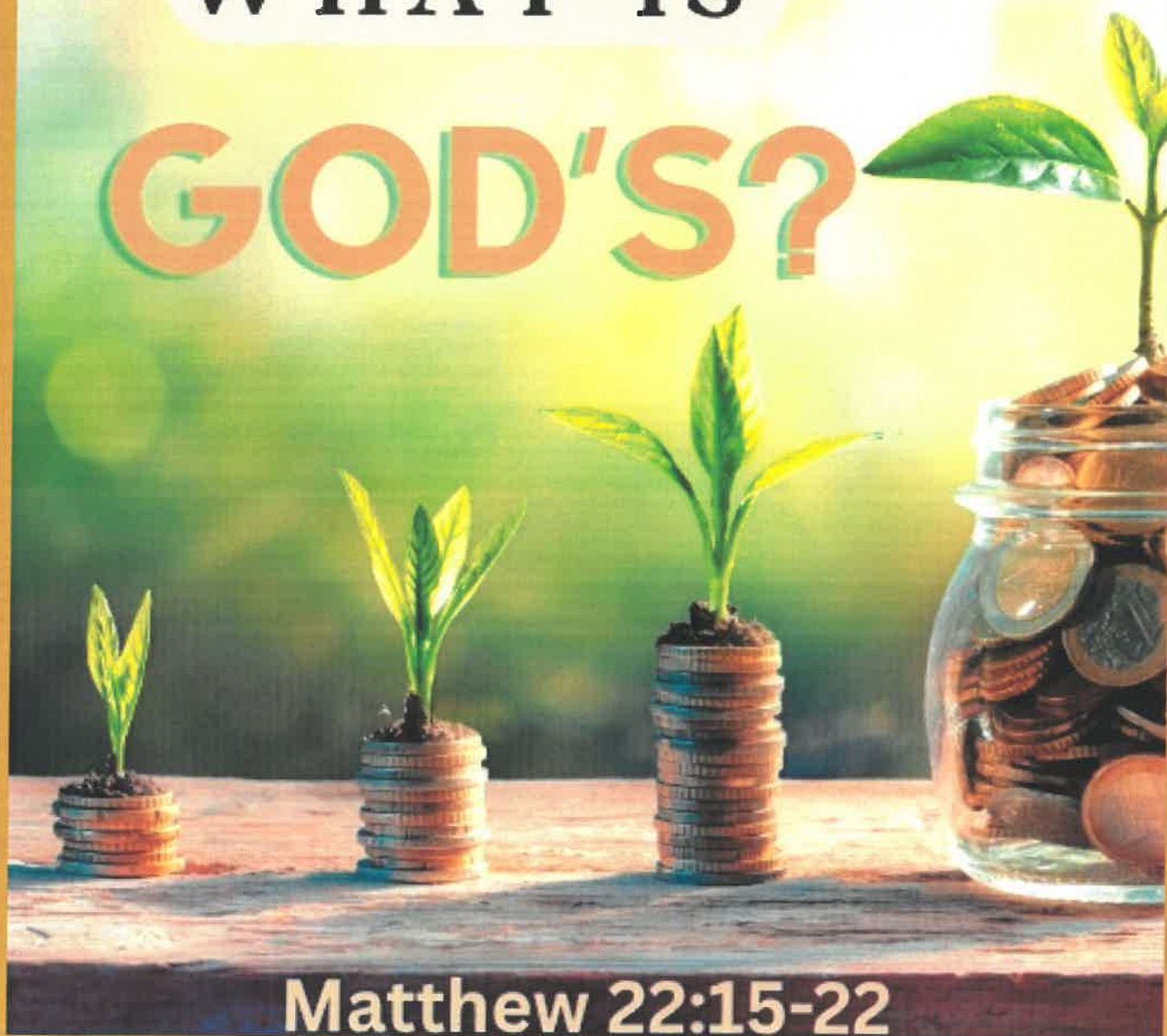


21st SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 18, 2026 | 10:30 A.M.

WHAT IS GOD'S?



Matthew 22:15-22

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)

3401 S. Dixon Road
Kokomo, Indiana 46902

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT CHRIST LUTHERAN!

FIRST TIME WORSHIPPING AT CHRIST LUTHERAN?

Christ Lutheran is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It is a community in and of the city where all are welcome in every aspect of congregational life. We believe that worship is central to our life together, that our weekly gathering around Word and Sacrament strengthens us for our work as people of God in this and in every place. Please be sure to greet the Pastor at the back of the church after the service so she can get to know you better!

TIPS FOR FOLLOWING THE LITURGY

Numbers marked with the word “page...” in small case are in the front portion of the hymnal at the bottom left and right corners of the page. Numbers marked with the word “HYMN...” are in the back portion of the hymnal in the upper left and right corners of the page. Note that the psalms are numbered as hymns 1 – 150. Throughout the liturgy, text in **BOLD** typeface is spoken by the assembly. *** Please know that at all times in the service where standing is indicated, you are most welcome to be seated if this is more comfortable for you. ***

COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS

At the second half of the service, we share Holy Communion. We would love for you to join us in this sacred moment. Instructions are on the back of this bulletin. All are welcome!

FELLOWSHIP – COFFEE & DONUTS!

We share fellowship, coffee & donuts (*provided by generous members*), and a time to connect, each Sunday morning in the Fellowship Hall from 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Please join us!

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

Prayer Request Cards are located on the Welcome Table in the Gathering Area. Please fill one out and place in the Offering Plate or in the basket on the table.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located by going through the hall off the main entrance. They are located through the doors on the left side of the building.

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

After office hours, an emergency contact can be made to Pastor Gladys Nwabah by calling (469) 735-7084.

The Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune

arranged by: Henry Kihlken

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, ✠ the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

Amen

GATHERING HYMN

"You Servants of God"

HYMN 825

GREETING

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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

And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



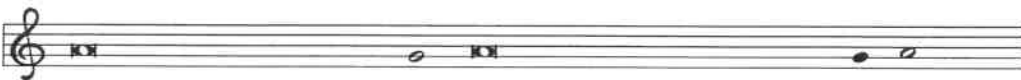
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



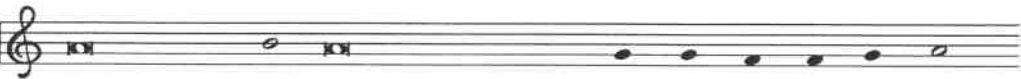
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



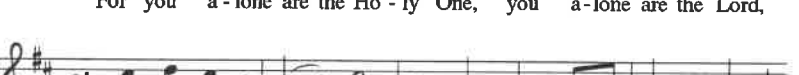
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



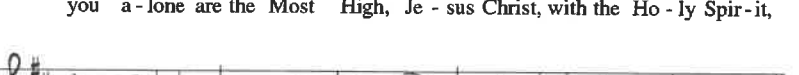
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The presiding minister leads the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The assembly is seated

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

A reading from Isaiah.

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:

² I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;

³ I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.

⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,

⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

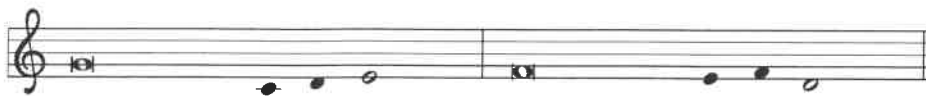
⁷ I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

The cantor first sings the refrain, which is repeated by the choir/congregation. The psalm is sung alternating between cantor and choir/congregation. The refrain is sung where indicated.



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As - crite to the LORD hon - or and power.

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- ¹ Sing to the LORD | a new song;
sing to the LORD, | all the earth.
- ² **Sing to the LORD, bless the name | of the LORD;**
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.
- ³ Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.
- ⁴ **For great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised,**
more to be feared | than all gods. R
- ⁵ As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have | made the heavens.
- ⁶ **Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;**
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.
- ⁷ Ascribe to the LORD, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD hon- | or and power.
- ⁸ **Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the | holy name;**
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the LORD. R
- ⁹ Worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, | all the earth.
- [¹⁰ **Tell it out among the nations: "The | LORD is king!**
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved will judge the
peo- | ples with equity."
- ¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all that | is therein.
- ¹² **Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your com- | ing, O LORD,**
for you come to | judge the earth.
- ¹³ You will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peoples | with your truth. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

A reading from 1 Thessalonians

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-22

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Gladys Nwabah

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

HYMN 686

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

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

Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in ordained ministry (*local seminarians or newly called ministers may be named*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church (*congregational ministries may be named*). Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We thank you for our ancestors who have been called home to you (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set.

OFFERTORY

"Creating God, Your Fingers Trace" arranged by: Southern Harmony (Hymn 684)
CLC Parish Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

(standing)

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

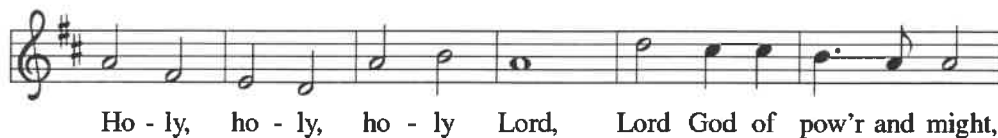
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
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:

SANCTUS



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God,

our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,

you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,

and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners

and to become food for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore,

his life given for us

and his rising from the grave,

we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:

strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,

and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,

in your holy Church,

both now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Presiding Minister: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

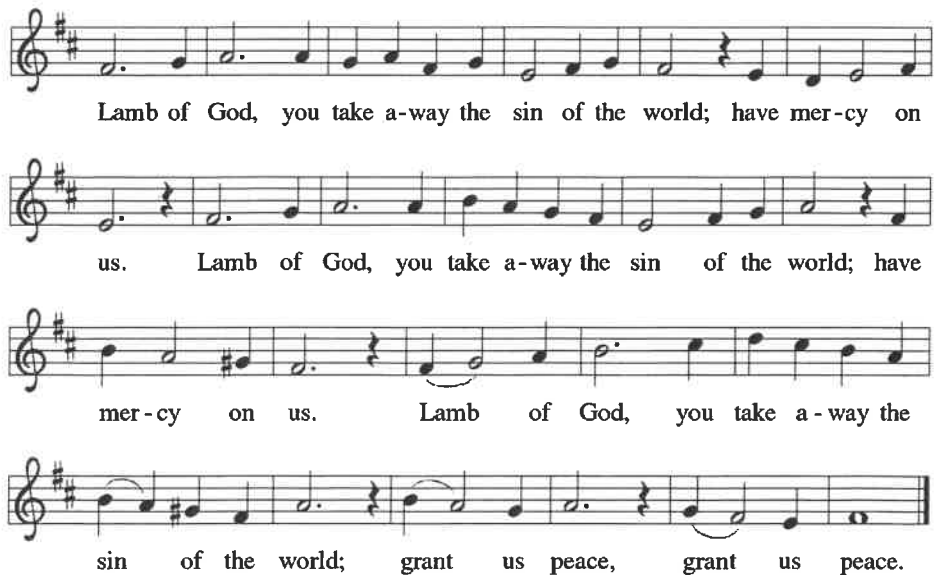
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ invites you to this table.

All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN
“This is My Father’s World”

HYMN 824

After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands. The presiding minister may say a table blessing; the assembly responds Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

The Liturgy of Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly’s participation in God’s mission in the world.

BLESSING

The God of love
draw you into full accord and one mind,
in the body of Christ Jesus.
Amen.

The God of hope
grant you strength and joy in all circumstances
through the interceding of the Spirit.
Amen.

The God of grace
✠ bless you now and forever.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

HYMN 705

DISMISSAL

The presiding minister may send the assembly into mission.

Glory to God in the highest!

And peace to God’s people on earth!

Go in joy. Embody God’s redeeming grace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

. *arranged by: Paul Manz*

LEADERS IN TODAY’S WORSHIP

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Dr. Gladys Nwabah
Music Minister & Organist:	Travis Person
Choir:	CLC Parish Choir
Lector:	Dee Ann Daniels
Acolyte:	Karen Fercho
Chalice Bearer:	Amy Russell
Altar Guild:	Lenore Kane
Greeters:	Janice Harmeyer & Judie McCoy
Counters:	Bob Howell & Rudy Obermeyer
A/V Assistant:	Peter Kane

ALTAR FLOWERS

The Altar Flowers are sponsored by: Kathryn Moss & Laura Campbell

...in memory of our mother. Maureen Hamren.

Christ Lutheran Church — Kokomo, Indiana
21st Sunday After Pentecost | October 18, 2026
Preacher: Rev. Dr. Gladys Nwabah

Sermon Topic: Beyond Caesar's Coin

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 45:1–7; Psalm 96:1–9; 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10; Matthew 22:15–22

Preamble: The Great Motion-Detector Meltdown

A homeowner grew obsessed with stopping neighborhood kids from cutting across his lawn. He set an elaborate, high-tech trap: an ultra-sensitive motion detector linked directly to his automatic sprinkler system, carefully hidden in the bushes to soak anyone who stepped on his grass. He sat inside near his open living room window with a glass of iced tea to watch his trap in action. A teenager walked by, but the homeowner had forgotten to tighten the sensor's bracket. A sudden gust of wind swung the sensor around toward the open window. The system went off, blasting cold water straight into the homeowner's face—knocking off his glasses, soaking his armchair, flooding his living room, and ruining his tea. The teenager looked up, shook his head in disbelief, and walked away.

The trap worked perfectly—just on the wrong person. As **Proverbs 26:27** warns: *“If a man digs a pit, he will fall into it; if he rolls a stone, it will roll back on him.”*

Facing the Traps of Life (Matthew 22:15–22)

Life brings us face-to-face with cunning traps, difficult people, and bad-faith arguments. In Matthew 22, religious and political leaders spent hours setting an inescapable trap for Jesus to destroy His ministry and reputation. But when Jesus spoke, He turned the mirror back on them, exposing their hypocrisy and leaving them drenched in shame.

1. An Unholy Alliance (Matt. 22:15–17)

The Pharisees hated Roman rule and viewed paying taxes as treason against God. The Herodians were political opportunists who loyally supported Rome. Bitter enemies under normal circumstances, they set aside their differences to unite against Jesus.

- **Lesson:** Darkness will often form unexpected alliances to oppose the light. Do not be surprised when opposing forces unite against God's truth.

2. The Poison of Flattery

They began with lavish praise: *“Teacher, we know how honest you are... You are impartial and don't play favoritism.”* Flattery inflates pride so we lose our balance. Compliment-driven vanity will lead us straight into a snare if we are hungry for human approval.

3. The Forced Binary

Their question left no obvious escape: *“Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?”*

- If Jesus said **“Yes”**, the Jewish crowds would reject Him as a Rome-loving traitor.
- If Jesus said **“No”**, the Herodians would arrest Him for treason against Rome.

Key Takeaways & Life Application

1. Jesus Knows the Secrets of the Heart (Matt. 22:18–20)

Jesus called out their evil motives directly: *“You hypocrites! Why are you trying to trap me?”* You cannot hide an insincere heart from God (**1 Sam. 16:7; Ps. 139:1–4**). Guarding our hearts starts with recognizing that God sees past our public posture to our true intentions.

2. Calm Composure Under Provocation

Jesus did not panic, argue, or get defensive. He said, “*Show me the coin used for the tax.*” Holding up the denarius, He asked: “*Whose picture and title are stamped on it?*”

- As **Matthew 10:16** commands: “*Be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.*”
- Wisdom knows when to stop arguing and how to ask the right question without getting dragged into petty wrangling.

Core Lessons for Believers Today

Principle	Biblical Insight	Living It Out Today
Bearing God’s Image	Caesar’s image was stamped on silver, so silver belonged to Caesar. But Genesis 1:27 tells us God stamped His image directly on us.	Caesar may claim the money in your pocket, but God claims your heart, soul, and entire existence (Matt. 22:21).
Rejecting Culture’s Either-Or Mindset	Jesus dismantled their trap and operated on a higher plane.	Refuse to be trapped by culture’s false extremes or partisan human agendas; evaluate every issue through God’s Word.
Navigating Dual Citizenship	Fulfilling civic responsibilities (paying taxes, obeying just laws) is a biblical obligation (Rom. 13:1–7; 1 Pet. 2:13–17).	When human demands conflict with God’s commands, God’s authority remains absolute (Acts 5:29).
Wise Composure	Responding with steady, Spirit-led discernment rather than pride, anger, or fear.	“ <i>A soft answer turns away wrath</i> ” (Prov. 15:1). Stop wasting energy on disputes that do not build the Kingdom.
Sincerity Before God	God does not want religious routines or flattering words; He wants truth in the inward parts (Ps. 51:6).	Approach God with absolute honesty and brokenness rather than a religious mask.

Reflection & Call to Action

When the Pharisees left Jesus that day, they went away empty-handed because they came with closed, deceitful hearts. As you reflect on this message today, ask yourself:

1. What image is stamped on your life?
2. Are you spending your energy wrestling over temporary, earthly matters—worrying about “taxes to Caesar”—while withholding your heart from God?

Let us render to the world what is necessary for this life, but let us give God our worship, our devotion, and our total surrender.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church! If you are visiting us, we pray that your stay is filled with joy and that your time here at CLC proves to be a blessing. Please turn off your cell phones and all electronic devices to help create a serene atmosphere for worship.

Thanks.

PRAYER REQUESTS & CARDS

Submit prayers for yourself, those you love, and the world. Please submit names to Rebekah Gillum (clcsecretary@outlook.com) or complete a Prayer Request Card. The cards are located at the Welcome Table.

NEXT SUNDAY 10/25/2026

Reformation Sunday

Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46;
Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-36

STAY IN TOUCH

Please get in touch with Rebekah Gillum for bulletin announcements, Prayer List, Weekly eNews, and building scheduling. Her email address is clcsecretary@outlook.com.

If you need pastoral care, please get in touch with Pastor Dr. Gladys Nwabah at (469) 735-7084.

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THE JOY OF GENEROSITY

Greetings from Christ Lutheran Church. This weekend, we are excited to begin "The Joy of Generosity" in our congregation. As you prepare for worship, we encourage you to think about your own experiences with generosity.

Often we think that giving things away leaves us with less. The bold claim of the Bible is that just the opposite is true: when you give things away, you end up with more. In 2 Corinthians 9:11, Paul writes, "You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity." Sociologists Christian Smith and Hilary Davidson write, "Generous people tend to receive back goods that are even more valuable than those they gave away: happiness, health, a sense of purpose in life, and personal growth."*

How has your life demonstrated Paul's promise that we will be enriched through our generosity? How has generous giving of time or money increased your sense of purpose in life? We will consider these thought-provoking questions in worship this weekend. We hope you will join us.

*Christian Smith and Hilary Davidson, *The Paradox of Generosity* (Oxford University Press, 2014), 11.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

+Merry Widows

10:50 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Meeting at the Church to Carpool

The Boat House—Cicero

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

+Quilters

9:30 a.m. – noon

Matthew/Mark Rooms

+Noonday Service

12 noon – 12:30 p.m.

Chapel

+Bible Study

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Matthew/Mark Rooms

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

+Online Bible Study

7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Zoom – Contact Dee Ann Daniels for Details

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Cleaning Service

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

+Lectionary Class

8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

+Fellowship Time

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

+Worship Service

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Sanctuary

KOKOMO URBAN OUTREACH NEED

Judie McCoy is accepting donations of blankets only for the children at the Kokomo Urban Outreach. Any size welcome and they can be placed in the tub in the Northex.

Samaritan Caregivers/SHIP

Rebekah wanted to remind everyone that Medicare Open enrollment has begun. Many of the unscheduled classrooms and the kitchenette will be used Monday—Thursday 8 am—4pm. Please let her know if you need to schedule a room beforehand. The Matthew/Mark room is always open for use by the church.

PRAYER REQUEST

+Scott Stipek— Unspoken (Dan Macaluso)

Greg Enstrom—Bob & Jill Howell's Friend

Penny Smith—Unspoken(Charlene's Smith)

Karen Fercho—Health Issues

Bob Oie , Sam & Mary Burrous, Fred & Jane Richter,

Ted & Janet DeGarmo, Mary Anderson

Communion at Christ Lutheran Church

Please know that if you feel called to share in communion with us you are welcome to do so! You may also come forward for a blessing by coming to the altar as described below and crossing your arms across your chest.

When the time comes, the pastor will indicate that the choir and choral scholars will come forward. The assembly will then come forward pew-by-pew. You can follow someone easily. When you reach the altar, go to the side that corresponds to the side of the church where you have been sitting (e.g. if you sat on the right side of the center aisle, go to the right side of the altar). You may stand or kneel as you prefer.

You can hold out your hands, palms up, to receive the bread. A second person will come to give you wine. The glasses in the center section contain fruit juice. Consume the bread and then the wine (or juice).

You may choose to receive communion in the form of the bread only; this is considered not only valid but also a full and complete participation in communion.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

And each person may respond Amen.

When you finish, you exit on the side where you took communion (e.g. to the right if you are on the right of the altar). Please place your empty glass in the container on the stand located near the first row of pews. Continue down the side aisle and then return to your seat. Thank you for worshipping with us, and may the presence of Jesus in the bread and wine remain in your heart and soul until you return to worship with us again!

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