

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 God thanks and praise.**

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

*"Lamb of God"
"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"*

ELW p.191

ELW #461

COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

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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Sent to share God's promises with others.

(CCLC Mission Statement)

SENDING HYMN

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

ELW #545 v 1 & 2

DISMISSAL

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*"Temple March"
Marsha Gullickson*

by James Lyon



Community of the Cross Lutheran Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023 • 8:45 a.m.



Our Mission

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GATHERING

Please feel free to be seated as you need to.

PRELUDE "Kyrie, God Father" by Gerhard Krapf
Marsha Gullickson

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" by Traditional Irish Melody
Marsha Gullickson G F Handel

"It is Well With My Soul" by Bliss/arr Purifoy
Marsha Gullickson

SUNG PRELUDE "My Jesus I Love Thee, with I Love You, Lord" by Keith Christopher
Chancel Choir

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND 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.

GATHERING HYMN "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven" ELW #864

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

C: And also with you.

KYRIE (Jamie sings verses, all sing refrain) ELW p.184 v 1 & 2

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray together.

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 "Alleluia Lord to Whom Shall We Go?" ELW p.188

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

HYMN OF THE DAY "Where Charity and Love Prevail" ELW #359 v. 1, 2 & 3

PRAYERS

P: God in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

OFFERING

OFFERING "Joyful, Joyful, Sing Praise" by Jay Althouse

Chancel Choir and Sandy Knight

OFFERTORY "Create in Me" ELW #186

HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

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