



# Community of the Cross Lutheran Church

Sixteenth Sunday in Pentecost

September 17, 2023 • 10:45 a.m.



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## **Our Mission**

**We are all called to be ministers—  
Welcomed by the love of Jesus Christ,  
Nurtured in faith by the Holy Spirit,  
Sent to share God's promises with others.**

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## **GATHERING**

Please feel free to be seated as you need to.

**GATHERING SONG**                    *“Learning To Be The Light”*

**OPENING SONG**                    *“10,000 Reasons”*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

*P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.*

**C: Amen.**

~ **Silence is kept for reflection.** ~

*P: Merciful God,*

**C: You have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

*P: Beloved in Christ, in Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In Christ, you are already and always forgiven.*

**C: Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*P: Let us pray.*

**C: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

Kristin Henak

### READING

Genesis 50:15-21

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION     *"Word of God Speak"*

### GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 18th Chapter.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*P: The Gospel of our Lord.*

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### SERMON

Pastor Christine Wenzel

## OFFERING AND PRAYERS

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### OFFERING

*"The Clock Shop"*  
Lydia Van Hout and Sandy Knight

by Nancy & Randall Faber

### PRAYERS

*P: God in your mercy,*

**C: Hear our prayer.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

*Communion supplies - including gluten-free option - are available  
in the Welcome Center or from the ushers.*

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## **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.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*“Mighty To Save”*

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING / BENEDICTION**

*P: The God of glory, Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

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CCLC Mission Statement

## **SENDING SONG**

*“My Lighthouse”*

## **SENDING**

*P: Go in peace to touch lives with the love of God.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**