



Ascension of our Lord June 8, 2025

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All members and guests, please fill out the Welcome Form found at the end of your row and pass it on to your neighbor. The pastoral and spiritual care of the members of Christ Church is very important to us. In order to care for all of you, we need to know who is present and who is not. So, please take a moment to sign the pad. The Welcome Forms will be picked up by the ushers at the end of the service.

#### WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

# **Looking for a Church Home?**

Mr. Rogers once asked, "Won't you be my neighbor?" Jesus asked, "Who is your neighbor?" At Christ Lutheran Church (CLC) - Zionsville, our answer to Jesus' question is EVERYONE, and to Mr. Rogers - YES.

God calls us to meet people wherever they are in their journey of faith – and that includes YOU!

At Christ Lutheran Church you are welcomed, just as you are:

- Single, committed, married, divorced, lost your partner, still looking or not.
- Every race, nationality, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation
- Ready to join a group or prefer to sit back
- Regardless of knowing a little or a lot about Jesus
- Whether you have left the Church and are returning
- Whether you find yourself on this list or not

We are calling YOU neighbor! Join us!

# **Children in Worship**

Children hold a special place in our congregation! We warmly invite children of all ages to join us in worship. We embrace their natural tendencies to giggle, poke, squirm, and swing their legs - it's all part of being a child and a precious gift to our community.

Our nursery is available from **9:30 to 10:30**, staffed by dedicated caregivers who will lovingly care for infants and toddlers. This allows parents to fully engage in worship, knowing their little ones are in safe hands. The nursery provides age-appropriate toys and a comforting environment, ensuring your child's needs are met while you worship with the congregation.

We respect and support each family's unique circumstances and preferences. Whether your child joins the main worship service or utilizes our nursery, we are here to accommodate and make everyone feel welcome and comfortable.

Flowers on the Altar are Sponsored by Tina Lizama ~ In Honor of her son's high school graduation today ~

### **PRELUDE**

# **WELCOME**

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

P We've come to worship God, who makes streams flow from rock, who turns the parched earth into springs of water, who sends the rain from heaven and makes the wilderness blossom and flourish. C As the deer thirsts for flowing streams,

# C As the deer thirsts for flowing streams, so we thirst for You, O God.

P Come, let's worship our life-giving God, who pours out living water on all who thirst.

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P In the name of  $\oplus$  the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **C Amen.** 

P Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One, C make us one as you are one.

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C make us one as you are one.

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

C make us one as you are one.

P Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C Amen.

# Where is the Confession and Forgiveness?

Today's service may not include a formal order of confession and forgiveness, yet as we affirm our baptisms, we embrace a profound truth. In affirming our faith, we acknowledge not only God's unending love and grace but also the inherent forgiveness embedded within these sacred promises. Our trust in our baptism echoes our trust in God's unwavering forgiveness, a reminder that in every moment, we stand embraced by divine love and grace.



Please be seated.

#### **GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.

C And also with you.

# **KYRIE**



We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin. Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

# **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for ev er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho-ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

# **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### C Amen.

### **WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### **FIRST READING Acts 2:1-21**

L A reading from Acts.

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions,

and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below,

blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

# **PSALM 104: 24-34, 35B**

L <sup>24</sup> How manifold are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

# C <sup>25</sup> Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number, living things both small and great.

L <sup>26</sup> There go the ships to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

- C <sup>27</sup> All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.
- L <sup>28</sup> You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- C <sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
- L <sup>30</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth.
- C <sup>31</sup> May the glory of the Lord endure forever; O Lord, rejoice in all your works.
- L <sup>32</sup> You look at the earth and it trembles; you touch the mountains and they smoke.
- C 33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will praise my God while I have my being.
- L <sup>34</sup> May these words of mine please God. I will rejoice in the Lord.
- C <sup>35b</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!

### **SECOND READING Romans 8:14-17**

L A reading from Romans.

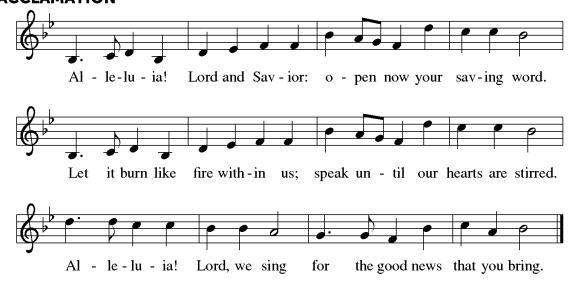
<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Word of God. Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



### **GOSPEL John 17:20-26**

P The holy gospel according to John.

# C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. [

<sup>25</sup> "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."]

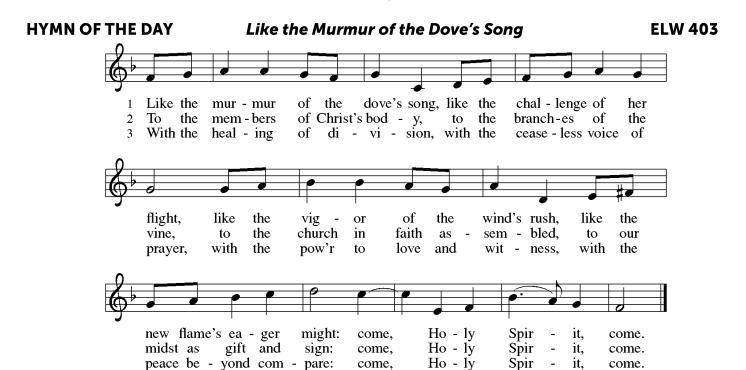
P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON Austin Newberry

Please rise as you are able.



#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

P Gathered together by the power of the Holy Spirit we confess our common faith:

C 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 O God of renewal and eternal hope, we approach Your presence to lift up our prayers for the church, the world, and all who seek Your grace.

A moment of silence

We petition for the church—continue to fuel our proclamation of the gospel and empower us to dismantle the barriers we've constructed. Shape our community to be broadly welcoming, purposefully engaging, and receptive to the challenges of love. Gracious God, hear our prayer. **C Your mercy is boundless.** 

We call upon You for the protection of creation. Where fire is a natural part of the ecosystem, let it burn safely; where it poses a threat, help us to control it. Defend our forests, prairies, and grasslands from both natural and human harm. Protect all firefighters and rescue teams as they perform their perilous duties. Gracious God, hear our prayer.

# C Your mercy is boundless.

We pray for our courts and legislatures. Imprint Your laws of love upon our hearts and inspire those in governance to choose restoration over punishment. Foster a spirit of reconciliation among judges, lawyers, and all who participate in the justice system. Gracious God, hear our prayer.

# C Your mercy is boundless.

We lift up all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. This day we pray especially for **Mike, Mimi, Pat, Yvonne, Bill, Sue, Steve, Linda, Ray, Janice, Tina, Bill, Marilyn, Charlotte, Dorothy** and for all those we now name in our hearts or in Your presence. Comfort them and dry their tears. Elevate those weighed down by life's burdens and heal those who seek relief in their distress. Gracious God, hear our prayer.

# C Your mercy is boundless.

We pray especially for this congregation, including those reaffirming their baptism today. Ignite in us a fervent desire to fulfill our baptismal vows and to nurture the faith journey of believers of all ages within our community. Gracious God, hear our prayer.

# C Your mercy is boundless.

<sup>\*</sup>Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use. \*\* meaning the church universal

We give thanks for the faithful departed who now find peace in Your embrace. May their examples inspire our daily endeavors and comfort us with the assurance of eternal life. Gracious God, hear our prayer.

# C Your mercy is boundless.

We entrust these and all our prayers to You, O God, confident of Your everlasting presence with us; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

# C Amen.

# **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord is with you always.

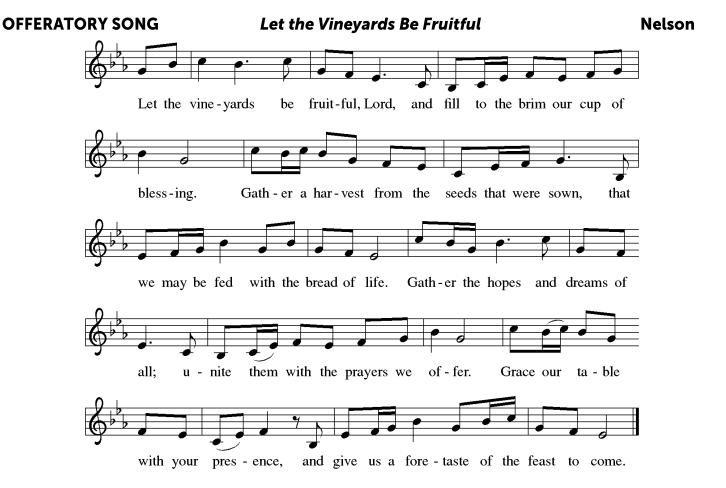
# C And also with you.

# **RECEIVING OUR OFFERINGS**

God calls us to be generous stewards for the sake of our ministry near and far. You can support our ministry by placing an offering in the offering plate, mailing it to the church, giving online through our website, or the QR code. If you would like more details on direct deposit, please contact our office administrator for more information at office@clczionsville.org.



# **OFFERING**



# OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again,

breathe your life into us,

and enliven us with this meal,

that we may live as your risen body in the world.

C Amen.

# **MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

# GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

P The Lord is 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**

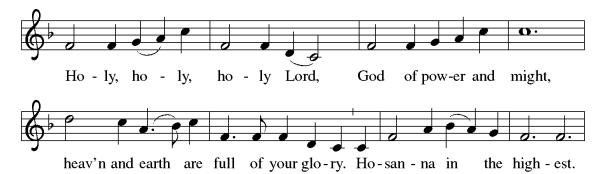
P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

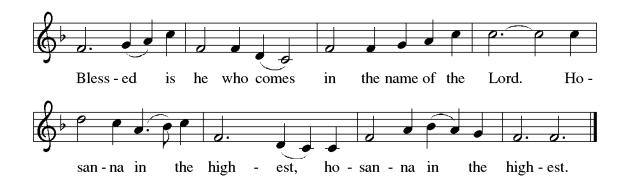
By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

C Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

### COMMUNION

All are welcome to participate in the Lord's Meal. If it's been years, or just a week, the bread and wine/juice and Jesus' presence in, with, and around them are for all. If you have questions about taking your first communion don't hesitate to ask.

Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. When you come forward you will receive a wafer from Pastor and you will hear the words **the body of Christ, given for you**. Once you eat the wafer you are invited to take either wine or juice from the communion assistant and you will hear the words, **the blood of Christ, shed for you**. Once you've communed there is a small receptacle where the used communion cup can be placed.

# **COMMUNION SONG**



# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory,

and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C Amen.

#### **SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please stand as you are able.

#### **BLESSING**

P The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C Amen.



# **DISMISSAL**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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C Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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# **POSTLUDE**

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# SERVING US AT WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Director of Music & Organist: Rhonda Blacklock

Guest Preacher: Austin Newberry

**Lector:** Jamie Stewart

**Communion Assistant:** Gretchen Jeffers

**Greeter:** Brian Hardesty

**Usher:** Connie Niessink

Nursery: Cheryl Kussow

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