

OCTOBER 8, 2023 | *Nineteenth 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

Our God seeks the sincere faith of a repentant heart. One day, everyone will bow before Jesus of Nazareth and confess Him as Lord. Some will do so in grief; others in joy. The Lord desires that every sinner would repent of their sin and trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior. Today we pray that God would always direct and rule 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. Michael Dietz
Organist	Deb Meyer
Elder on Duty	Sunday: Rod Meves
Ushers on Duty	David Diestler, Charles Hartwig, Rick Schnese
Altar Guild	Sandy Gillaume & Janet Heuser

The Order of Morning Service

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

O Savior, Precious Savior | 352

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.

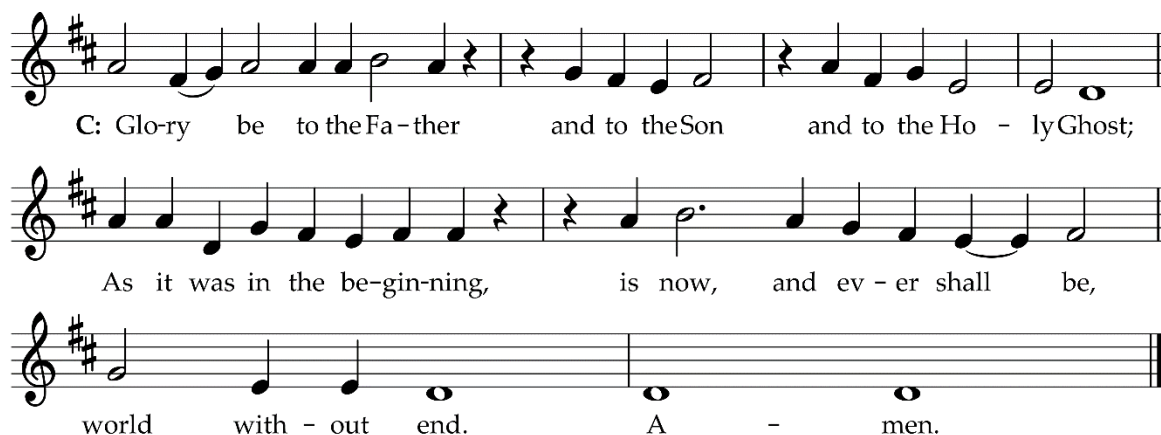
M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His Name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized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



You may be seated.

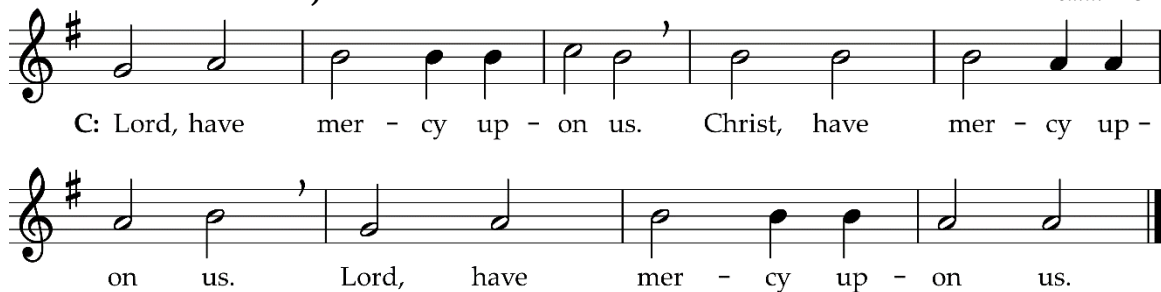
THE INTROIT & GLORIA PATRI

M: Reward them that wait for You, O Lord, and let Your prophets be found faithful. Hear the prayer of Your servants and of Your people Israel. I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house 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: Mercifully grant, O God, that Your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without Your help we are unable to please You; 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: EZEKIEL 18:1-4, 28-32

The Lord calls His people to repentance.

The word of the LORD came to me again, saying, ²"What do you mean when you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying: 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³"As I live," says the Lord GOD, "you shall no longer use this proverb in Israel. ⁴"Behold, all souls are Mine; The soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine; The soul who sins shall die.

²⁸"Because he considers and turns away from all the transgressions which he committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹"Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not fair.' O house of Israel, is it not My ways which are fair, and your ways which are not fair? ³⁰"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways," says the Lord GOD. "Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. ³¹"Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, O house of Israel? ³²"For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord GOD. "Therefore turn and live!"

SECOND LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

We imitate Christ in our humble service to others.

Therefore, if *there is* any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, ²fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind. ³*Let nothing be done* through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. ⁴Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

⁵Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. ⁹Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GRADUAL

Philippians 2:10-11

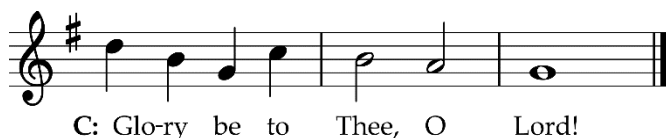
M: Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia.



Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON: MATTHEW 21:28-32

The parable of the two disobedient sons.



"But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go, work today in my vineyard.'

²⁹ "He answered and said, 'I will not,' but afterward he regretted it and went.

³⁰ "Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go.

³¹ "Which of the two did the will of *his* father?"

They said to Him, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you. ³² "For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw *it*, you did not afterward relent and believe him.

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

Just As I Am

HYMN

Jesus, Jesus, Only Jesus | 348

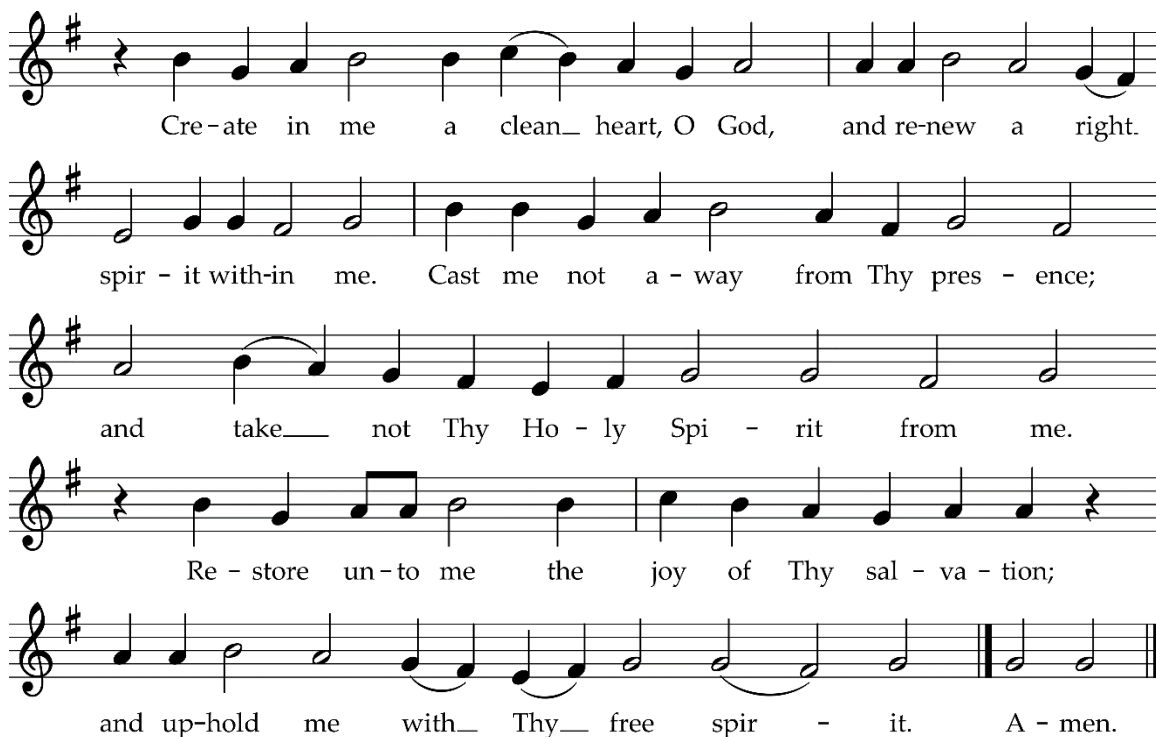
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SERMON – MATTHEW 21:28-32

Jesus Will Never Change His Mind

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.

*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***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* | 175**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 the Busse’s for serving snacks today. If you’d like to serve snacks on Sunday mornings, please sign up in the fellowship hall. Thank you!

CONGREGATIONAL CALL MEETING –A Congregational Call Meeting is scheduled for today, October 8, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. Pastor Otto and Pastor Kluge will monitor the meeting. All members are encouraged to attend to participate in calling a pastor.

COUNCIL & CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS – Today is the quarterly council meeting after the bible study. The congregational meeting is Sunday, 10/15, after fellowship.

TRUNK OR TREAT – Trunk or Treat is Tuesday, October 31, from 4-6 p.m. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you are interested in bringing a vehicle, and there is a container for donating candy. Thank you!

SANCTUARY CLEANING DAY – Please help us clean the sanctuary on Thursday, October 12 at 1:00 p.m. A sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING	
SUNDAY (10/08)	Divine Service, 9:00 a.m. Fellowship, 10:05 a.m. Council Meeting 10:30 a.m.
TUESDAY (10/10)	Women On a Mission, 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY (10/11)	Emerald Bay Service, 4:00 p.m.
SUNDAY (10/15)	Divine Service w/Comm., 9:00 a.m. Fellowship, 10:05 a.m. Congregational & Voters Mtg., 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.