



# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH WEST COBB

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**Sunday, September 12, 2021**  
**8:45am Jazz Worship In-person and CLC Stream**

**“Be fruitful and multiply, and fill  
the earth and subdue it.”**

Genesis 1:28

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church of West Cobb. Today we begin our Jazz Worship at 8:45am and Traditional Worship at 11am. We will continue to use the communion cups, so please follow the pastor's direction when it comes to communion time. Thank you for worshipping with us.

Visiting today? Welcome and please sign our guest book found on [clcwestcobb.org](http://clcwestcobb.org) or complete the visitor card found in the pew (please include your email to sign up for our weekly email announcements) and place in the collection plate found in the Narthex.

P = Pastor     **C = Congregation**

\*Those who are able, please stand

**\*Stand/Kneel**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEDITATION MOMENT

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection*

P: Loving Creator,

**C: You have formed us, given us breath, and supplied our every need. And yet we are slow to recognize your blessings, quick to doubt and criticize, and eager to blame others for our own shortcomings. Forgive us when we fail to reflect the unconditional love of the One who made us. Have mercy on us and claim us once again as your own. Amen.**

P: The Lord hears our every cry and grants forgiveness when we repent. Receive the promise that cannot be taken away: you are a child of God, loved, pardoned, and blessed forever. We pray in the name of Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

## God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,  
2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child - hood of our race;  
3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal - lenge us a - new:



flung the suns in burn - ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;  
known the ec - sta - sy of wing - ing through un - trav - eled realms of space;  
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you.



we, your chil - dren in your like - ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you;  
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield - ing un - i - mag - ined pow'r,  
May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise; each en - deav - or well be - gun;



great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, show us what we yet may do.  
fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.  
great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

Text: Catherine Cameron, b. 1927

Music: HOLY MANNA, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P: Let us pray.

Beloved Creator,

**C: Everything in heaven and on earth bears your signature. May we ever rejoice that you have made us, and that you have made us your own, through the loving-kindness of Jesus our Savior. Amen.**

## **Special Music: Jazz Band**

## **Children's Sermon**

**Tom Mabry**

### **THE WORD**

### **Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup> And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup> And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup> And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.'

And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup> And God said, ‘Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.’ <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.’ <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.’ And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, ‘Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.’

<sup>27</sup> So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.’ <sup>29</sup>God said, ‘See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.’ And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup>And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup>So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

**Sermon:** *Good Words*

Pastor Karen Boda

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY:**

**ACS 1067**

## For the Wholeness of the Earth



1 We lift this prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this  
2 We turn our lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our  
3 Give thanks to God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to



prayer for the whole-ness of the earth. We lift this prayer for the  
lives to the whole-ness of the earth. We turn our lives to the  
God for the whole-ness of the earth. Give thanks to God for the



whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?  
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it spin - ning in you?  
whole-ness of the earth. Can you feel it ris - ing in you?

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Music: WHOLENESS OF THE EARTH, Bret Hesla

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## **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

P: Revealing God, you have made yourself known through bread and wine, water and word. Continue to nurture your church, that it is a place where your presence is experienced and shared. May You guide our missionary partners Vincent and Julie Leiyoole in Kenya and ILAG in Guatemala.  
Creator God, **hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord, you said, "Let it be," and it was so. And it was good. Remind us of the power of words to create, to build up, and to break down. May your good always be our guide. Creator God, **hear our prayer.**

P: Light and dark, oceans and land, fish and creeping creatures—all owe their existence to you. May we never forget that we also were brought forth by your creative hand, as we carry out our duty to care for all that lives and relies on our faithful stewardship for its continuance. We lift up the communities affected by

Hurricane Ida; earthquake in Haiti; and fires in the West.  
Creator God, **hear our prayer.**

P: Comfort, O Lord, those who still bear the inner and outer wounds of the September 11 tragedy. When events too great to comprehend threaten to overwhelm us, remind us that you are still great enough and compassionate enough to hold this entire world in the palm of your hand.  
Creator God, **hear our prayer.**

P: Just as your spirit first brought our clay to life, so now breathe your healing into all who crave wholeness, especially David Connelly, Ronnie Mahler, Jim Mitchell, Sue Moseley, Beverly Haggard, Patrick Fallin, Ralph & Pat Ehrich, Betsey Ellingsen, Sharon Koberg, Chris Metcalfe, Melanie and Vivian Sisson, Susan Emberley, Nell Danielson, Mark Breen, the Cain Family and Shirley Schumacher, and those who are in our hearts or on our minds, who we name silently or aloud. (*Pause.*)  
Creator God, **hear our prayer.**

P: All creation sings your praise, O Lord: that which has gone before and that which has yet to be. Join us eternally with our sisters and brothers living in your light perpetual, that we may one day join hands again as your heavenly family.  
Creator God, **hear our prayer.**

P: You speak the word, and it is so. Receive our prayers and give us such hope in your promises that we never hesitate to ask, knowing that you hear us when we say, **Amen!**

\*SHARING OF PEACE

***(Please share a sign of peace with those around you and digitally with those who can't physically be safely here.)***

\*RECEPTION OF THE OFFERING

We greatly appreciate your gifts that allow us to support our ministry at Christ Lutheran Church. You may leave your offering in the collection plate in the Narthex, give online at [www.clcwestcobb.org/give](http://www.clcwestcobb.org/give) or scan this QR code. Thank you!



**\*OFFERING HYMN**

**ELW 692**

***We Are an Offering***

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***We lift our voices, we lift our hands,  
we lift our lives up to you: We are an offering.  
Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,  
Lord use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering  
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be,  
We give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices,  
We lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you.  
We are an offering, we are an offering.***

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

P: Let us pray.

**C: What could we possibly offer the Maker of the universe?**

**Our prayers, our gratitude, ourselves. We bring these gifts before you in humble thanks for all that you are, and all that you have given us, to the glory of Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*PREFACE FOR THE SEASON**

**HOLY, HOLY HOLY (Read)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**Lord God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**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.**

### \*COMMUNION

P: See, God has given us every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. So, we graciously receive the grains and the grapes which have become this bread and this wine. May they be for us the body and blood of the Word to which we owe our lives. Come and eat! Enjoy the fruits of creation!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **"LAMB OF GOD"**

### **ELW 174 (front pages in hymnal)**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Due to the lingering pandemic and our love for one another, we will commune today using the communion "kits." Please remain in your seats and follow the instructions of the pastor. The "kits" are self-contained with the wafer under the top flap and the juice or wine under the second flap. Please indicate to the usher if you need a kit. As you exit the sanctuary, please dispose of your kit.*

### TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Let us pray.

Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

P: People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN:**

**ELW 866**

**We Are Marching in the Light of God**



*Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -*  
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



*nyen' kwen - khos'.* *Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*  
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo*  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of God.



*Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo*  
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



*si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.*  
we are march - ing in the light of God.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

\*BAPTISMAL RECOGNITION: Today we recognize the baptismal anniversary of Pat Erich, Jacob Gaddy, Sharlynn Herndon, and Andrea Hutwagner.

P: God loves you. **C: We love you too.**

\*DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Next Week's Readings:** Binding of Isaac, Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

### **Church Announcements**

**Sunday School is postponed until Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.**

**Serve outside of the pews. Please signup to be a Sunday Servant.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084da8a82aa4f85-sunday>

**Starting September 12th, we will bring children's sermons back to the sanctuary.** From high schoolers to adults, you can create a fun and meaningful church experience for our youth. We will give you the resources you need to make your children's sermons come to life. You can sign up on the church Signup Genius and our office manager will get you the resources.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084da8a82aa4f85-sunday>

**Have you ever wondered what happens behind the sound booth?**

AJ Jarrard, the wizard behind the wall, brings our church to life online every Sunday. Did you know CLC has about 50% of members watching online? This is an exciting time to bring believers together inside and outside of our church walls. God has blessed us with AJ, our strong tech leader, and she would love to help train others to grow our online ministry. If you are interested in helping run the stream and/or soundboard, please ask AJ Jarrard or Shawn Lee Fallin for more information.



**Collecting Diapers for the Cobb Diaper Drive.**

Since 2009, The Barbara Hickey Cobb Children's Fund has devoted its energy to passionately advocating for low-income families and children in need in our community. CLC is collecting all sized diapers and wipes from now until September 26<sup>th</sup>.



**Join CLC at *A Christmas Carol* at the Alliance Theater!**

Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm. The bus will leave CLC at 1:15pm. Cost of \$40 per person, includes a ticket and bus transportation to the theater. Visit the church website to sign up!

**MILAGRO**

In Spanish, Milagro means Miracle. The MILAGRO Women’s Education Center is located in the Lutheran Center in Guatemala City.



To break the cycle of poverty in the rural areas of Guatemala where ILAG has a presence, bringing about changes in young women between 12 and 20 years of age. The young women selected will be active members of the Augustinian Lutheran Church of Guatemala and will have the opportunity to: develop their leadership skills, learn a trade

that could provide them with an income to be economically independent, develop their self-esteem, learn to express their needs, know their civil rights as Guatemalan women, and be able to control their bodies as their property and nobody else’s.

**Milagro Gala** – If you missed the virtual gala last night, you can watch the video at <https://www.elca-ses.org/ilag>.

**Join CLC at the Milagro Worship on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

We will celebrate the Milagro Mission on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> during the worship services. We will sing Spanish hymns, enjoy special music, and hold a special offering for the Milagro School. CLC is looking to either help fund school supplies for a girl or girls (\$500) and/or provide a one-year scholarship to attend the Milagro school (\$5,000). Thank you.

## Upcoming Dates

<b>Sun., September 12</b>	<b>8:45am</b>	Jazz Worship
	<b>10:00am</b>	Confirmation via Zoom
	<b>10:00am</b>	Adult Bible Study In-person and Zoom
	<b>11:00am</b>	Traditional Worship
	<b>12:15pm</b>	Council Meeting
<b>Wed., September 15</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Bible Study In-person and Zoom
	<b>6:00pm</b>	Young Ringers Bell Practice
	<b>6:45pm</b>	Adult Bell Choir Practice
<b>Sun., September 19</b>	Call Committee Installation – Both Services	
	<b>8:45am</b>	Jazz Worship
	<b>10:00am</b>	Confirmation via Zoom
	<b>10:00am</b>	Adult Bible Study In-person and Zoom
	<b>11:00am</b>	Traditional Worship
<b>Wed., September 22</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Bible Study In-person and Zoom
	<b>6:00pm</b>	Young Ringers Bell Practice
	<b>6:45pm</b>	Adult Bell Choir Practice
<b>Sun., September 26</b>	Last Day of Diaper Drive	
	<b>8:45am</b>	Jazz Worship
	<b>10:00am</b>	Confirmation via Zoom
	<b>10:00am</b>	Adult Bible Study In-person and Zoom
	<b>11:00am</b>	Traditional Worship
<b>Wed., September 29</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	Bible Study In-person and Zoom
	<b>6:00pm</b>	Young Ringers Bell Practice
	<b>6:45pm</b>	Adult Bell Choir Practice
	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice is Back</b>
<b>Sun., October 3</b>	Milagro Celebration – Both Services	
	<b>8:45am</b>	Jazz Worship
	<b>10:00am</b>	Confirmation via Zoom
	<b>10:00am</b>	Adult Bible Study In-person and Zoom
	<b>11:00am</b>	Traditional Worship

## Sunday Servants for Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

	8:45	11:00
Greeter:	Rich Hallberg	Barbara Keipert & Betty Kaminsky
Altar Guild:	Julie Ridings	Jackie Cooley
Lector:	Bernie Hoffman	Russ Spears
Ushers:	Tom Mabry	Artie Kappel
	Jason Lowe	Lisa Kappel
Communion Asst.:	Marianne Mabry	Jackie Coolie
Children Sermon:	Tom Mabry	Tom Mabry

## Sunday Servants for Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> - Please sign up

	8:45	11:00
Greeter:		
Altar Guild:	Jackie Cooley	
Lector:	Jay Bonham	Bernie Hoffmann
Ushers:	Jay Bonham	

Communion Asst.:

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If you have any questions or need to connect with someone from Christ Lutheran, please email Marianne Mabry, Office Manager, at [lutherch@bellsouth.net](mailto:lutherch@bellsouth.net). Thank you!

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