

## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*Jesus Serves Us with the Forgiveness of Sins*

# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH | Lodi, California

September 26, 2021

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness given to us. If you would like to learn more about our church, please speak with our pastor or one of our members after the service.

- *Please observe silence before worship. Our livestream microphone picks up every conversation.*

## WORSHIP THEME

When the people of Israel wept, complaining that they had no meat to eat (Num. 11:4), Moses cried out to the Lord that *"the burden of all this people"* was too heavy for him and that he was *"not able to carry all this people alone"* (Num. 11:11–14). So the Lord had Moses gather *"seventy men of the elders of Israel"* (Num. 11:16), and the Lord *"took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders"* (Num. 11:25), so that Moses would not carry the burden alone. All who thus labor are honored, and all the people are cared for, in the name of the Lord (Mark 9:39–41). Everything is done with reference to Christ Jesus. So we cling to Him, and we flee from all sins that would separate us from Him (Mark 9:42–48). The life of the Church is one of repentant faith in Christ. Christians confess their sins to one another, and they *"pray for one another,"* that each would be raised up and healed by the Lord Jesus, who covers *"a multitude of sins"* and saves our souls from death (James 5:15–20).

## MORNING PRAISE

*"Morning Praise" is based on the historic service called "Matins". Joined to Christ, our risen Lord, we glorify God as we prepare for the activities of the day.*

### HYMN

*Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit | CW 545*



**M:** O Lord, o - pen my lips.



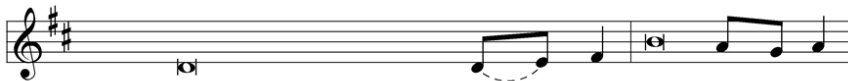
**C:** And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



**M:** Has - ten to save me, O God.



**C:** O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

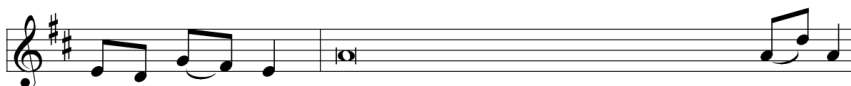


**M:** Praise be to God, the Father,  
the Son, and the Holy — Spir - it: let us wor - ship him.

## OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD – *Venite*



**C:** Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of



our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a



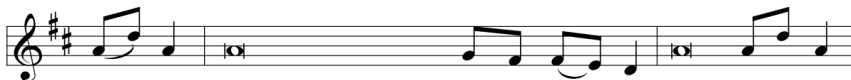
great God and a great king a - bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



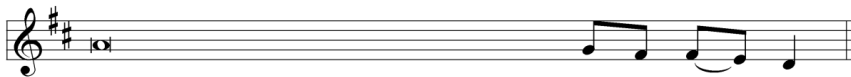
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he



made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and



bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works you have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*be seated*

## FIRST LESSON

*Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29*

*Beware of jealousy! Jealousy can rear its ugly head not only in romantic relationships and the things of others but also in the practice of our faith. It can happen between preachers of the Word, or among elders of the congregation in the exercise of their duties. Moses is clear that we should pray for everyone to be blessed with the Spirit and share the truth with others.*

<sup>4</sup>The riffraff<sup>[a]</sup> among them had a strong craving for other food. The Israelites wept again and said, “Who will feed us meat? <sup>5</sup>We remember the free fish we ate in Egypt, along with the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic. <sup>6</sup>But now our appetite is gone,<sup>[b]</sup> there’s nothing to look at but this manna!”

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people, family after family, weeping at the entrance of their tents. The LORD was very angry; Moses was also provoked.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>11</sup>So Moses asked the LORD, “Why have you brought such trouble on your servant? Why are you angry with me,<sup>[b]</sup> and why do you burden me with all these people? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth so you should tell me, ‘Carry them at your breast, as a nursing mother carries a baby,’ to the land that you swore to give their ancestors? <sup>13</sup>Where can I get meat to give all these people? For they are weeping to me, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ <sup>14</sup>I can’t carry all these people by myself. They are too much for me. <sup>15</sup>If you are going to treat me like this, please kill me right now if I have found favor with you, and don’t let me see my misery<sup>[c]</sup> anymore.”

<sup>16</sup>The LORD answered Moses, “Bring me seventy men from Israel known to you as elders and officers of the people. Take them to the tent of meeting and have them stand there with you.

<sup>24</sup> Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. He brought seventy men from the elders of the people and had them stand around the tent. <sup>25</sup> Then the LORD descended in the cloud and spoke to him. He took some of the Spirit who was on Moses and placed the Spirit on the seventy elders. As the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they never did it again. <sup>26</sup> Two men had remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other Medad; the Spirit rested on them—they were among those listed, but had not gone out to the tent—and they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup> A young man ran and reported to Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.”

<sup>28</sup> Joshua son of Nun, assistant to Moses since his youth,<sup>[a]</sup> responded, “Moses, my lord, stop them!”

<sup>29</sup> But Moses asked him, “Are you jealous on my account? If only all the LORD’s people were prophets and the LORD would place his Spirit on them!”

## **PSALM OF THE DAY** **SECOND LESSON**

**Psalm 51b**, p. 87  
*James 5:1-20*

*Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.*

<sup>5</sup> Come now, you rich people, weep and wail over the miseries that are coming on you. <sup>2</sup> Your wealth has rotted and your clothes are moth-eaten. <sup>3</sup> Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have stored up treasure in the last days. <sup>4</sup> Look! The pay that you withheld from the workers who mowed your fields cries out, and the outcry of the harvesters has reached the ears of the Lord of Armies. <sup>5</sup> You have lived luxuriously on the earth and have indulged yourselves. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. <sup>6</sup> You have condemned, you have murdered the righteous, who does not resist you.

<sup>7</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, be patient until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth and is patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup> You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, because the Lord’s coming is near.

<sup>9</sup> Brothers and sisters, do not complain about one another, so that you will not be judged. Look, the judge stands at the door!

<sup>10</sup> Brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the Lord’s name as an example of suffering and patience. <sup>11</sup> See, we count as blessed those who have endured.<sup>[a]</sup> You have heard of Job’s endurance and have seen the outcome that the Lord brought about—the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

<sup>12</sup> Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your “yes” mean “yes,” and your “no” mean “no,” so that you won’t fall under judgment.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you suffering? He should pray. Is anyone cheerful? He should sing praises. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? He should call for the elders of the church, and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> The prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up; if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a human being as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the land. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and the sky gave rain and the land produced its fruit.

<sup>19</sup> My brothers and sisters, if any among you strays from the truth, and someone turns him back, <sup>20</sup> let that person know that whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*Philippians 2:10-11*

**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*

## THE GOSPEL

*Mark 9:38-50*

*As God's Word works like salt in us to purify and preserve us for eternal life, our attitude toward others changes, and we take action to keep ourselves from falling into sin.*

<sup>38</sup> John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone<sup>[a]</sup> driving out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him because he wasn’t following us.”

<sup>39</sup> “Don’t stop him,” said Jesus, “because there is no one who will perform a miracle in my name who can soon afterward speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup> For whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> And whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in my name, because you belong to Christ —truly I tell you, he will never lose his reward.

<sup>42</sup> “But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to fall away —it would be better for him if a heavy millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.

<sup>43</sup> “And if your hand causes you to fall away, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and go to hell, the unquenchable fire.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to fall away, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and be thrown into hell.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to fall away, gouge it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and

be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> where **their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.** <sup>49</sup> For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup> Salt is good, but if the salt should lose its flavor, how can you season it? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

**HYMN OF THE DAY**  
**SERMON**

*Triune God, Oh, Be Our Stay* | **CW 192**  
*Mark 9:38-50*

*please stand*

**OFFERING**

*The offerings during the week are placed on the altar. Thank you to all who are able to support our church and it's ministry during this time. We give thanks to God for the opportunity to give.*

**LORD, HAVE MERCY – Kyrie**

*please stand*



**M:** In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*General Thanksgiving CW p. 128*

**M:** Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

**C:** **Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.**

**M:** Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

**C: Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.**

M: Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

**C: Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.**

M: Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

**C: Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may be offered.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

**C: Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.**

## **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.**

## **HYMN**

*Jesus, Lead Us On* | **CW 422**

## **PRAYER FOR GRACE**

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C: Amen**





**M:** Let us praise the Lord.



**C:** Thanks be to God.

### BLESSING



**M:** The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C:** A - men.

*be seated*

### CLOSING HYMN

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing* | **CW 332**

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We preach a message of forgiveness, hope and peace  
through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.  
Families and individuals of all ages will find opportunities  
both to grow and to serve.

Our mission statement:

**Look what Christ is doing!**

He binds us together in fellowship

He gathers us in for worship

He builds us up for service

*“Now you are the body of Christ,  
and each one of you is a part of it.”  
(1 Corinthians 12:27)*

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