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Date	Oct 4, 2026
Divine Service – Setting Three	LSB 184

Welcome! The members of Christ Lutheran extend their welcome to all our visitors.

If this is your first time visiting Christ Lutheran and you desire Communion, please introduce yourself to Pastor Yamamoto before service begins. We are a church wanting to grow in confessing Jesus as Lord and growing in His Holy Word. We do not have the biggest amenities and glamour, but we offer faithful preaching of the Word, the warmth of our people and we would love for you to join us. Please, sign our guest book at the entrance table with your phone number and/or email. If you desire to learn more about Lutheran teaching or becoming a member in our church, please contact Pastor

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**Please sign the Record of Fellowship
(the Red book in the pew)**

In Life and Death, Christ Fulfills the Law of God:

The Pharisees ask a Law question. Jesus asks a Gospel question. The Pharisees seek to test Jesus in His own words. Jesus seeks to “test” them in the saving reality of who He is as the Messiah (Matt. 22:34–46). The Law requires you to “fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul” and to “love the sojourner” (Deut. 10:12–21). Failure to keep the Law perfectly brings

judgment. On the other hand, the Gospel brings the grace of God given by Jesus Christ, that you may be blameless in the day of His return (1 Cor. 1:1–9). Jesus is David’s Son yet David’s Lord, true God and true man. He is Love incarnate who fulfilled all the demands of God’s Law on our behalf, that we might be saved from the Law’s condemnation and sanctified in the Gospel’s forgiveness. Thereby we see that “God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord” (1 Cor. 1:9).

Confession and Absolution

Prelude

Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower Hymn 694

Opening Hymn **My Faith Looks Up to Thee** Hymn 702

Please stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Exhortation

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Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

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Absolution

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Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 122:1, 6, 8–9; antiphon: Liturgical Text



Give peace, O Lord, to those who | wait for you,*
and let your prophets be proven | faithful.

Hear the prayer of your | servants,*
according to the blessing of Aaron upon your | people.

I was glad when they | said to me,*
“Let us go to the house | of the LORD!”

Pray for the peace of Je- | rusalem!*

May they be secure who | love you!

For my brothers and com- | panions’ sake*

I will say, “Peace be with- | in you!”

For the sake of the house of the | LORD our God,*

I will | seek your good.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Give peace, O Lord, to those who | wait for you,*
and let your prophets be proven | faithful.

Hear the prayer of your | servants,*
according to the blessing of Aaron upon your | people.

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 10:12–21

In those days Moses spoke to the children of Israel, saying:
“What does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear
the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him,
to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all
your soul, and to keep the commandments of the LORD and
His statutes which I command you today for your good?
Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the LORD

your God, also the earth with all that is in it. The LORD delighted only in your fathers, to love them; and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as it is this day. Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer. For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe. He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing. Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold fast, and take oaths in His name. He is your praise, and He is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things which your eyes have seen."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 122:1, 7



I was glad when they | said to me,*

"Let us go to the house | of the LORD!"

Peace be with- | in your walls*

and security within your towers!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:1–9

¹Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not

lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand in Honor of the Holy Gospel

Alleluia

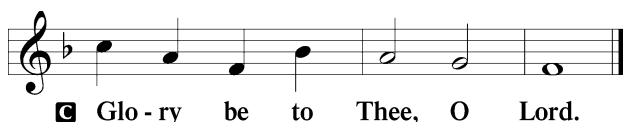
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Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:34–46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.



The Pharisees gathered together and came to Jesus. Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.” While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?” They said to Him, “The Son of David.” He said to them, “How then does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying: ‘The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool” ’? If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his Son?” And no one

was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

Please be seated

Hymn of the Day

Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower Hymn 694

Sermon

Please stand

Offertory

LSB 192

Offering will be collected and taken to the Altar

Prayer of the Church

Communion as Fellowship

(Please read if you are a visitor wanting communion)

In this Holy Sacrament we receive what our Lord Jesus Christ instituted: His true body and blood, in, with, and under bread and wine, given and shed for the forgiveness of sins. (Mt. 26:26-29; Mk. 14:22-25; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:17-34). Additionally, we believe that the Lord's Supper is not an individual thing, but a communal expression of the congregation being one body in Christ: That we are fully united in a oneness in faith, mind, practice, and worship (1 Corinthians 10:15-18). Without this full unity, there is no communion (1 Corinthians 11:18-19). Because of this, communion within the Lutheran church is tied not only to

being a Christian, but also to shared membership in doctrine. While there are saved Christians across many denominations who believe Jesus is Lord, to commune at our altar confesses publicly you are communing with the Lutheran Church and its doctrines, and are submitting to its fellowship. We do not want to be dishonest to any visitor, so it is a sad consequence of the division in Christianity that we cannot extend to non-members a general invitation to receive communion if they are not yet confirmed members. If you desire to receive a blessing, you may come forward to the rail and rest your hands at your side or across your chest so the pastor knows to give you a blessing.

If you are a Lutheran wanting to go to the communion rail, but for some reason did not introduce yourself to our pastor before service began, please introduce yourself at the rail.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface	<i>LSB 194</i>
Proper Preface	
Sanctus	<i>LSB 195</i>
Lord's Prayer Spoken	<i>LSB 196</i>
The Words of Our Lord	<i>LSB 197</i>
Pax Domini	<i>LSB 197</i>
Agnus Dei	<i>LSB 198</i>

Please be seated

Distribution	Water with a drop of wine can be found in the middle of the tray
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Prelude	Praise the Almighty	Hymn 797
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Distribution Hymns

Beautiful Savior

Hymn 537

Jesus Comes Today with Healing

Hymn 620

Please Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

Post-Communion Collect

Salutation

LSB 201

Benedicamus

LSB 202

Benediction

LSB 202

Closing Hymn

Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion

Hymn 559

Postlude

Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower

Hymn 694