Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost October 12, 2025

As We Gather - Nobody likes to suffer. Yet, the reality is, in our broken and sinful world, suffering is inevitable. More than that, we who bear the name of Christ from Baptism will face suffering in our primary vocation as followers of Christ. Though the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh are enemies that are never to be taken lightly, we are reminded that in the sufferings of Christ, all sufferings are overcome—not by our efforts or fortitude, but by and through Christ alone, who has suffered for us, endured the cross and its shame, and risen to declare the ultimate victory won. This is what Paul knew and, more than that, believed throughout his many times of suffering and even imprisonment as he writes to Timothy. Nobody likes to suffer, but in times of suffering, we are empowered by faith to endure, knowing the salvation that is in and assured through Christ Jesus.

Offering and Registry of Worship Cards: Please fill out a Registry of Worship Card found in the pew racks. We ask that you print the names of every person in your family, indicating if they take communion. One side of the card is for members and the other side for guests. As the offering is collected, pass the cards to the center aisle so our ushers can gather them.

Saturday Worship: Offerings and Worship Cards will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

About Protecting the Healthy: To protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms of an infectious illness are highly encouraged to stay home. Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God's gifts in worship.

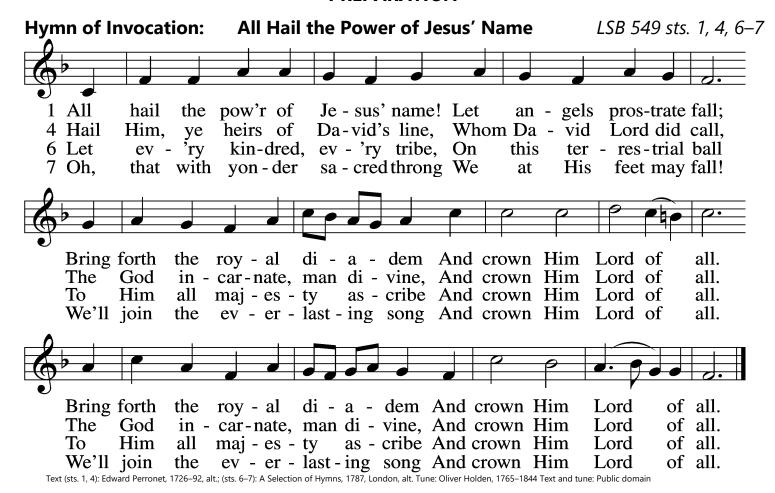
GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.

Prelude and Meditation: Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

Prelude:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Greeting and Sharing of Peace (stand)

PREPARATION



Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- ightharpoonup In the name of the Father and of the ightharpoonup Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word



- P Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised* in the city | of our God!
- My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;*

 let the humble hear | and be glad.
- P Oh, magnify the |LORD with me,* and let us exalt his name to- | gether!
- I sought the LORD, and he | answered me* and delivered me from | all my fears.
- When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears* and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
 and to the Holy | Spirit;
 as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
 Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
 in the city | of our God!

Kyrie LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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.



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



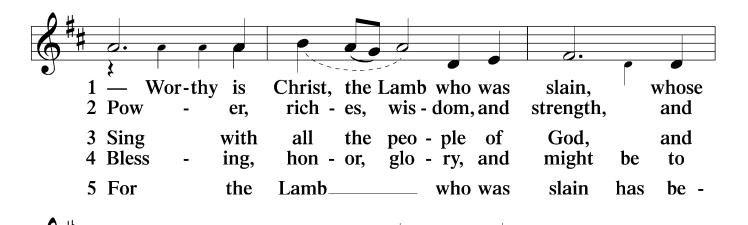
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

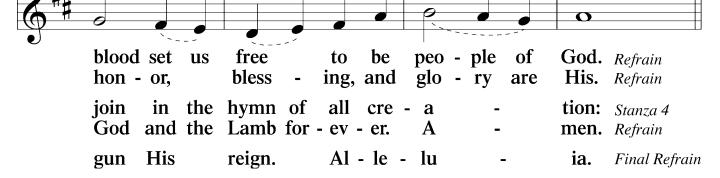


This Is the Feast LSB 155













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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ruth 1:1-19a

¹In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your

people." ¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." ¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle 2 Timothy 2:1–13

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for:

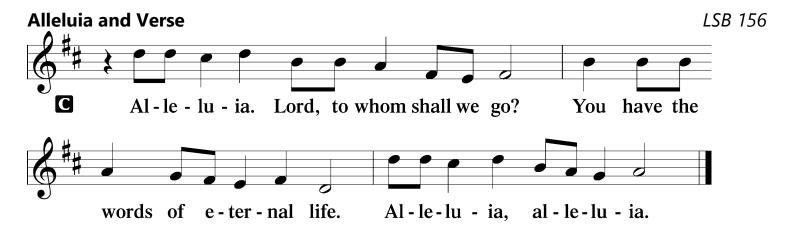
If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

- ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;
- if we deny him, he also will deny us;
- ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel Luke 17:11–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.



¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



The Introduction

Luther's Small Catechism

- **Our Father who art in heaven.**
- **P** What does this mean?
- With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

The First Petition

Luther's Small Catechism

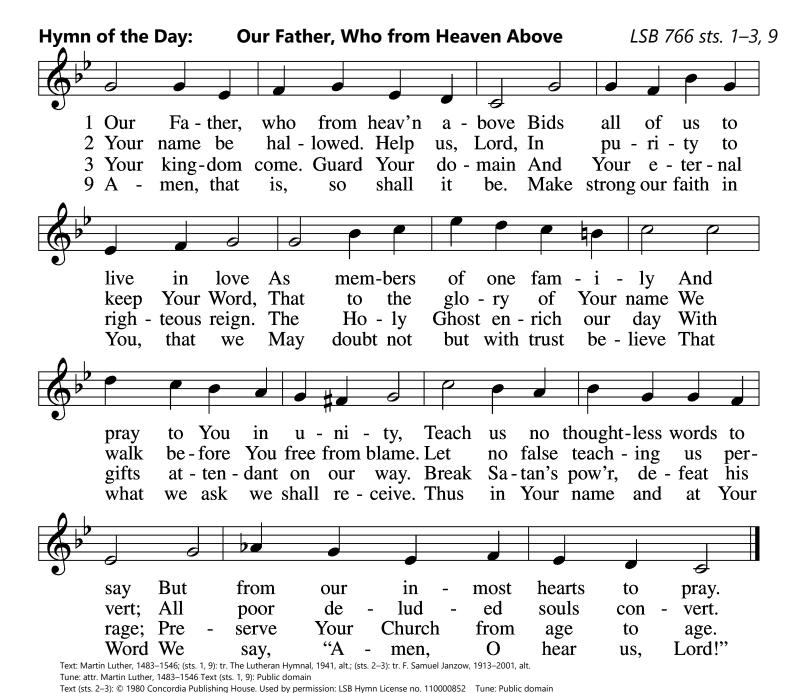
- Hallowed be Thy name.
- **P** What does this mean?
- God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.
- **P** How is God's name kept holy?
- God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

The Second Petition

- **T**hy kingdom come.
- **P** What does this mean?
- The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.
- **P** How does God's kingdom come?
- God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Children's Sermon





Sermon

"Name Dropping"
The Lord's Prayer

Apostles' Creed

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Amen.

Sit

Choir Anthem: (Sunday Only) "The Strong Name of Jesus" by Morris Chapman

Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings (Sunday Only)

Registry of Worship Cards (Sunday Only) – Please pass your completed cards to the center aisle

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 160

P The Lord be with you.



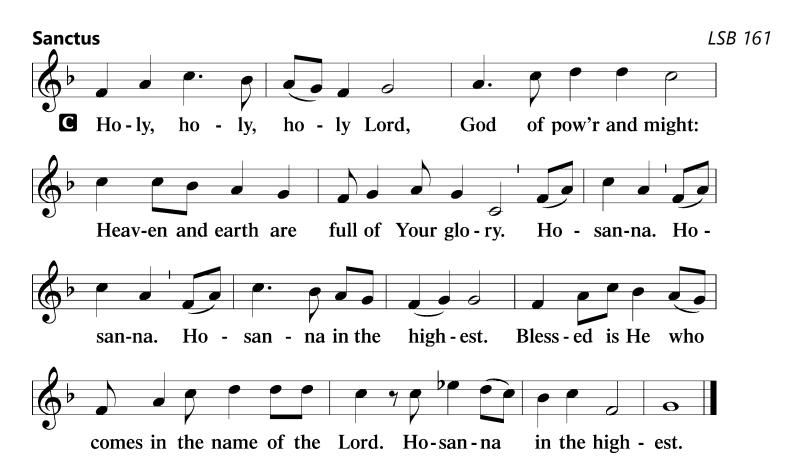
P Lift up your hearts.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My → blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

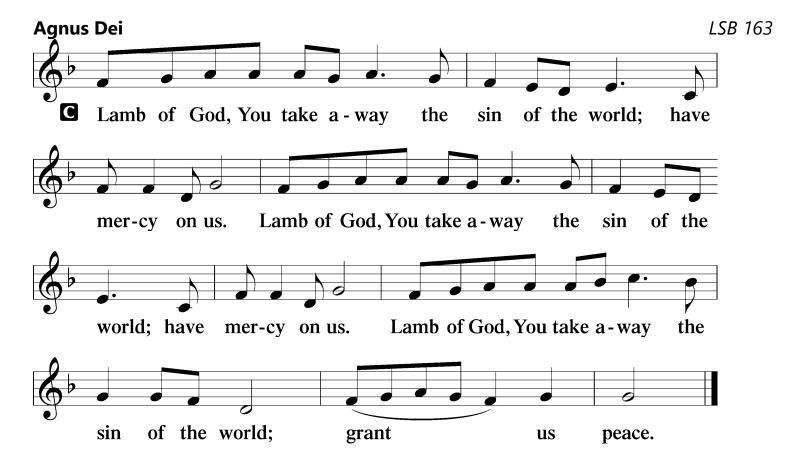
- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **G** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Pax Domini LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





Distribution

Sit

Distribution Hymns (Sunday Only)

LSB 547 The Lamb
LSB 524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
LSB 815 All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

Stand

Thank the Lord LSB 164



Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



Post-Communion Collect

(Saturday)

- **P** Let us pray.
- I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

(Sunday)

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

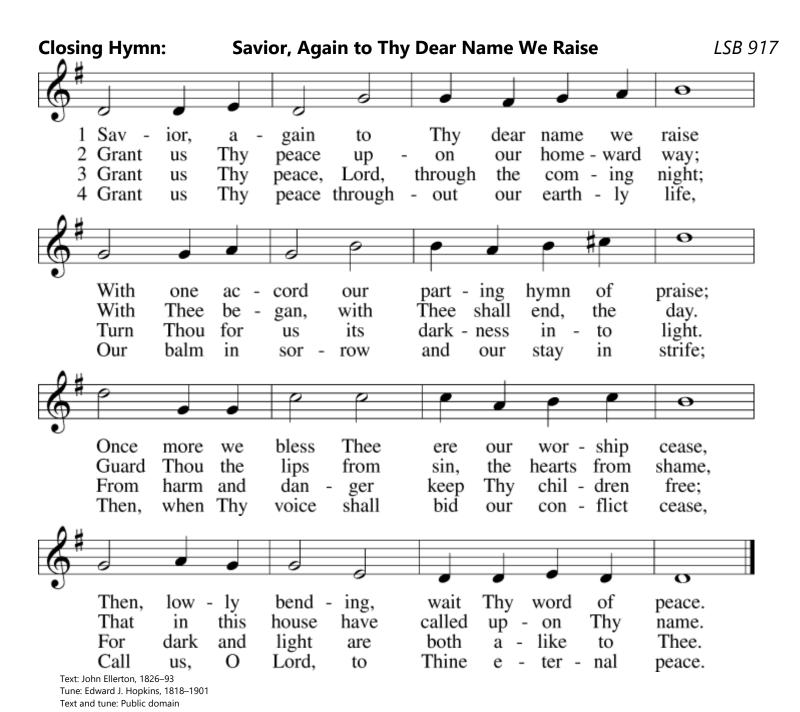
Benediction LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.





Postlude:

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LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP <u>TODAY</u>		
Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard Elena Miraztchiyska	
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<u>Saturday</u>		
Urganist	Elena Miraztchiyska Steve West	
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<u>Sunday</u>		
Elder	David Wacker Kim Kaniecki	
Lector	Kim Kaniecki	
Greeter	John T. Doherty, Jr.	
Audio	Kim Kaniecki	
Video	Video/Streaming: Kris Welch	
	GFX: Andrea Hazzard	
Altar Guild	Cheryl Erwin and Charlene Rosane	

LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP <u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>		
Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard	
Organist	Elena Miraztchiyska	
Elder	Steve Rosane	
Lector		
Greeter	Kim Kaniecki	
Audio	Matthew Alexis	
Video	Video/Streaming: Josiah Hazzard	
	GFX: Roland Feickert	
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ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship Attendance	27
Sunday Worship Attendance	100
Envelope and Loose Plate Offerings	
Simply Giving/Vanco	\$0
Paypal Offerings	\$0
Website (ShareFaith)	\$0
Total of Offerings Received	
Misc. Income, Memorials and Special Gifts	\$0

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH – Nearly all of Jesus' contemporaries would have been taught that lepers justly suffered the consequences of their own sinful decisions and were unworthy of God's compassion. Jesus, whose works are always "faithful and just" (Psalm 111:7), shows us that there is no one who is unworthy of His care and compassion. Every single person, regardless of their size, condition, or past decisions, is loved by God, precious in His sight, and covered by His redeeming grace.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWER SPONSOR - Don and Donna Racer in celebration of their 66th wedding anniversary.

BULLETIN SPONSOR - There is no Bulletin Sponsor this week.

MARY MARTHA QUILTERS - Mary Martha Quilters meet each Wednesday at 10 am. All Ladies from the congregation are invited to come. You don't have to be a quilter or know how to sew as we need people who can cut, arrange, and tie.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (SUNDAY) – Team 1 is serving today; Team 2 will serve next week. Everyone is invited! There is no charge, and a freewill offering is voluntary. Our Fellowship offerings for this Fall will be:

<u>October</u> - South American Mission <u>November</u> - Gideons <u>December</u> - Top Buttons.

<u>LAKELAND-POLK CIVITAN DONATIONS</u> – Lakeland-Polk Civitan is collecting baby wipes, assorted candy, cereal (small pieces) and individual Jello and pudding cups to benefit the Doris Sanders Learning Center. (https://dorissanders.polkschoolsfl.com/). Any and all donations would be appreciated. If you would like to donate, today is the last day to do so. There box is in the Narthex. Please contact Wendy Rogers or Robin Fox with any questions.

COUNCIL MEETING – There will be a Council Meeting on Monday, October 13th at 6:30 pm.

WHITE THORN BENEFIT EVENT- BALLET MAGNIFICAT! – On Friday, October 24th @ 7:00 pm, Ballet Magnificat with be performing "The Call" at Victory Church in Lakeland. Proceeds will benefit Missionary Aviation. Further details and purchasing information can be found at: WHITE THORN EVENTS - Home.

<u>COMMUNITY GARDEN</u> – Check out our community garden! Help yourself to herbs and flowers, right outside the kitchen door! Lori Wacker

<u>THRIVENT CHOICE</u> - Did you know? If you have a Thrivent Life Insurance policy, you can donate "Choice Dollars" to our church. This gift doesn't affect your policy in any way, but is a wonderful way to support the church financially! Follow this link for more information: <u>Thrivent Charitable Impact & Investing - Thrivent Charitable</u>.

<u>AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES</u> - We are pleased to announce that Maddie Block will offer an eight session American Sign Language for Beginners course on Mondays from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m., October 6th, through November 24th. This fun learning experience will help prepare you to better communicate with our deaf neighbors. Bring a friend!

<u>MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT</u> – Save the date! On Friday, October 24th, there will a Medicare open enrollment education session from 1:00 – 2:00 pm. Brought to you by SHINE. No registration is required.

<u>GUEST PASTOR</u> – Rev. Dr. Victor J. Belton will be our guest pastor on Sunday October 26th. The Winter Haven Circuit Reformation Service will take place at St. Paul Lutheran, 4450 Harden Blvd, Lakeland, with Pre-service music at 3:30 p.m. and Festival service at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

<u>ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP</u> – Sign-up sheets through August 2026 are now posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Each sheet will now be posted quarterly, by season, so that as a season passes, a new sheet will be put up, rather than one sheet used for the entire year. There are still some spaces open for the remainder of 2025. It would be a blessing to see those filled! Additional information is available on the poster, immediately next to the signup sheets. Specially designated envelopes are available below the poster. Altar flower offerings go toward our Christmas and Easter live flowers, as well as toward the proper upkeep and refreshing of our silk arrangements used throughout the year.

<u>ALTAR GUILD 2026</u> - Altar Guild teams for 2026 are being formed. If you are interested in joining Altar Guild, we would welcome some new members! Full training on our procedures will be provided. Please contact Dawn Peters or Charlene Rosane. We will also begin calling current team members in the coming weeks, as we begin the process of forming the 2026 schedule, to find out your availability for the coming year. A brief meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 19th, in the sanctuary, immediately following the Divine Service.



HELP WANTED - The Church is in need of workers in several positions around the Church. These include Ushers, Offering Counters, Altar Guild, Lectors, Sound Board, Video Assistance, Elders (requires one

year membership), and many other opportunities to serve. Please consider using your time and talents in some way here at Christ Lutheran.

<u>ADOPT-A-BLOCK</u> – **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – To reserve your spot on the team or if you have questions, please contact either Robin Fox or Pastor Chris.

TRUSTEE WORKDAY - The Trustee Workday is each Wednesday from 9am – 1pm. If you would like to help with the various needs of the church, come join us. A job, whether large or small can be found to help with. If you notice something you think needs attention, come let us know. Thanks for helping.

DREAM CENTER VOLUNTEERS – Volunteers are needed to help check- in and sort items here at Christ Lutheran for the Dream Center. Please see or contact Robin Fox at 863-513-4774 to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

CHECK YOUR MAILBOX - Please check your mailbox in the Narthex.

<u>CHURCH DIRECTORY</u> – For those that are not aware, our church member directory is now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the Narthex for more information or email <u>stewardship@clclakeland.org</u>.

NAMETAGS – We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Luke 17:19 – "And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well." Only one of the 10 lepers who were cleansed returns to give thanks to Jesus. Why is that? Surely the rest were indeed thankful to be freed from such a terrible disease. But only the Samaritan leper had faith, and his faith turned into action, as all true faith does. Our generosity to God's work in the church is likewise our faith in action.





THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Monday – 10/13	Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Tuesday – 10/14	
Wednesday – 10/15	Dream Center @ Christ Lutheran
	Trustee Workday @ 9 am
	Quilters @ 10 am
	Individual Communion 1:30 – 2:30 pm
	Choir Practice @ 5:30 pm
Thursday – 10/16	Bible Study @ 10 am
Friday – 10/17	Church Office closed
	Pastor's day off
Saturday – 10/18	Worship @ 5:30 pm
Sunday – 10/19	
	Worship @ 10 am
	Altar Guild Meeting after service