

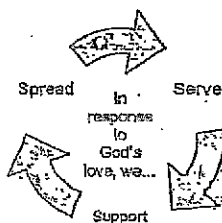
# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

2695 S. Franklin St., Denver, Colorado 80210

303-722-1424 / email:marcella@christlutherandenver.org

[www.christlutherandenver.org](http://www.christlutherandenver.org)

[www.christlutherancc.org](http://www.christlutherancc.org)



## MISSION STATEMENT:

In response to God's love for us, we SERVE God,  
SUPPORT Christian fellowship,  
and SPREAD the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.

Volume 74

October 14, 2018

No. 41

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Worship - 9 AM

**AS WE GATHER** – Has a friend ever asked, “Why do you go to church?” While there are many good answers to that question, we are reminded today of the primary reason we gather in a place like this, for a service like this, on a day like this. The author to the Hebrews reminds us: “For we share in Christ” (Hebrews 3:14). Going to church isn’t primarily something we do; church is, first and foremost, something God does for us. Through His Son, Jesus Christ, who is present with us through His Word and Sacrament this day, we are privileged to share in the blessings of the blood-bought forgiveness and Easter-sealed life our Father gives to us. So, the next time someone asks you why you attend church, let them know about the Savior you encounter and get to know every time you gather in a place like this, for a service like this, on a day like this. We have come to share in Christ!

**PRESERVICE MUSIC** “Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

by Jeffrey Biersch

**WELCOME**

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

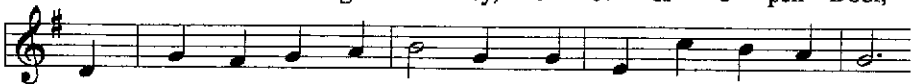
[♯Means please stand; ♯Means please be seated]

**♯OPENING HYMN**

*Today Your Mercy Calls Us*



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?

(continued)



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
 The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
 No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
 When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre-cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
 A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
 Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
 We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

Public domain

Psalm 90:14

## INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{+}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.* **G** Amen.  
**P** *Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,*  
**G** **that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** *That we worship our faithful God with cleansed minds and hearts, let us join in a time for silent prayer and confession.*

(We reflect on God's Word and our great need for Jesus.)

- P** *Faithful Father, hear Your children pray:*

- G** **Forgive us for the many times and many ways we have broken Your commands. By what we have done and by what we have failed to do, we have sinned against You and against one another in thought, word, and deed. By the mercy You show us in the cross of Your dear Son, cleanse our hearts and minds of our guilt and shame. Grant that we, holding fast to the promises of our risen Savior, live with confidence in the grace that draws us into Your holy presence. In the name of our Savior we pray. Amen.**

- P** *Brothers and sisters, we have gathered in the Lord's name and in His house so that we share in all the blessings of life and salvation Jesus freely gives to all who repent of their sin and trust in Him. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Lord, announce His grace to all of you and, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{+}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.* **G** Amen.

## INTROIT

Psalm 112:3-6; antiphon: v. 1

- P** *Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,*  
**G** **who greatly delights in His commandments!**  
**P** *Wealth and riches are in his house,*  
**G** **and his righteousness endures forever.**  
**P** *Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;*  
**G** **he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**  
**P** *It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;*  
**G** **who conducts his affairs with justice.**  
**P** *For the righteous will never be moved;*  
**G** **he will be remembered forever.**

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**P** Praise the Lord! Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,

**G** who greatly delights in His commandments!

## HYMN OF PRAISE

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.  
Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



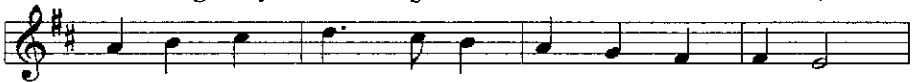
As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

© 1923, renewed 1951 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, no. 100013230.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P** *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*                      **C** **And also with you.**  
**P** *Let us share this peace with one another.*  
(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

**Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- L** *This is the Word of the Lord.*                      **C** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE LESSON

**Hebrews 3:12-19**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

- L** *This is the Word of the Lord.*                      **C** **Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA VERSE

**Galatians 6:2**

All: Alleluia. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. Alleluia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Mark 10:17-22**

- P** *The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.*

### **C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

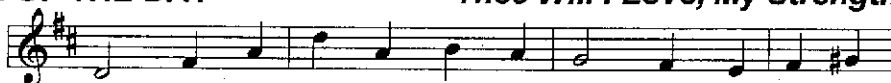
- P** *This is the Gospel of the Lord.*                      **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

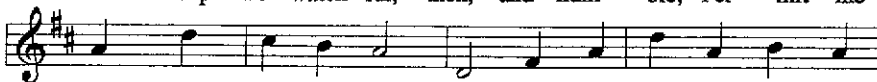
*[Prayer requests will be collected at this time.]*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

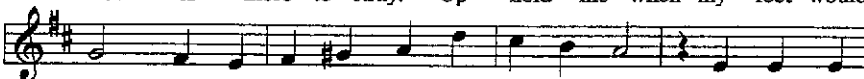
***Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower***



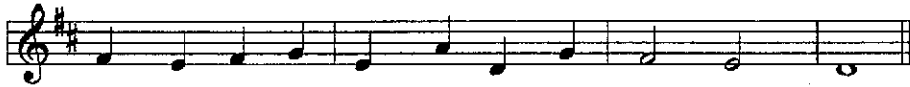
1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow - er; Thee will I  
2 Thee will I love, my life, my Sav - ior, Who art my  
3 I thank Thee, Je - sus, Sun from heav - en, Whose ra - diance  
4 O keep me watch - ful, then, and hum - ble; Per - mit me



love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I love with all my  
best and tru - est friend. Thee will I love and praise for -  
hath brought light to me; I thank Thee, who hast rich - ly  
nev - er - more to stray. Up - hold me when my feet would



pow - er, With ar - dor time shall ne'er de - stroy. Thee will I  
ev - er, For nev - er shall Thy kind - ness end. Thee will I  
giv - en All that could make me glad and free; I thank Thee  
stum - ble, And keep me on the nar - row way. Fill all my



love, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.  
 love with all my heart— Thou my Re - deem - er art!  
 that my soul is healed By what Thy lips re - vealed.  
 na - ture with Thy light, O Ra - diance strong and bright!

5. Thee will I love, my crown of gladness; Thee will I love, my God and Lord,  
 Amid the darkest depths of sadness, And not for hope of high reward,  
 For Thine own sake, O Light divine, So long as life is mine.

Public domain

## SERMON

### “WHAT MUST I DO?”

**Mark 10:17-22**

- I. In the rich young man's question we see humanity's assumption that we must do something to earn eternal life.
- II. In Jesus' answer, He shows us that eternal life can only be a gift of God's grace, not a reward for good works.

## APOSTLE'S CREED

**C** 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 Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## OFFERING / SOLO

*“Eternal Word, Your Church's Heart and Head”*

## OFFERTORY

*Take My Life and Let It Be*



- 1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
 Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
 Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will and make it Thine,  
 It shall be no longer mine;  
 Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
 It shall be Thy royal throne.
6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
 At Thy feet its treasure store;  
 Take myself, and I will be  
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

Public domain

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** *Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Gracious Father, it is Your gracious will that we sinners come to You in faith so that we may share in Christ. We thank You for the forgiveness we have in Him and for the assurance we are given that You hear and answer us for His sake. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **we share in Christ, our Savior and Redeemer.**
- P** *Lord of the Church, You reveal Yourself wherever Your Word is proclaimed in all the world. Grant that all souls burdened by sin and guilt find salvation in You. That we proclaim Christ to all those for whom He gave His life, guide us here at Christ Lutheran Church and Your people throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **we share in Christ, the Lord of the nations.**
- P** *Your Word, O Lord, commands us to pray for those in authority and in leadership over us. Bless this land in which we live. Grant that all those who govern us do so diligently. Grant that all those who enforce our laws do so wisely. Grant that all those who serve us do so wholeheartedly. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **we share in Christ, upon whose shoulders our government rests.**
- P** *Faithful healer of both soul and body, we lift up before You those who are suffering in any way: physically, mentally, relationally, and spiritually. [Especially. . .]. Grant that their hearts and minds be guarded in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,*
- C** **we share in Christ, our merciful and healing Lord.**
- P** *Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*
- C** **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

- P** *O Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*
- 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.**

## BENEDICTION

Psalm 90:14

- P** *Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,*
- C** **that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**
- P** *The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\neq$  give you His peace. **C** Amen.*

## CLOSING HYMN

**Lead Me, Guide Me**

*Refrain*

Lead me, guide me, a - long the way;

For if You lead me, I can - not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

1 I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r  
 2 Help me tread in the paths of right-teous-ness,  
 3 I am lost if You take Your hand from me.

To help me o-ver my weak-est hour.  
 Be my aid when Sa-tan and sin op-press.  
 I am blind with-out Thy light to see.

Help me through the dark-ness Thy face to see.  
 I am put-ting all my trust in Thee.  
 Lord, al-ways let me Thy ser-vant be.

Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.  
 Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

© 1953 Doris M. Akers; admin. Alfred Music. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, no. 100013230.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Birthday: Kitty Meythaler**

**POSTLUDE**

**"Postlude in D"**

**by H. Rinck**

From *Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish*, Series B, Quarter 4  
 Copyright © 2018 Concordia Publishing House. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

~~~~~  
 Roger C. Wohletz, Pastor..... 720-283-8128 / email: [pastorroger@christlutherandenver.org](mailto:pastorroger@christlutherandenver.org)  
 Renee Ortado, ECC Director / Preschool Teacher.. 303-828-6735 / email: [renee@christlutherandenver.org](mailto:renee@christlutherandenver.org)  
 Beth Buss, Music Director.....970-778-5696 / email: [bethbuss4@gmail.com](mailto:bethbuss4@gmail.com)  
 Rob Hatton, Congregation Chairman..... 303-906-9395 / email: [roberthatton1@googlemail.com](mailto:roberthatton1@googlemail.com)  
 ~~~~~

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE**

**KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 AM**

**October 21: "We Preach Christ Crucified"; Dr. Oswald Hoffmann, Guest Speaker**

In a classic message from 1955, Dr. Oswald Hoffmann talks about all the things that change—and the God Who doesn't. (1 Corinthians 1:23-24)