to deliver captives and to preach good news
in ev'ry corner of the earth. *Refrain*

5 By faith this mountain shall be moved
and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
for we know in Christ all things are possible
for all who call upon his name. *Refrain*

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INVOCATION¹

P: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

C: Amen.

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ²

- P: Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.
- C: **I confess that I am by nature sinful. I am guilty of many sins. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me.**

Silence for personal confession.

- P: For all this I am sorry. I pray for forgiveness.
- C: **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.**
- P: Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?
- C: **Yes, I believe.**
- P: By the authority of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**
- P: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. You are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

² Publicly confessing sins might seem like a strange practice to those not familiar with it. But to confess our sins is to speak the truth about our lives. To confess our sin is to state our agreement with God's just verdict that we have sinned against him and so deserve only death and hell (1 John 1:8-10). The truth of our sinfulness is answered by the truth of God's forgiveness for the sake of the suffering and death of his Son. From the lips of a pastor "called and ordained" as a servant of the Word, we hear God himself speaking absolution – that is, the forgiveness of sins. To that forgiveness faith says, "Amen," that is, "Truth."

C: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgression from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love endures forever.

P: Go in peace.

C: Amen.

517 PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS

1 Praise the one who breaks the dark-ness with a lib-er-er
 2 Praise the one who blessed the chil-dren with a strong, yet
 at-ing light; praise the one who frees the pris-ners, turn-ing
 gen-tle, word; praise the one who drove out de-mons with the
 blind-ness in-to sight. Praise the one who preached the
 pierc-ing, two-edged sword. Praise the one who brings cool
 gos-pel, heal-ing ev-ry dread dis-ease, calm-ing
 wa-ter to the des-ert's burn-ing sand; from this
 storms and feed-ing thou-sands with the Fa-ther's word of peace.
 well comes liv-ing wa-ter, quench-ing thirst in ev-ry land.

PRAYER OF THE DAY ³

P: Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BAPTISM OF ELI JAMES HINTZ (8:30 SERVICE)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 8:15-22

¹⁵Then God said to Noah, ¹⁶“Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. ¹⁷Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it.”

¹⁸So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. ¹⁹All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another.

²⁰Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. ²¹The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.

³ God's mercy is the basis of all his generosity toward us, including the generosity that prompts him to cleanse us from our sins in Christ. This prayer comes from the Gelasian Sacramentary (c. 750 AD).

²²"As long as the earth endures,
seedtime and harvest,
cold and heat,
summer and winter,
day and night
will never cease."

517 PRAISE THE ONE WHO BREAKS THE DARKNESS

3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered
in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious that we
may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and
glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done; let us
praise the true Re - deem - er, praise the one who makes us one.

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SECOND LESSON: 2 CORINTHIANS 9:10-15 ⁴

¹⁰Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

¹¹You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

¹²This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

VERSE OF THE DAY ⁵

PSALM 105:1

P: Alleluia. Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Alleluia.

605 FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let the Cre -

a - tor's praise a - rise. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung through ev - 'ry

⁴ Our gratitude for God's generosity to us will naturally include a willingness to be generous with others.

⁵The 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.



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GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 17:11-19⁶

¹¹Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

¹⁴When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

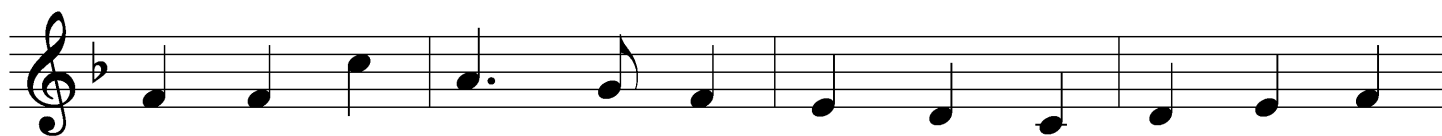
¹⁵One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”



⁶Ten men believed that Jesus could save them from leprosy, but only one understood the undeserved generosity of Jesus. That one man threw himself at Jesus’ feet in gratitude.

624 PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
 4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
 5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your
 reign - ing and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 made you, health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
 fend you; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear now to his
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen how all that's
 fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief ev - er has
 dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



tem - ple draw near, join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 need - ful has been sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 failed of re - lief? Wings of his mer - cy did shade you.
 might - y can do as with his love he be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

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How Do We Say “Thank You”?

APOSTLES’ CREED⁸

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.	2 Cor. 6:18 Is. 51:13
I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.	1 Cor. 8:6; Jn. 3:18 Lk. 1:35 Lk. 1:34; 2:7 Lk. 23:16 Mt. 27:32-61 et al. 1 Pet. 3:19 1 Cor. 15:4b Ac. 2:33-34 Heb. 1:13 Mt. 25:31; 2 Tim. 4:1
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.	Mt. 3:16-17 Eph. 5:23 Eph. 4:3-6 Rom. 4:6-8 Ecc. 12:7 1 Th. 4:17

⁷The 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.

⁸ Having heard the Word of God, we confess our faith in his name. The creed is our saying back to God what he has first said to us. In the Creed we acclaim the truth of the triune God and his work of salvation accomplished for us in his incarnate Son, Jesus Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Philippians 2:11).

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.

623 O BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with-in me join and
2 O bless the Lord, my soul, nor let his mer - cies lie for -



aid my tongue to bless his name whose fa - vors are di - vine.
got - ten in un - thank - ful - ness and with - out prais - es die.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH ⁹

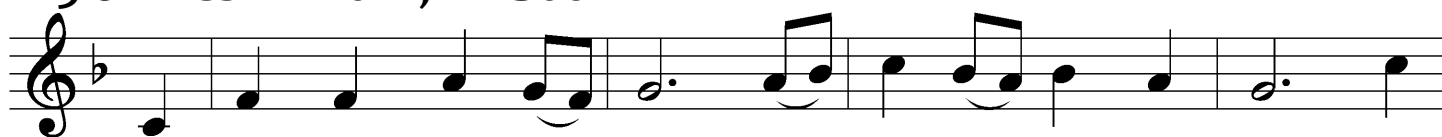
LORD'S PRAYER ¹⁰

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.

⁹ Through the Prayer of the Church we heed Christ's command to "love one another." One of the greatest forms of love we can show for our neighbor is to pray for them.

¹⁰ The Lord's Prayer is a prayer given us by Christ himself. Daily the baptized people of God pray. The Lord's Prayer is both a prayer to pray and a model for all our prayers.

623 O BLESS THE LORD, MY SOUL



3 'Tis he for - gives your sins, 'tis he re - lieves your pain, 'tis
4 He fills the poor with good; he gives the suf - f'ers rest. The
5 His won-drous works and ways he made by Mo - ses known but



he that heals your sick - ness - es and makes you young a - gain.
Lord has judg - ments for the proud and jus - tice for th'op - pressed.
sent the world his truth and grace by his be - lov - ed Son.

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THE LORD'S BLESSING ¹¹

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.



¹¹ As we began the service with the Lord's name, so we are sent out in his name. Worshippers may make the sign of the cross on themselves as they are encouraged to live each day with Baptismal confidence, knowing that they have the Lord's blessing and presence with them.

597 NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD



- 1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
with ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en,



who from our moth-ers' arms has blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace and guide us when per-plexed
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS:

The altar flowers are given by Matthew and Haven Jacobs in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Genesis 32:22-30 1 John 5:13-15 Luke 18:1-8

SERVING THEIR SAVIOR AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 19:

Flowers: Kardatzke
Nursery: 8:30am—Jamie and Sawyer Davis
 11:00am—Shelle and Ava Jones
Ushers: 8:30am—Ryan Hintz/Christopher Fowler
 11:00am—Larry Williams/Derek Zivolich
Landscaping: Tim Hintz (10/18-10/31)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR:

Sunday Worship	8:30 AM & 11:00 AM
Thursday Worship	7:00 PM
Sunday School, Adult & Teen Bible Study	9:45-10:45 AM
Lord's Supper	1 st and 3 rd Sundays
Youth Confirmation	Sundays, 6:00 PM
Sunday Night Bible Study	Sundays, 6:00 PM
Bible 101	Tuesdays, 7:00 PM
Choir	Wednesdays, 7:00 PM
Women's Bible Study	2 nd & 4 th Wednesdays, 10:00 AM
Iron Sharpens Iron (<i>Men's group</i>)	November 1, 8:30 AM
Sunday School Singing	October 19, 8:30 & 11:00
Fall Festival	10/25, 4-8 PM



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Adult Bible Study: The New Testament book of Colossians was written by the Apostle Paul to the church in Colosse. Like many New Testament letters, it was written to combat false teaching. The false teaching in Colosse was one that has made a resurgence in modern America: Gnosticism. Gnosticism is the claim that Jesus is not enough, and that you need deeper, secret knowledge to truly know God. Paul writes this letter to the Colossians to stress the all-sufficiency of Christ. Join us on Sunday mornings during the Bible study hour at 9:45am as we mine this timeless letter for the godly treasures it contains.

Adult Bible Study October 12: Join us on Sunday, October 12th at 9:45 AM in the sanctuary as we explore some ways God helps us to be prepared to share Jesus both individually and together as a congregation.

Advent by Candlelight Hostesses Needed: Preparation has begun for Advent by Candlelight, which will be held on Friday, December 5th, at 7:00pm. This year's theme is "Symbols of the Season." Information about this event and sign-ups for hostesses, readers, and greeters are posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship area. Please contact Sarah Crass or Melissa Moore with any questions.

Sunday School Singing: The Sunday School students will sing during both services on October 19th. Please have your children at church by 8:10 on that Sunday for a final practice.

Fall Festival & Trunk-or-Treat: Everyone is welcome to the fellowship and fun at the Fall Festival on Saturday, October 25th from 4pm-8pm here at our church. There will be food, a soup/chili cookoff, games, and pumpkin contests from 4pm-6pm. Trunk-or-Treat for the entire community will be in the parking lot starting at 6pm. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the fellowship area if you plan to bring food and/or decorate a trunk.

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