

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 | *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to our worship service today! We are glad to have you with us as we gather before our almighty and saving God to hear His holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments, offering our prayers and praises as He strengthens our faith and brings us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

SERVICE NOTES

The Church will stand forever. Nothing can keep our Redeemer, Jesus, from upholding His promise of salvation. Neither an Egyptian army nor the gates of hell will stop our Lord from preserving His church.

If you need any assistance, please ask any of our ushers for help. In inclement weather, or if walking from your car is difficult, please make use of the carport. The ushers will gladly park and/or retrieve your car for you if needed.

If you are a visitor with us today, please sign the Guest Book before you leave today (the black binder in the front of church). If you would like to learn more about our church or are interested in church membership, please speak with Pastor Holtz or one of the elders.

If you have small children, please note that there is a Parents' Room at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child. From the Parents' Room you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

For your convenience today's order of service is printed on the following pages.

Holy Communion: We hold to the ancient, biblical practice of "close communion," communing only confirmed members of our church or churches of our fellowship (ELS and WELS). Guests, please speak with the pastor prior to the service if you wish to commune. Thank you for your courteous respect of our beliefs and practices.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister	Rev. Mike Dietz
Organist	Deb Meyer
Elder on Duty	Sunday: Ben Brodhagen
Ushers on Duty	Joseph Massie, Joseph Massie, Jr., James Van Kampen
Altar Guild	Donna Carter & Linda Koch

The Order of the Holy Communion

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

The Church's One Foundation | **473**

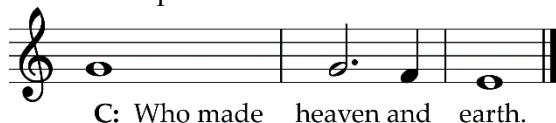
INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS

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

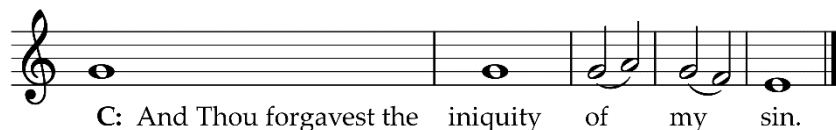


M: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



M: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.



C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

M: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



You may be seated.

THE INTROIT & GLORIA PATRI

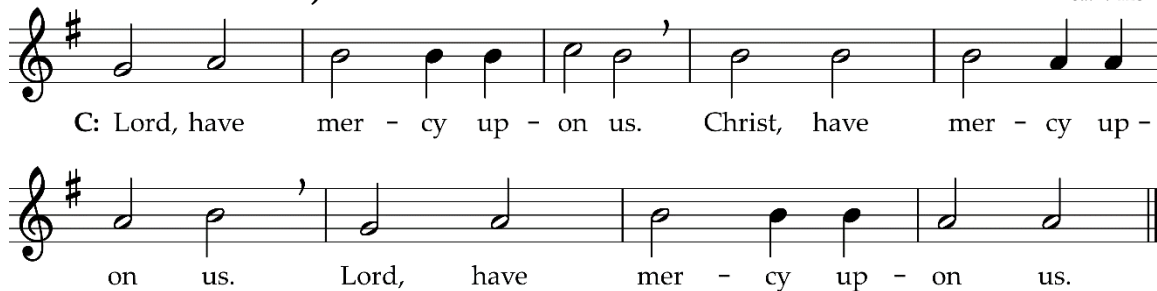
Psalm 74 (selected verses)

M: Have respect, O Lord, to Your covenant; do not let the oppressed return ashamed. Arise, O God, plead Your own cause: do not forget the voice of Your enemies. O God, why have You cast us off forever? Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?



THE KYRIE—*LORD, HAVE MERCY*

Psalm 123



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS—“GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST”

Luke 2:14



C: Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the
world, have mercy up - on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the
world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the

Father, have mercy up - on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou
on - ly art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly
Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spir - it.

Please stand.

M: Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what You promise, make us love what You command; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 6:2-8*The LORD, the God of faithful love, will preserve His people.*

And God spoke to Moses and said to him: "I am the LORD. ³"I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name LORD I was not known to them. ⁴"I have also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, in which they were strangers. ⁵"And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant.

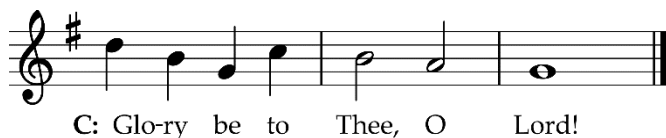
⁶"Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I am the LORD; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. ⁷I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. ⁸"And I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you as a heritage: I am the LORD.' "

SECOND LESSON: Romans 11:33-36*Who has known the mind of the LORD?*

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! ³⁴"For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?" ³⁵"Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?" ³⁶For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

GRADUAL**1 Timothy 1:10b**

M: Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

*Please stand.***GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16:13-20***Jesus builds the church on Peter's rock-solid confession.*

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

¹⁴So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

¹⁶Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

¹⁷Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹"And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

²⁰Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus the Christ.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

THE NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

You may be seated.

HYMN

Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing | 155

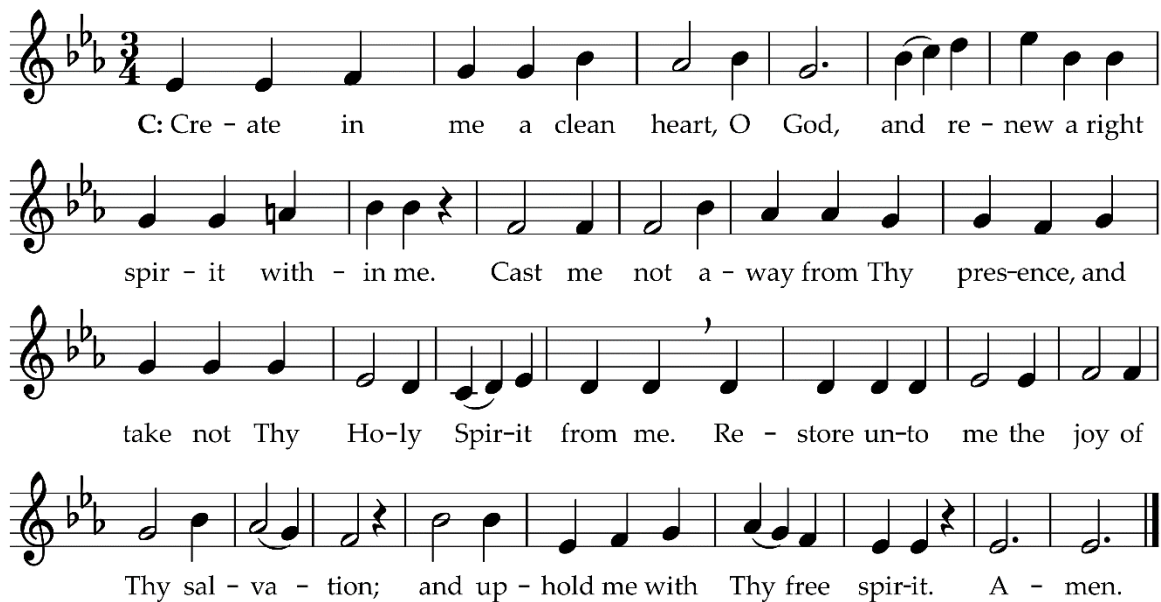
Please stand for the singing of the final stanza.

SERMON – MATTHEW 16:13-20

The Cross Stands Firm.

Please stand.

THE OFFERTORY



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres-ence, and
take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re - store un-to me the joy of
Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

You may be seated.

THE OFFERING

Please stand.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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THE PREFACES & THE SANCTUS (“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”)

M: The Lord be with you.



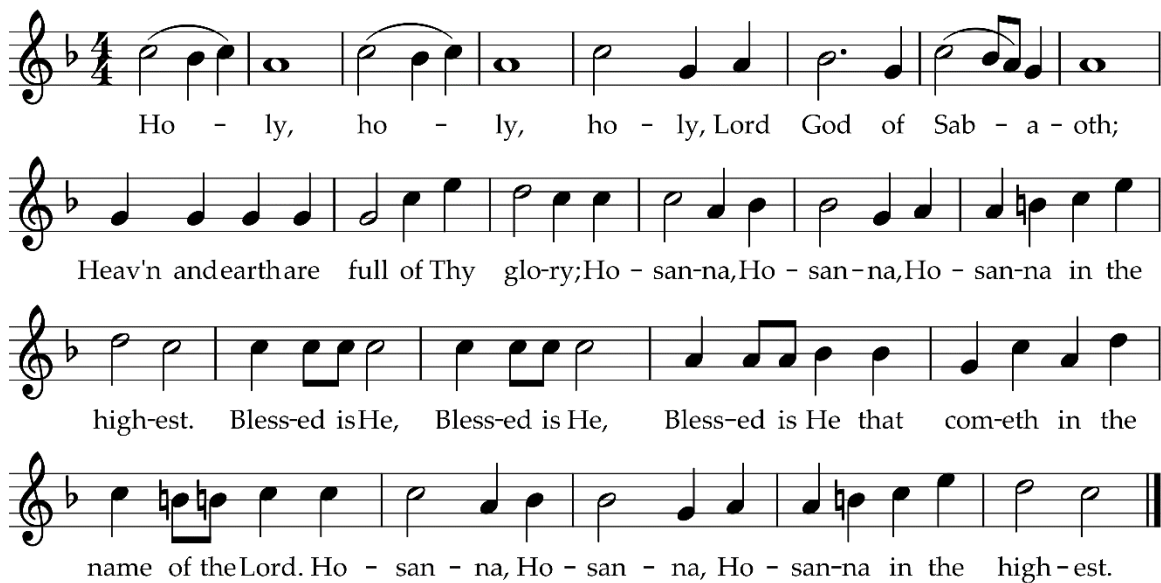
M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



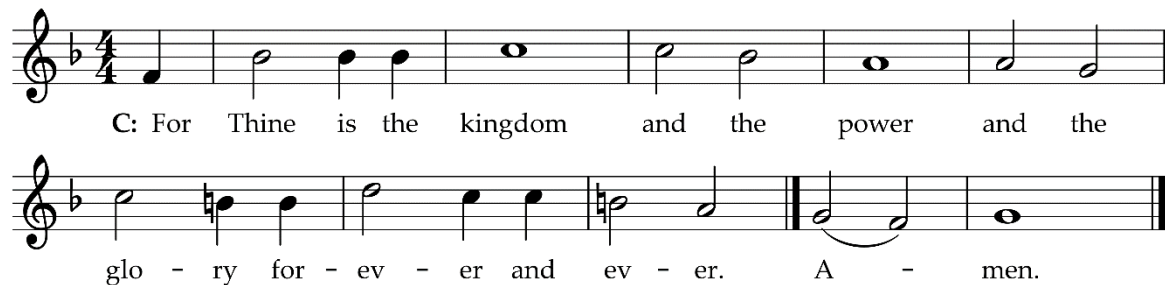
M: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty co-equal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying.:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry; Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the
 high-est. Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that com-eth in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high-est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

M: 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.



C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "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, gave thanks, and 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 and for many, for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



THE LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

A musical score for 'The Lamb of God' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The melody is written in a single voice part. The lyrics are: 'O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.' The music features various note values including quarter, half, and whole notes, with slurs and a fermata over the final 'men.'.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,
have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

You may be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION

During the distribution of the sacrament, communicants may come forward at the direction of the ushers.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table | 315

Please stand.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (“Now Dismiss”)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in_ peace ac - cord-ing to Thy

word, For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation: which Thou hast pre -

pared_ be - fore the face of all people,

a Light_ to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

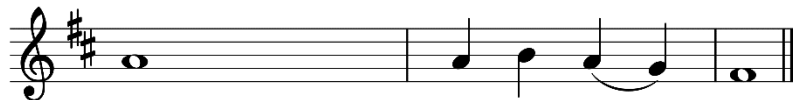
people Is - ra-el. Glo - ry_ be to the Father and to the

Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it_ was in the beginning is now, and

ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



C: And His mercy en - dureth for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them 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 true God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE BENEDICTION

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And with thy spir - it.

M: Let us bless the Lord.



C: Thanks be to God.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

Onward, Christian Soldiers | 658

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS - If you'd like to donate altar flowers for one of our worship services, please sign up and find details on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

FELLOWSHIP SNACKS – Thanks to Jan Johnson and Ardis Junco for serving snacks today. If you'd like to serve snacks on Sunday mornings, please sign up in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

THANK YOU – Thank you, Pastor Dietz, for being our guest pastor today.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE CLASS – First day of Sunday School and Bible Class begins next Sunday, September 10, after Fellowship time.

CHOIR – Our choir lost 4 voices. If you love to sing, join us to praise the Lord and enhance our worship service with music. Most practices are held after a church service. Beginners are welcome. We can learn the songs together. We have choir practice after today's service.

WOMEN ON A MISSION – Our committee's first meeting of the fall season is Tuesday, September 12, at 6:00 p.m. We meet 2nd Tuesday through May. We welcome new members. All women of the congregation are invited. We start the meeting with a devotion/Bible study and then discuss future activities. Come and join us!

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY (9/03) **Divine Service w/Holy Comm., 9:00 a.m.**
Fellowship, 10:05 a.m.
Choir Practice after Service, 10:05 a.m.

WEDNESDAY (9/06) Emerald Bay Service, 4:00 p.m.

THURSDAY (9/07) Board of Elders Mfg., 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY (9/10) **Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.**
Fellowship, 10:05 a.m.
1st Day Sun. School & Bible Class/Topic
Creation, 10:30 a.m.

OUR MISSION

*Christ the King Ev. Lutheran
Church gives all praise
and thanks to the Triune
God for His grace received
through Word and
Sacrament by sharing the
saving Gospel of Christ
with the people of this
community and the world.*