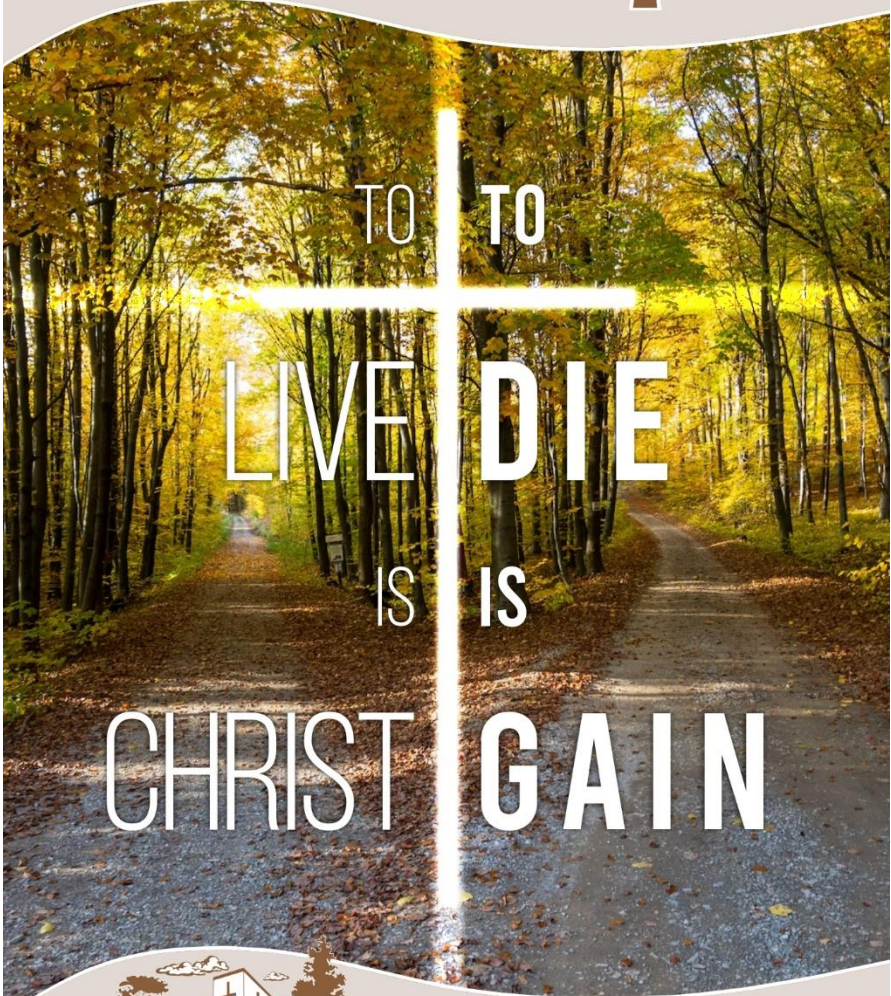


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17th Sunday after Trinity



TO LIVE IS CHRIST
TO DIE IS GAIN



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✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: TLH #373:1-4

"By Grace I'm Saved"

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Pastor

Confession of Our Sins

C Congregation

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful & need His forgiveness.

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from conception. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

C Amen!

The Introit

Ps. 116:12-13, 15-17

P I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.

C **What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?**

P I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

C **Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.**

P O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

C **I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.**

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

The Kyrie & The Gloria Patri

Latin for "Lord, Have Mercy" and "Glory be to the Father"



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - mighty Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Requested Prayers & the Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

(We begin with requested prayers.)

P ... Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Matthew 20:1-16

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵ So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶ And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' ⁸ And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' ⁹ And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰ Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹² saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³ But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?' ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first last."

Isaiah 55:6-9

"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; ⁷ let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are

your ways my ways, declares the LORD. ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

☐ Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

☩ *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

I BELIEVE...

in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #380

“Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ”

Phil. 1:12-14; 19-30

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³ so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴ And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . . ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed,

but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²² If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³ I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴ But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again. ²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸ and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰ engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**To Live is Christ.
To Die is Gain.**

The Offertory

In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.

☩ ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: TLH #597:1-3, 7-8

"For Me to Live Is Jesus"

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts!

C **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P It is truly good, right, and beneficial that we should, at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

C ♪ ***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth, adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!***

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Lk. 22:19-20; Mt. 26:26-28; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C ♪ ***O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life restored, Impart Your joy, our faith increase. Sustain with Your mercy and grant us your peace.***

Communion Today is for Members Only Please

Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, please speak with our Pastor to find out about communing with us in the future! Thank you!

✠ **The Distribution of the Lord's Supper** ✠

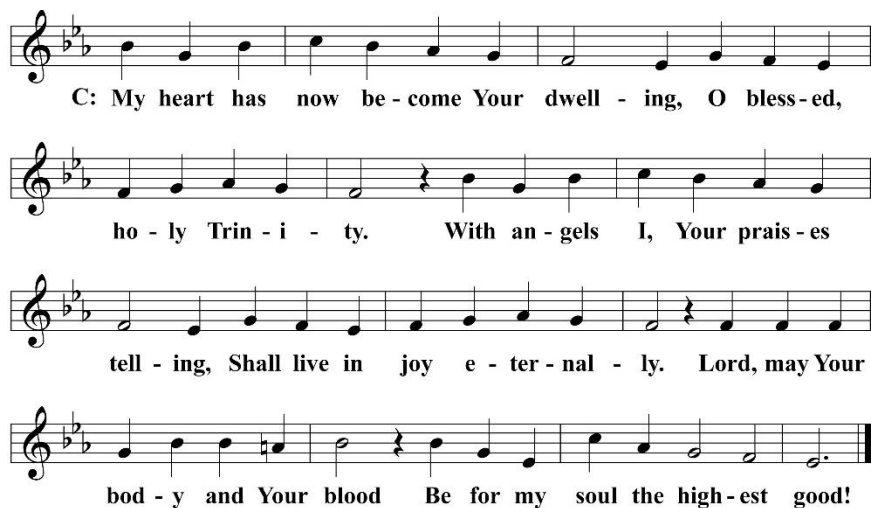
The Order of Holy Communion





C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.



C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C Amen!

Hymn: TLH #377:1-6

“Salvation Unto Us Has Come”

CLC Mission Development Fund: When the convention approved the calling of our third foreign missionary, it determined that the funding of that missionary would come fully from the MDF for the first year. The cost of funding that missionary is about \$80,000. Currently the MDF balance is enough to cover the cost of our third foreign missionary for the rest of this fiscal year and a few other essential projects, but without additional funds, we will not be able to fund other planned projects. The Board of Missions has already put a hold on all other projects including all funding of Bibles and other Christian literature, church building assistance, and many planned outreach projects. We pray that the members of the CLC will remember this work in their prayers and their offerings.

CLC Call News - Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN **is considering the call** from Messiah Lutheran of Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Lutheran in the Atlanta, GA area **has returned the call** from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI. Calvary Lutheran, along with St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI, **have now called** Pastor Terrel Kesterson of Ascension Lutheran in Batavia, IL.

CLC Mission Prayer Opportunities

Myanmar (Southeast Asia) – A recent email was received from Pastor Thang letting us know that Pastor Kham was injured by bomb shrapnel from an early morning attack near the CLC-Myanmar headquarters and orphanage. He was treated for head and shoulder injuries and is expected to be released soon.

There was also an incident with Pastor Kham's wife, Huai. As military forces stopped and interrogated her as she returned from the market, they searched her phone. They found chats and memes critical of the Junta. She was arrested and spent a few days in jail while Pastors Thang and Kham went to friends and relatives to borrow money for her release. She is safely home now, but they now have approx. \$1000 in debt. **Thank the Lord** for sparing the life of our brother in Christ, and ask for strength and courage as he heals. **Pray for** strength and courage for Haui as she deals with the emotional and physical trauma of her arrest. **Pray for the children** Pastor Kham and Haui care for as they live in constant fear of military attack and now also the fear of losing those who love and care for them. **Continue to Pray** for justice and peace for all the people of Myanmar. **Pray** especially for our brothers and sisters in Christ that our Savior will give them strength, comfort, courage, and boldness during these difficult times and that He will provide for all their needs. **Thank the Lord** for moving the hearts of His children to give generously to the needs of others through their offerings and prayers.

Kate Sauers (USA) – Kate is the wife of Board of Missions member Pastor Rob Sauers. She was diagnosed with ALK-positive large-cell lymphoma cancer this past week. She is scheduled to begin chemotherapy on Monday, Oct. 2nd. Kate and Pastor Sauers have three small children. **Please pray** that our Lord will give wisdom to her doctors as they treat her cancer. **Ask the Lord** to bless those treatments and grant complete and quick healing. **Pray for** courage, comfort, hope, strength, and trust in our Savior's love and plans for their family.

Zambia (East Africa) – Pastor Ibrahim was bitten on the leg by a scorpion while traveling to his native Tanzania a few weeks ago. He became very ill and has received treatment for several weeks in the hospital. For the past year, pastors from other churches in Zambia have been causing problems for Pastor Ibrahim and have involved the Zambian immigration department, accusing him of living and working illegally in Zambia. His trip to Tanzania was to get the appropriate paperwork from the government to allow him to apply for a

permanent worker visa. **Pray for** continued healing and a full recovery. **Ask for the Lord's blessings** on Ibrahim's immigration issues and that He would turn the hearts of those trying to harm Ibrahim away from jealousy to repentance and love.

The Philippines (Southeast Asia) – Pastor Andrew Schaller (CLC Bd of Doctrine Secretary) continues the colloquy with Pastor Jordan Palangyos and the Lutheran Autonomous Mission in the Philippines (LAMP) via email correspondence. **Pray** that the Lord will bless the colloquy and that this will lead to a God-pleasing unity of faith and teaching. **Ask the Lord** to provide opportunities and all that is necessary for Pastor Jordan to continue to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Pakistan – Pastor Tim Daub continues to teach online video Bible lessons to two groups of Christians who are eager to start a Lutheran church in Pakistan. The Board of Missions has authorized Missionary Ohlmann to accompany Pastor Daub on a visit to Pakistan in 2024. With the upcoming elections in Pakistan and due to safety concerns surrounding it, there is some uncertainty about when this trip will occur. **Pray that the Lord will continue to bless** the teaching and learning of His word. **Thank our Savior** for this opportunity and the technology to proclaim the truth of His word in such a way.

Bangladesh (Southeast Asia) – Many Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM) members are newly converted to Christianity from Islam or Hinduism. Since Pastor Monotosh is the only thoroughly trained and ordained pastor of the BLCM, he stays very busy traveling throughout the thirteen congregations he has started to provide ongoing Bible training to the members, lay leaders, evangelists, and pastors in training. **Ask our Savior** to continue to bless both the preaching and learning of God's word in Bangladesh and to provide all that is necessary for the ministry of the BLCM.

Nepal (Southeast Asia) – Pastor Raju and his father plan to begin outreach efforts in some of Nepal's far-flung and mostly unreached regions in the coming months. Partial funding for this effort has been approved by the CLC Board of Missions through an MDF grant when funds are available. **Pray for the Lord's blessings** on these efforts and that His word will accomplish that

for which it is sent that many will be led by the Spirit to repent and trust in their Savior Jesus.

Missionary Bruce Naumann (Tanzania-East Africa) – Missionary Naumann, along with his wife Paula, arrived in Tanzania about five weeks ago after his furlough in the U.S. The new semester at the Wittenberg Lutheran Theological Seminary began shortly after his arrival. In addition to his teaching responsibilities at the seminary, he will also begin taking a more active role in correspondence and training pastors in Kenya and Uganda. You can keep updated on things happening in Tanzania at clc-tz.blogspot.com. **Ask for the Lord's blessings** as Missionary Naumann and Paula continue to adjust to life in Africa. Pray for our Savior's abundant blessings on the work of training pastors, teachers, and leaders in Tanzania.

Missionary Peter Evensen (Togo-West Africa) – Missionary Evensen is in Togo, where he continues his work of translating lessons from English to French for use in the local seminary and for other French-speaking seminaries in Africa. He also teaches two days weekly at the CLC-affiliated seminary north of Lomé. **Pray for our Savior's blessings** on his work of helping to train faithful preachers, teachers, and leaders for the Gospel work in Togo and other French-speaking African nations.

Missionary Ohlmann – Due to various issues and the current political climate in Nigeria, Missionary Ohlmann's visit to Africa this fall has been postponed to early 2024. Instead, he will travel to Japan, Bangladesh, and Nepal in the last few months of 2023. In Japan, he will meet with the current pastor, who serves the congregation once in fellowship with the CLC. He will spend approx. three weeks in both Bangladesh, visiting congregations and preaching stations and conducting a five-day Pastoral Training Seminar. In Nepal, he will visit new outreach areas in western provinces, conduct a Pastoral Training seminar, and attend the Himalayan Bible Institute graduation. **Pray for** all that is necessary for these trips to be planned and take place. **Ask the Lord** to keep his wife Beth and their family safe while he is away. **Pray for** the Lord's love, wisdom, patience, and zeal during these visits that His name be glorified as the truth of His saving word is proclaimed and pastors are trained. You can read his blog at: missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com