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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2025

WELCOME



Worship Series: Christ Through Us

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The overarching theme for this year's WELS 175th anniversary celebration is "Christ Through Us." We recognize God's many blessings to us over the years of our synod's history. By God's grace, missionaries went out, churches were planted, little children were welcome into God's family, and countless heard the name of Jesus. For the blessings outpoured, we thank God. Over the next three weeks, our worship follows this pattern:

- Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Christ FOR Us
- Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Christ THROUGH Us
- Festival of The Reformation Christ WITH Us

Today's Focus: 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.

Opening Hymn

920 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful all the gifts they
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing-kind - ness,
ask to gain; what they gain from you for - ev - er
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion speak with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin, c. 8th cent., abr.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, abr., alt.
Tune: Henry Purcell, 1659–1695, adapt.
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In the name of the Father and of the $\dagger$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

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

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the $\dagger$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

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.

Glory to God in the Highest

The musical score is written on ten staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is composed of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are printed below the staves, aligned with the corresponding notes. The text is as follows:

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God,
heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth.
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

peo - ple on earth. For you a -

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men. A - men.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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.

First Reading

Genesis 8:15–22

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 133

How ver - y good and pleas - ant when we live in
u - ni - ty. It is like pre - cious oil, like
fresh morn - ing dew. We gath - er here to -
geth - er with our hearts and voic - es raised to
God, who's the cen - ter of our u - ni - ty in praise!

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with lyrics underneath. A triplet of eighth notes is marked above the second staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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Second Reading

2 Corinthians 9:10–15

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 105:1



Refrain



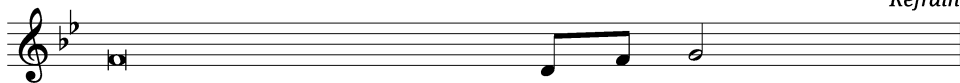
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



Give praise to the LORD, pro - claim his name;

Refrain



make known among the nations what he has done.

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Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

820 O God, Our Help in Ages Past



- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
soon bears us all away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.
Tune: William Croft, 1678–1727
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Sermon

Nicene Creed

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 truly 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.

Prayer of the Church

Offering

The Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

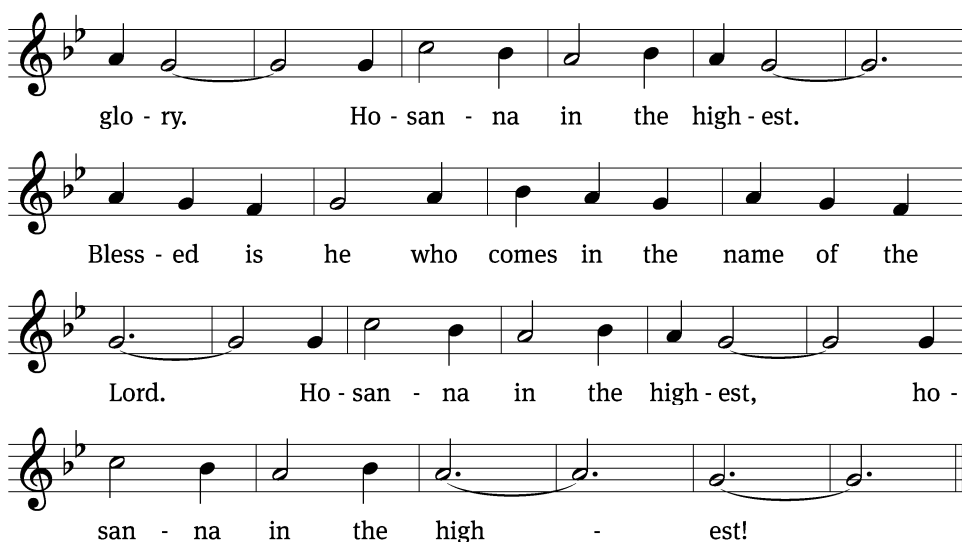
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my $\dagger$ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my $\dagger$ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God



Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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Distribution Hymn

675 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we him whose love di - vine gives his
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal
our vic - to - rious King, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 thro' the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
 hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie.
 You have conquered in the fight,
 you have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
 now no more the grave enthrall;
 you have opened paradise,
 and your saints in you shall rise.
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 newborn souls in you to be.
 Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days,
 Three in One, your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

Text: Latin, c. 4th-10th cent., alt. 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt.
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Distribution Hymn

672 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man like - ness,
 on the way as the Light from Light, de - scend - ing
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence



for with bless - ing in his hand Christ, our God, to earth de -
 in the bod - y and the blood he will give to all the
 from the realms of end - less day, comes the pow'rs of hell to
 as with cease-less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ing, comes our hom - age to com - mand.
 faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
 van - quish as the dark-ness clears a - way.
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829–1885, alt.
 Tune: French, 17th cent.
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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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.

Closing Hymn

673 O Lord, We Praise You | V. 3

3 May God be - stow on us his grace and fa - vor
that we fol - low Christ our Sav - ior and live to -
geth - er here in love and un - ion, nor de - spise this
blest com - mun - ion. O Lord, have mer - cy!

Let not your good Spir - it for - sake us; grant that
 heav'n - ly - mind - ed he make us. Give your Church, Lord, to see
 days of peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.
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OUR MISSION

As a family of believers, the mission of First Evangelical Lutheran Church is to glorify God by growing in the faith of our Savior Jesus Christ and by sharing the good news of His Word with others.

OUR INVITATION

It is a privilege for us to share with you the assurance Jesus offers about how imperfect people like us can enjoy a right relationship with our holy Creator.

Our church services are designed to be Christ-centered worship and include three main elements: God speaks to us in His Word, we respond with praises and prayers, and we encourage each other.

We are eager to have you learn more about the Triune God and about our church. If you are looking for a spiritual family in which you can be at home, please speak with our pastor.