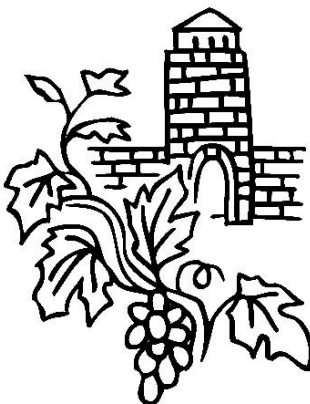


Christ Lutheran Church

Preston, Minnesota



19th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 4, 2026 ~ 9AM

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Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church!

We are grateful to have you joining us in worship today. Please note the following information so that your time with us is spiritually uplifting and comfortable.

Holy Communion: With hearts lifted in thanksgiving, we come to Jesus' table. Whether you are new among us or a long-time worshiper, there is always a place for you. Welcome to God's table.

Offering: Thank you for your continued support of the mission and ministry of Christ Lutheran Church. You can place your offering in the basket as it is passed, give online at our website, www.christlutheranpreston.org or scan the QR code found in the worship liturgy. Children are invited to the altar to share a "noisy offering". Sunday school kids choose where this offering is donated based on options presented.

Recordings: This service is being recorded and live streamed.

Nursery: If you wish to take your little one out of worship, there is a nursery provided. We love the sounds of young worshippers!

Restrooms: Restrooms are located down the west hallway and downstairs. The restroom on the main level is handicapped accessible.

Hearing Assistance: Hearing Assist units are available in the narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Large Print Bulletins: If you desire a large print bulletin, please request one from the ushers as you enter the worship space.

Visitors to Christ Lutheran: Welcome to worship. We are glad you are here with us. If you are interested in learning more about Christ Lutheran Church, please reach out to Pastor Kris or fill out the CONNECT form on the main page of our church website www.christlutheranchurchpreston.org.

PRELUDE~

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS~

GATHERING

(please stand)

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS~

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

Silence for reflection

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin. Compassionate God,

C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: Hear this good news: We have peace with God through ☩ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN~ “My Lord of Light” #832

GREETING~

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our hope, our heart, our home.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY~

P: Let us pray. Beloved God,

C: from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

(be seated)

FIRST READING~ Isaiah 5:1-7

¹ I will sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded rotten grapes. ³ And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield rotten grapes? ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a wasteland; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah

are his cherished garden; he expected justice but saw bloodshed; righteousness but heard a cry!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM~ Psalm 80:7-15 *(read responsively by whole verse)*

L: ⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

C: ⁸ You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.

L: ⁹ You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

C: ¹⁰ The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

L: ¹¹ You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

C: ¹² Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

L: ¹³ The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

C: ¹⁴ Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;

L: ¹⁵ behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

SECOND READING~ Philippians 3:4b-14

⁴even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(please stand)

GOSPEL~ Matthew 21:33-46

P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 21:33-46.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³“Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits.

⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

P: The Gospel of the Lord,

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(be seated)

MESSAGE~

Rev. Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid

(please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY~ “Amazing Grace” #779 vv. 1, 2, 4

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 power of 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~

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE~

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

(be seated)

OFFERING/HYMN~

“Jesus Loves Me!”

#595



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(please stand)

OFFERING PRAYER~

P: God of creation,

C: You send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

(be seated)

WOW MOMENT~

The Meal

Rev. Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid



(please stand)

GREAT THANKSGIVING~

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, whose suffering and death gave salvation to all. You gather your people around the tree of the cross, transforming death into life.

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. 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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION~ *Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, come!*

(be seated)

COMMUNION/DISTRIBUTION HYMN~

“Lead Me, Guide Me” #768

(please stand)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER~

P: Sustaining God, with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

(be seated)

DEDICATION OF LWR QUILTS~

Leader: Let us pray. O Lord our God, maker of all things, you have blessed us with so many Gifts — a good eye for color, the ability to make fine stitches, the skills to develop ever-new and exciting patterns. Now we offer the fruits of our labors, the Quilts we have made, to you.

People: We dedicate these Quilts and Kits to your service, trusting that your love will go wherever each Quilt or Kit is sent, making it more than just a piece of material, a collection of items — making each piece we have created an expression of love. There is no way for us to imagine the power and effect an act of love can have on a person's life — how you can use something as small as a Quilt, a Baby Care Kit, a School Kit to radiate your love from us to the world. May these be used in your service and become blessings for all those who receive them.

Leader: Lord, we know that all we possess comes from your loving hand. Give us grace to honor you with all of our being: draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people. Amen.

SENDING

(please stand)

BLESSING~

P: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG~ “All Creatures, Worship God Most High!” #835 vv. 1,2,4,6 Trumpet, Alison Leathers

DISMISSAL~

P: Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE~

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Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 4

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

10:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Sunday School/Donuts and Devotions for grades 7-12 (Youth Room)
10:45 a.m. Youth Gathering Info meeting for grades 8-12

Tuesday, October 6

9:30 a.m. Bible Study in Heritage room
11:30 a.m. Exercise

Wednesday, October 7

6:00 p.m. Confirmation

Thursday, October 8

9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
11:30 a.m. Exercise

Sunday, October 11

9:00 a.m. Worship-Affirmation of Baptism for 10th graders
10:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School/Baby & Toddler Book Club

***Donuts and Devotions-Sunday, Oct. 4th - 10am** in the Youth Room (grades 7-12). Come for the donuts. Stay for your faith. We keep it simple: donuts, a short devotion, conversation, and a space to grow together.

***Baby & Toddler Book Club – Second Sundays - October 11, November 8, December 13 at 10 am**

Who is it for? Babies (yes, truly!), toddlers, and preschoolers up to age four—not yet attending Sunday School—and their parents or other caring adults. Led by Shelby Ristau, explore faith through storytelling, prayer, music, and creative play. The *Frolic First Bible* (given at Baptism) and *Frolic* board books, create a meaningful experience for you. Plus, families will be given a book to take home! Scan this QR code to register:



***TRUNK or TREAT** - Sunday, October 25th in Christ Lutheran's Parking Lot, 10-11 am. What is Trunk or Treat? Consider this a cool twist on old-fashioned trick-or-treating. All ages are invited to wear a costume to church. After church, head out to the parking lot for trick or treating. Volunteers will have trunks decorated and be supplied with Halloween treats. Kids will go from car to car for treats and games. Confirmation youth will host games. As always, it's a great day to invite a friend to church!



Needed:

Decorated Trunks! - There are trunk themes, including Bible related ideas for theme trunks, on the internet. Sign up in the Narthex.

Candy - Halloween candy for trick or treaters! Please bring candy to church prior to October 20 and drop it off in the box in the Narthex or with Amanda in the office.

***Sunday School has started and we are excited for this new year.** Additional hands are needed each week, and we invite you to sign up for one or more Sundays as they fit your schedule. Youth grades 7 and above – this opportunity is for you, too! Please scan this QR code to see the calendar, ages where help is needed, and sign-up!



***November Book Read** – Join us as we read *“Boys in the Light”*, a powerful true story tracing two parallel journeys in WWII: Eddie Willner, a Jewish teenager surviving Auschwitz, and 23-year-old Elmer Hovland, from Luverne MN, leading Company D of the U.S. 3rd Armored Division. Eddie, his friend, and father; Elmer, and young American soldiers confront the brutal realities of war. Their paths meet in a single unforgettable moment when two emaciated boys step out of the woods, revealing the horrors the tankers had been fighting against. Written by Nina Willner, granddaughter of Eddie, this moving account invites us to reflect on courage, survival, and the resilience of the human spirit. **Discussion will be on Thursday, November 19, 6:30 pm at Nancy Hengeveld's home.** All are welcome. Come for thoughtful conversation and shared reflection.

***ATTENTION LEFSE AND FLATBREAD BAKERS!** It is time again to bake our lefse for our Craft and Bake Sale. Our first bake day is planned for Saturday, November 7, starting at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall/Kitchen. We're looking forward to a great turnout and making plenty of lefse. For those preparing lefse, please incorporate the flour and shape into balls before arriving at the church. We also will be making flatbread that day and could use extra help. Please bring tins if you have them. All are welcome! If you have questions, feel free to contact: Joyce Every, 507-951-1345, joycekevinevery@gmail.com (lefse) or Linda Wolfe, 952-807-5214, lwolfe609@gmail.com

***You're Invited! Preston Pool Referendum Public Meetings-** Oct. 6: 4pm-6pm; Oct. 11: 1pm-4pm

All meetings are held at the Preston Depot Museum and Riverfront Center. Three conceptual designs will be presented, public feedback collected, and questions answered/information provided about the project and referendum and how it will affect taxpayers. Please spread the word, and everyone is invited to learn about this potential new pool, even if you don't live in City limits.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Sunday, October 4th, 10am** – Donuts and Devotions for youth (grades 7-12); **10:45am** – Youth Gathering information mtg (grades 8-12)
- **Sunday, October 11th, 9am** – Affirmation of Baptism for 10th graders; **10am** – Baby & Toddler Book Club
- **Tuesday, October 20** – ELCA Youth Gathering Registrations Due
- **Wednesday, Oct 21, 6pm** – WOW night/Pumpkin Decorating,
- **Sunday, October 25, 9am** – Worship; **10am** – Trunk or Treat in parking lot

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

10/4 Jim Marzolf, Mary Zimmerman, **Tom & Marcia Johnson – Anniv.**, **Pat & Melissa Severson – Anniv.**

10/5 **John & Teresa Marzolf – Anniv.**

10/7 Amyiah Deyo

10/8 **Jay & Katie Marzolf-Harstad – Anniv.**, **Doug & Tona Keene – Anniv.**

10/9 Diane Wojtkiewicz, Melanie Olstad

10/10 Karen Trende

10/11 Abby Zutz, Andy Bunge

CHURCH FINANCIALS:

Weekly budget ----- \$4,505.00

Sept. 27 offering ----- \$1,856.00

YTD budget for 37 weeks ----\$175,695.00

YTD offering for 37 weeks ---\$150,387.00

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CHRIST LUTHERAN FUN FACTS:

To know our past may help serve us as we navigate embracing the future. When Christ Lutheran Church was formed, it included merging churches from two different Lutheran Synods, the Evangelical Lutheran Church and American Lutheran Church. Both congregations had progressive and energetic leadership that promoted the unification and construction of our church building in 1960. The cost was \$307,000 to build. The architect's fee was \$18,600 and furnishings were extra. That would be \$3,680,000.00 in today's money. Today's dollar buys only 8.8% of what it did in 1960.

That bold and visionary leadership still echoes in our life together today. Their vision created a place where worship, learning, and community could flourish—and we continue to benefit from their courage and generosity.

Today, our mission is alive, our ministries matter, and God is still calling us forward. As we meet the needs of the present and imagine what Christ Lutheran can become, we do so with gratitude for where we've been and confidence in the future God is shaping among us.

Please let the office or a member of the Church Council know if one of your loved ones is sick or has passed or if you or someone you know is going to be in the hospital so that we may acknowledge them in our prayer list or pay them a visit.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Ella Ristau

Jim Fossum, Fillmore County DAC

Ila Mae Olstad, Park Lane

Helen Haugerud, Traditions

Linda Hahn Smith, Traditions

Arlen Kiehne, Chatfield Care Center

Jacob Johnson

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Val Christensen, Chatfield Care Center

Barb Barrett, Park Lane

Walt Hansen, Mn State Veterans Home

Mary Lou Hansen, Harmony Care Center

Arlene Bakalyar, Harmony Care Center

Arnie Keene, Harmony Care Center

Bridget Case

Fred Nagle, Chatfield Care Center

Candace Larson



Members of our congregation share ways that they experienced God:

-I see God in the Ride Team at CLC helping those who need assistance getting to their medical appts and necessary trips

-I see God in the community coming together to assist those who need help after the excessive rainfall

-I see God in all the children and families in our church and the 12th baptism this year