

Sunday & Monday October 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025



**Christ FOR Us**



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## Christ FOR Us

*Our synod's 175th anniversary theme is "Christ Through Us." That can only be understood properly if we first establish the concept of "Christ For Us" (Christus pro nobis in Latin). Jesus Christ's life, death, and resurrection were not for his own benefit but specifically for humanity's salvation. He lived a perfect life, fulfilling God's law on behalf of sinners, and his death was a substitutionary atonement for our sins. The phrase "for us" underscores the idea that salvation is entirely a gift, granted by God through Christ's actions, and is not earned by human effort or merit.*

*"Christ For Us" is central to the Bible's explanation of justification, where believers are declared righteous before God solely on the basis of Christ's work, received through faith. Christ's vicarious suffering and resurrection assure Christians that God's wrath against sin has been fully satisfied, and through Christ, we are reconciled to God.*

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### What an Awesome God (K-8 at 8am)

*Words and Music by Rich Mullins, Phil Wickham, and Jonathan Smith*

*God is great, give Him all the praise, Hallelujah, Name above all names.*

*Fire in His eyes, healing in His veins; ev'rywhere His glory on display.*

*Take a look at those stars; He can name 'em all. Before His throne ev'ry knee falls.*

*The demons have to run, the angels have to praise; Even the wind and waves obey.*

*Refrain: Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from Heaven above with wisdom, pow'r and love. Our God is an awesome God. (2x)*

*Even when I ran, He didn't run away; He came and put death back in its place.*

*Friday on the cross, broken for my shame; Sunday morning rose up from the grave.*

*Take a look at those scars on His hands and feet; He saved our souls for eternity.*

*Worthy is the Lamb, glory to the King. Oh, let all the saints and the angels sing, (Refrain)*

*Eyes on the sky, there will be a day He will come and wipe our tears away.*

*No more fear, no more pain; no more sorrow, sin or shame. The King is coming back again, a reign of love that will never end. For everything You've done and everything You do, and everything You are, I'll sing to You.*

*My God, You're an awesome God. You're great in all You do. I'm made to worship You.*

*My God You're an awesome God. What an awesome, awesome God You are.*

*No one like You, none beside You God, we worship You. (Refrain x3)*

### God is so Good (3k & 4k at 10:30)

*God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, He's so good to me!*

*He answers prayers, He answers prayers, He answers prayers, He's so good to me!*

*I praise His Name, I praise His Name, I praise His Name, He's so good to me!*

### In Christ Alone (Monday)

CW 510 sts. 1-3

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## **Confession**

CW 173

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **Lord, Have Mercy**

CW 174

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **In Christ Alone**

CW 510 st. 4

### **The Word**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

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.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

### **First Reading**

Genesis 8:15–22

*Human beings falling into sin led to God promising a Savior.*

<sup>15</sup>Then God said to Noah, <sup>16</sup>“Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. <sup>17</sup>Bring 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.”

<sup>18</sup>So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. <sup>19</sup>All 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.

<sup>20</sup>Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. <sup>21</sup>The 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.

<sup>22</sup>“As long as the earth endures,  
seedtime and harvest,  
cold and heat,  
summer and winter,  
day and night  
will never cease.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## O God, Our Help in Ages Past

CW 820

### Second Reading & Sermon Text

Romans 5:8–10

*Christ died for us, and we are reconciled to God.*

<sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup>Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! <sup>10</sup>For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

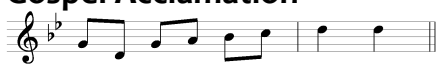
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### Gospel Acclamation

CW 179



*Refrain*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Tone*



*Refrain*

Your words are my joy and my heart's de - light.

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## **Gospel**

John 1:9–14

*Jesus Christ is light, grace, and truth for us, his children.*

<sup>9</sup>The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup>He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— <sup>13</sup>children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## **Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

CW 920

### **Sermon**

**Pastor Matt Holtz**

*Stand*

### **Apostles' Creed**

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

**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.**

**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.**

*Be seated*

## Prayer of the Church

### Offering & WELS Connection

#### God Loves Me Dearly

CW 583

*Stand*

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

#### Blessing

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.

**Amen.**

#### Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

CW 573 sts. 1–2, 5–6

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Preacher: Matt Holtz

Presiding Minister: Justin Shrum

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Guitar: Jon Cherney

8am Soloist: Reagan Edwards

### **Service Teams:**

8:00 a.m.      Team Abitz; AV: To. Falck

10:30 a.m.    Team Blob; AV: K. Runkel

6:00 p.m.      Team Paulson