

BEFORE WORSHIP

As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet minutes in prayer before the service. Review the lessons, the service notes and prayer this prayer:

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FOR THE CHILDREN

A Mother's Room is available for your use at any time during the service. It is located down the hallway to the right as you exit the gymnasium by the water fountains.

Children's Activity Sheets give activities and lessons pertaining to the Scripture lessons for the day. Ask an usher near the table as you enter the worship space.

CHRIST ALONE LUTHERAN CHURCH

He Did It All!

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PENTECOST 15

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful word. Please take a moment to sign our guest register as you leave this morning.

- ✓ **Restrooms** are located across the hallway as you exit the gymnasium by the water fountains.



The Lost Son & The Forgiving Father

TODAY'S THEME:

CHRISTIANS LOVE THE LOST
LIKE CHRIST

DIVINE SERVICE II

OPENING HYMN: #379, *Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound*

INVOCATION

L(eader): In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C(ongregation): Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

L: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

L: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

KYRIE¹

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

L: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

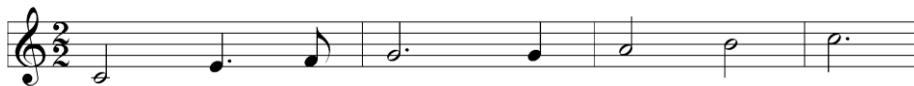
C: Lord, have mercy.

L: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

¹ The word *Kyrie* is a Greek word from the phrase *Kyrie eleison* which means, "Lord, have mercy!" This is the most heartfelt cry of a believer to his Lord. It is not a cry for forgiveness, but a cry for mercy that our Lord and King hear us and help us in our necessities and trouble. Christians have been praying the *Kyrie* at Sunday worship for more than 1700 years (that's why its name is Greek, the language most commonly spoken at the time). This morning, may it also be our heartfelt cry to our Lord and King.

GLORY BE TO GOD²



1 All glo - ry be to God on high!
 2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,
 3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
 4 You, Christ, are ho - ly— Lord a - lone;



Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;
 For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,
 You take all hu - man sin a - way.
 The Fath - er's glo - ry you made known.



We praise you for your peace and grace,
 For all, O Fath - er, you have done
 Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;
 We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:



Your fav - or toward our fal - len race.
 Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
 From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
 "All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

The leader says the Prayer of the Day.

C: Amen.

² Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE FIRST LESSON: HOSEA 3:1-5

¹ The LORD said to me, "Go, show your love to your wife again, though she is loved by another and is an adulteress. Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes."

² So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and about a homer and a lethek of barley. ³ Then I told her, "You are to live with me many days; you must not be a prostitute or be intimate with any man, and I will live with you."

⁴ For the Israelites will live many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred stones, without ephod or idol. ⁵ Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They will come trembling to the LORD and to his blessings in the last days.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 51A

Read responsively with the leader.

L: Have mercy on me, O God,

C: **according to your unfailing love.**

L: Wash away all my iniquity,

C: **and cleanse me from my sin.**

L: For I know my transgressions,

C: **and my sin is always before me.**

L: Against you, you only have I sinned

C: **and done what is evil in your sight.**

L: Surely I was sinful from birth,

C: **sinful from the time my mother conceived me.**

- L: Hide your face from my sins,
C: and blot out all my iniquity.
- L: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
C: and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

THE SECOND LESSON: 2 CORINTHIANS 2:5-11

⁵If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you, to some extent—not to put it too severely. ⁶The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient for him. ⁷Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. ⁸I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him. ⁹The reason I wrote you was to see if you would stand the test and be obedient in everything. ¹⁰If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, ¹¹in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

THE VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be-lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 15:1-10

¹Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him. ²But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

⁸"Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' ¹⁰In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

THE HYMN OF THE DAY: #304, *Jesus Sinners Does Receive*

SERMON:

Jesus Never Stops Looking for You

1. Because you're lost
2. Until he finds you

Luke 15:1-10

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

THE OFFERING:

The members of Christ Alone Lutheran Congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

THE SACRAMENT

✓ *Christ Alone Lutheran Church practices close communion. We ask that only members partake of the Sacrament.*

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

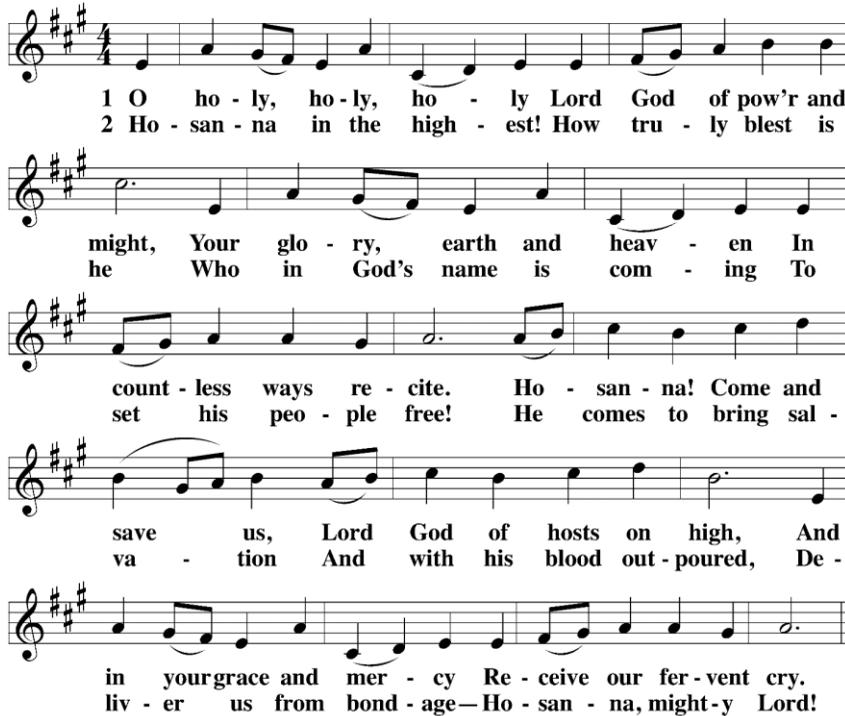
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

L: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY³

Sanctus



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is
might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To
count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -
save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -
in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
liv - er us from bond - age—Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

C: 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.

³ *Sanctus* means "holy." Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century. Use of the *Sanctus* can be dated to 96 A.D., as shown in a letter written by Clement of Rome to the Christians in Corinth.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

L: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out 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: **Amen.**



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD⁴

Agnus Dei



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



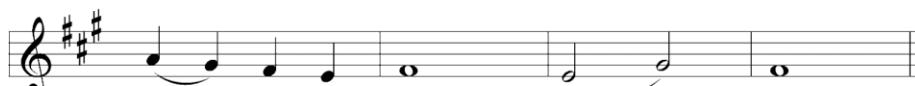
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

THE DISTRIBUTION:

⁴ Jesus is God's Lamb (*Agnus Dei*), who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.

HYMN: *Come to the Banquet*

Cantor introduces the refrain. Congregation sings the refrain thereafter. Cantor sings the verses.

Refrain



Come to the ban - quet, come to the feast.



Eat the bread of life! Share in the sing - ing,



share in the joy. Drink the cup of love!

Cantor: Refrain

All: Refrain

Cantor: Draw near and take the body of the Lord and drink the holy blood for you outpoured. Saved by his body, hallowed by his blood, with souls refreshed, we give our thanks to God. **Refrain**

Cantor: Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son, who by his cross and blood the victory won. Gave up his life for greatest and for least, Himself the victim and himself the priest. **Refrain**

SONG OF SIMEON⁵

Nunc Dimittis



1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to
as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -
car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en -
ev - er three in one; For as in the be -
light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une
crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

THE LORD'S BLESSING

- L: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.
- C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: CWS #748, *Lamb of God*

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⁵ The *Nunc Dimittis* ("Now dismiss") is also known as the "Song of Simeon." Through God's Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide,
 2 Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied.
 3 I was so lost; I should have died,

But you have sent him from your side
 They laughed and scorned him as he died:
 But you have brought me to your side

To walk up - on this guilt - y sod
 The hum - ble King they named a fraud
 To be led by your staff and rod

And to be - come the Lamb of God.
 And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,

I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!

Oh, wash me in his pre - cious blood,

Mv Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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Announcements

Welcome Visitors and Guests: We are glad that you are with us this morning, and we pray that you will worship with us again soon. God's richest blessings to you!

September 17 - 24

Today	9:15AM	Sunday School; Bible Class
	10:30AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday	7:00PM	Council of Ministry
Wednesday	10:30AM	Faithbuilders
	6:00PM	Confirmation Class
Sunday	9:15AM	Sunday School; Bible Class
	10:30AM	Worship with Holy Communion

Faithbuilders Class: Our Faithbuilders class is for people interested in becoming members of Christ Alone, or for people just looking to build their faith through the study of the basic teachings of the Bible. A new class begins soon. If you would like to attend, contact Pastor Seager. Free childcare is available.

A Return to Grace | Thursday, October 5, 6:30 pm – Please SAVE THE DATE! We are working on setting up a one-night only screening of *A Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy* at Alliance Cinemark. The full-length film tells the story of Luther's life and examines his quest for truth. Don't miss this great opportunity for fellowship and inspiration as we look forward to the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation!

Planned Giving Pledge Sheets have been distributed to all members. If you have not received a copy and would like one, please see Pete Sampe, Financial Secretary. Please return your pledge sheets via the offering plate on or before September 24th. Thank you!

Fall Festival: Sunday, November 5th! Save the date. Invite your friends and neighbors!

September-October Volunteer Schedules

Sunday	Friendship Register		Video Taping
Sep 3	Brenden Eicksteadt	Eliana Seager	Christopher Gross
Sep 10	Nathan Covarrubias	Addison Fleisher	Dominic Gross
Sep 17	Gabrielle Fleisher	Nadia Covarrubias	Garrett Bartels
Sep 24	Grant Thowe	Aurora DeAmicis	Dalton Gross
Oct 1	Isaac Murry	Samantha Fleisher	Micah Berens
Oct 8	Ashley Horn	Eliana Seager	Pejah Berens
Oct 15	Nathan Covarrubias	Brenden Eicksteadt	Jessica Horn
Oct 22	Nadia Covarrubias	Addison Fleisher	Garrett Bartels
Oct 29	Aurora DeAmicis	Gabrielle Fleisher	Christopher Gross

Ushering Teams

September				October			
Bartels	Brad	Gross	Chris	Horn	John	Snapp	Stas
Murry	Keith(AV)	Brown	Matt	LaRocque	Brian(AV)	Becker	Michael
Sieger	John	Bassler	John	Thowe	Travis	Sampe	Pete
Bartels	Garrett	Covarrubias	Edgar	Berens	Chad	DeAmicis	Tony
Bunch	Troy	Machina	Richard	Schrandt	Todd	Green	Leroy

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ABOUT CHRIST ALONE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christ Alone Lutheran Church is a new Christian congregation, a mission plant of the third largest Lutheran church body in America. Christ Alone congregation held its first service on January 10, 2010. More recently, Christ Alone purchased 11 acres of land on Main St. in Keller. By God's grace, Christ Alone Lutheran remains focused on our mission of reaching out with the good news of the Savior Jesus Christ who died on the cross to pay for all sins and rose again to give eternal life.

Christ Alone Lutheran Church worships the Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We accept the Bible as God's inspired and errorless word. It is the only source of truth for life and for eternity.

Christ Alone is dedicated to preaching the truth, that God has prepared a way to save sinners from eternal damnation by sending His Son, Jesus Christ. By Jesus' perfect life and innocent death, the sins of all people have been paid for in full. Jesus' resurrection is proof of this! Whoever believes (trusts) in Jesus has the forgiveness of sins, possesses eternal life now, and has a certain future with Jesus in heaven. Believers in Jesus have been given the new life of faith by which they offer their lives in service to the Lord and all people.

The mission of Christ Alone is to proclaim this eternal gospel (the good news), *“that God was reconciling the world to himself **in Christ**, not counting men's sins against them”* (2 Corinthians 5:19). It is this gospel that gives our church its name: Christ Alone Lutheran Church—*He did it all!*

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