

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 | *Rally for Christian Education*

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

Following Jesus means denying ourselves and taking up our cross. One of those crosses is learning how to share our identity as God's people in Christ with the next generation. As we open a new Sunday school-year, we strive to hold His Word in our hearts and teach it to our children. So, we pray for Christ's never-failing help and mercy, that His words would become the joyful delight of our hearts.

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 the Pastor or one of the Elders.

If you have small children, please note there is a Parents' Room at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child, but we are caring, loving and happy to hear your child/children. 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. It is based on the Order of Morning Service, found on p. 5ff. in *The Lutheran Hymnal*.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister	Rev. Stephen Sauer
Organist	Deb Meyer
Elder on Duty	Sunday: Rod Meves
Ushers on Duty	David Diestler, Charles Hartwig, Rick Schnese
Altar Guild	Donna Carter & Linda Koch

The Order of Morning Service

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

Stand Up!-Stand Up for Jesus | 451

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.



M: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His Name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all!

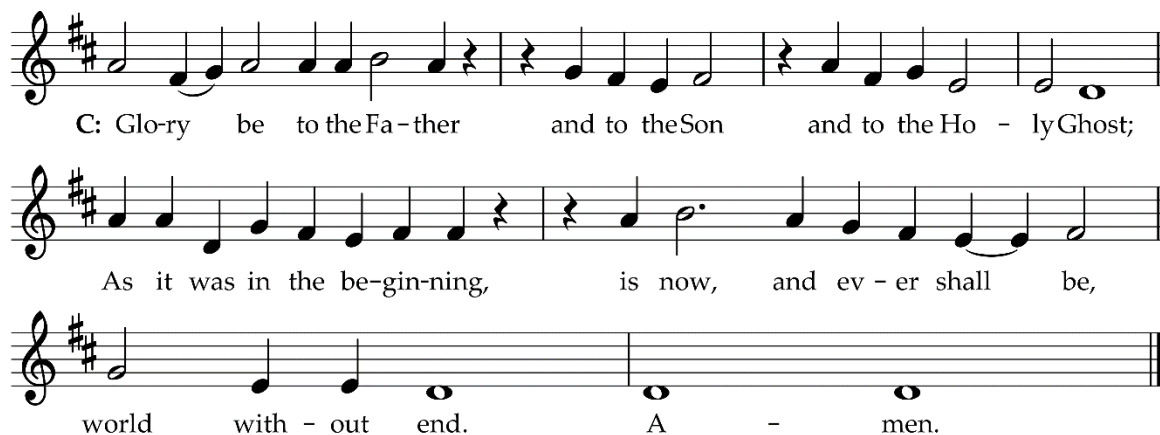


You may be seated.

THE INTROIT & GLORIA PATRI

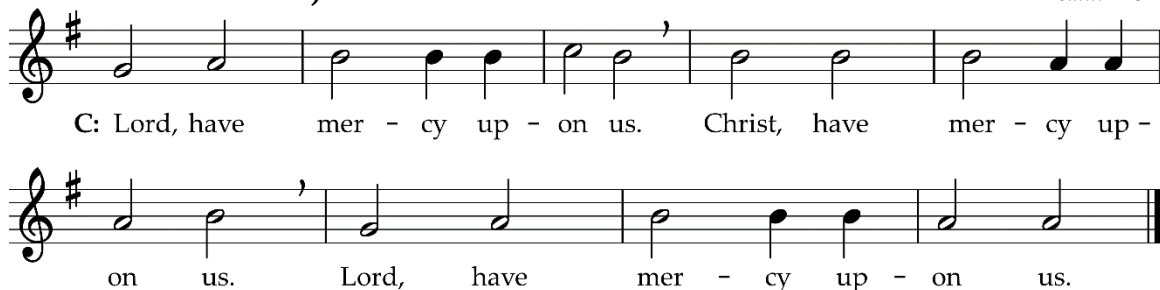
PSALM 84: (SELECTED VERSES)

M: O God, behold our Shield, and look upon the face of Your Anointed. A day in Your courts is better than a thousand. How lovely is Your tabernacle, O Lord of Hosts! My soul longs, yes, even faints, for the courts of the Lord.



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: O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with Your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 15:15-21 *The Lord promises to protect Jeremiah as he speaks His Word.*

O LORD, You know; Remember me and visit me, And take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In Your enduring patience, do not take me away. Know that for Your sake I have suffered rebuke. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name,

O LORD God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the assembly of the mockers, Nor did I rejoice; I sat alone because of Your hand, For You have filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain perpetual And my wound incurable, Which refuses to be healed? Will You surely be to me like an unreliable stream, As waters that fail?

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, Then I will bring you back; You shall stand before Me; If you take out the precious from the vile, You shall be as My mouth. Let them return to you, But you must not return to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified bronze wall; And they will fight against you, But they shall not prevail against you; For I am with you to save you And deliver you," says the LORD. ²¹"I will deliver you from the hand of the wicked,

And I will redeem you from the grip of the terrible."

SECOND LESSON: Romans 12:1-8

In view of God's mercies, we are living sacrifices.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. ³For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

⁴For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. ⁶Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; ⁷or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

GRADUAL

JEREMIAH 15:16 (cf. RSV)

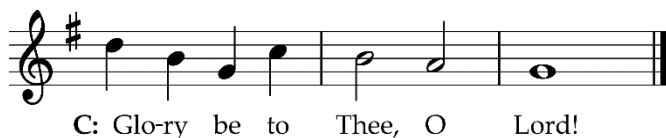
M: Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.



Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16:21-26

Jesus speaks clearly about His cross – and ours.



From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. ²²Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

²³But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

²⁴Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵"For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶"For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

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



THE APOSTLES' CREED

C: 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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

You may be seated.

CHOIR

Take the World, But Give Me Jesus

HYMN

The Church's One Foundation | 473

Please stand for the singing of the final stanza.

SERMON – MATTHEW 16:21-26

There's Only One Way to do This Right

1. Jesus took up the cross.
2. We are to take up our cross.

Please stand.

THE OFFERTORY

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 Spi - rit 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 LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

You may be seated.

HYMN

I Walk in Danger All the Way | 413

Please stand.

COLLECT OF THE WORD

M: Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart, that by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.



THE BENEDICTION

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

What Is the World to Me | 430 (1, 8)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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 Sally Drewery and Lila & Dennis Barlament for serving snacks today. If you'd like to serve snacks on Sunday mornings, please sign up in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

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.

WOMEN ON A MISSION – Come join us for the first meeting of the fall season this 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.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY (9/10)

Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship, 10:05 a.m.

Education Hour, 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY (9/13)

Emerald Bay Service, 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY (9/17)

Divine Service w/Comm., 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship, 10:05 a.m.

Education Hour, 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.