

Christ the Servant Lutheran Church
Putting Jesus' Way of Life into Practice by...
Encountering God, Loving One Another,
& Reaching the World.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 2024 ~ 9:00 AM

If salt has
lost its saltiness,
how can you
season it?

MARK 9:50



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Someone who isn't part of Jesus' own circle is casting out demons in Jesus' name, and the disciples want him stopped. They appeal to Jesus, as Joshua did to Moses about the elders who prophesied without official authorization. Like Moses, Jesus refuses to see this as a threat. Jesus welcomes good being done in his name, even when it is not under his control. The circle we form around Jesus' word must be able to value good being done in ways we wouldn't do it, by people we can't keep tabs on.

Welcome to Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

(Congregational responses are in bold print.)

WELCOME

BLESSING OF THE PETS

GATHERING SONG

“GOODNESS OF GOD”

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

CHORUS

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

BRIDGE

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

Chorus x2

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GREETING

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING: NUMBERS 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-25

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

¹⁶So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: PSALM 19:7-14

⁷The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to
the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING: JAMES 5:13-20

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.

¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: MARK 9:38-50

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸John said to [Jesus], “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“SIMPLICITY ”

I come in simplicity
Longing for purity
To worship You in Spirit and truth
Only You
Lord strip it all away
'Til only You remain
I'm coming back unto my first love
Only You

Chorus

You're the reason I sing
The reason I sing

Yes my heart will sing
How I love You
And forever I'll sing
Forever I'll sing
Yes my heart will sing
How I love You

I come with my broken song
To You the perfect One
to worship You in Spirit and truth
Only You (only you)
Give me a child-like heart
Lead me to where You are
'Cause I'm coming back
Unto my first love only You

Chorus

How I love You how I love You
How I love You my first love
How I love You how I love You
How I love You my first love

CHORUS

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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 THE PEOPLE

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OUR OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

“GIVE THANKS”

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

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**

COMMUNION

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

“THE TABLE”

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen

SENDING SONG

“CHAINBREAKER ”

If you've been walking the same old road

For miles and miles

If you've been hearing the same old voice

Tell the same old lies

If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside

There's a better life

There's a better life

Chorus

If you've got pain, He's a pain taker

If you feel lost, He's a way maker

If you need freedom or saving

He's a prison shaking Savior

If you got chains, He's a chain breaker

We've all searched for the light of day

In the dead of night

We've all found ourselves worn out

From the same old fight

We've all run to things we know just ain't right

When there's a better life

There's a better life

Chorus

If you believe it, if you receive it
If you can feel it, somebody testify
If you believe it, if you receive it
If you can feel it, somebody testify (testify)
If you believe it, if you receive it
If you can feel it, somebody testify

Chorus

Oh if you need freedom or saving
He's a prison shaking Savior
If you got chains,
Well, He's a chain breaker

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

Flowers today given by Steven & Shirley Tigges

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY! THANK YOU!

Greeter: KatieWright
Welcome Desk: Radical Hospitality
Ushers:
Reader: Mike
Sound Booth: Tim, Tom, Peter
Communion Assistants:
Musicians: Revelation
Coffee Servers: Sandy & Charlie

PRAYER REQUESTS...

We pray for those in need of healing and mercy: Paul S., Brian, Tony L. Tim K, Don S (Father-in-law of Wendy S.), the Karrick and Allen families, Paul R., Gary C., Rainia T, Carol W, Kingston and Amari, Gary (Uncle of Sue), Sarah K, Carol L, Salomie (sister-in-law of Peter), Roberta, Dorothy V (Mother of Linda W), Patty Wong (sister of Mike W), and Anna.

(Please call the church office with any prayer concerns or updates.)

Thank you for giving to support the ministries at Christ the Servant. You may donate online on our website: www.cslcvh.org/tithe. Offering envelopes are available at the Welcome Desk.

THE CALENDAR THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE SERVANT

Today: September 29 - 19th Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00 AM - CSLC Bible Study
- 9:00 AM - CSLC Worship
- 10:00 AM - CSLC Fellowship Time (FH)
- 11:30 AM - EFLC Adult Sunday School
- 12:30 PM - EFLC Worship

Monday, September 30

- 9:00 AM - Package bread & deliver
- 2:00 PM - 5:30 PM - Piecemakers (FH)

Tuesday, October 1

- 7:00 AM - Bread Preparation (Fellowship)
- 8:30 AM - Bread Distribution + Coffee Get-Together (FH)
- 6:30 PM - AA Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, October 2

- 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM - Bible Study (FH)
- 12:00 PM - 3:30 PM - Handwork Group (FH)
- 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM - Youth
- 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM - AA (Class A)

Thursday, October 3

- 3:45 PM - YogaDevotion (S)
- 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Revelation Rehearsal (S)

Friday, October 4

- 10:00 AM - Set-up for Blood Drive (FH)
- 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM - Red Cross Blood Drive (FH)
- 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM - EFLC Choir Practice (Class A)

Saturday, October 5

- 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM - AAPC St. Paul Chapter (FH)

Sunday, October 6 - 20th Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00 AM - CSLC Bible Study
- 9:00 AM - CSLC Worship
- 10:00 AM - CSLC Fellowship Time (FH)
- 11:30 AM - EFLC Adult Sunday School
- 12:30 PM - EFLC Worship

Sunday Bible Study

Every Sunday at 8:00 AM.

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM.

Women's Saturday Bible Study

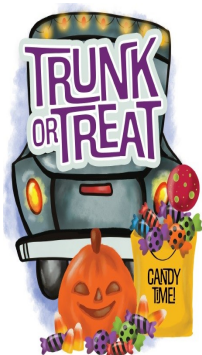
Every other Saturday from 9:30 AM to 11 AM. Dates: Oct. 5, 19, Nov. 2



Pumpkin Patch:

The signup sheets for the Pumpkin Patch are available in the Welcome Area for helping with the unloading, and for working shifts from October 13-31!

Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 12, 8 AM. More details to come.



Trunk or Treat: Saturday, October 26 from 1PM-4PM

Would you like to volunteer for a very fun event? We have the place for you! CSLC will host a Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 26 from 1 PM - 4 PM. Dress up, decorate your trunk, and hand out candy! A fun community event! Please sign up in the Welcome Area!

Bundles of Love has provided yarn to make baby afghans. If you are interested in making one please contact Leila.



Blood Drive at CSLC



The next blood drive at Christ the Servant is scheduled for Friday, October 4, 2024, from 11 AM to 5 PM.

Sharing in Holy Work

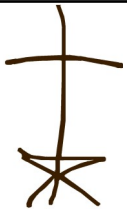
In the late first century, when the author of Mark was writing the story of Jesus for the new Galilean Christian church, other Christian churches were forming in neighboring regions too, with other teachers sharing and professing the wonders of Christ Jesus. And, well, like churches of all times, each one did things a little differently.



They told the stories in their own unique styles. They emulated the works of Jesus in their healings, teachings, and evangelism in varied ways. And some in the church in Galilee started to think, “Hey! Those other Christians are doing it wrong!” So the author of Mark made sure to include this account about Jesus and the first apostles.

In our world today, there are so many kinds of Christians professing and teaching in various ways. So who is right when Christians around the world all see Jesus and his ministry a little differently? Many of these churches have their own supporting documents: Lutherans have the works of Martin Luther and Philip Melancthon. Methodists and other churches with English heritage have the work of John Wesley. From historical theologians like Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, and Julian of Norwich to modern theologians like James Cone and Rosemary Radford Ruether, theologians and writers about Jesus have inspired our faith and how we are to live in and share the love of God through Jesus Christ across time and space.

As Jesus shares with the disciples, any work that shares love, grace, mercy, and justice in his name is holy. Many of our faith communities partner with people of other traditions to share Jesus’ love through holy work. What holy work are others in your community doing? What ecumenical partnerships do you share in? Is there a Jesus movement truly inspiring you right now, even if it’s not through your own church? If so, thanks be to God!



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