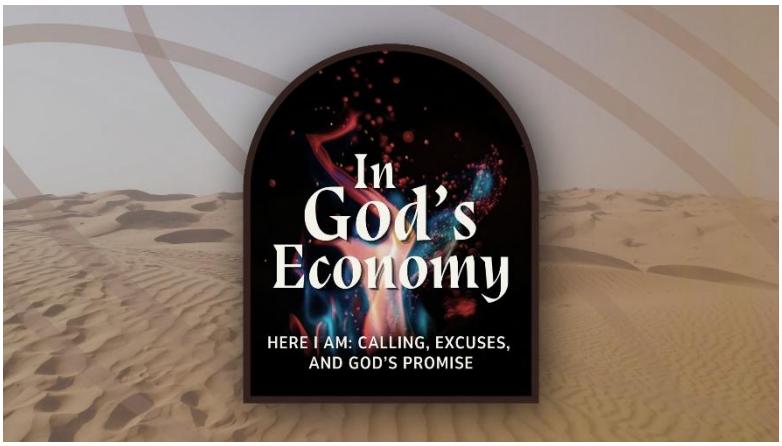
Christ Lutheran Church

Preston, Minnesota



Season of Ordinary Time

Sunday, November 8, 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: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. *Silence for reflection*

P: Saving God, since the days of Moses, you have observed the ministry of your people and heard the cries of those in captivity.

C: We call on your name because we, too, are bound and unable to save ourselves. We confess that we build and protect systems that pretend freedom is scarce and cause grave harm. We are quick to consume and hoard resources. We make assumptions about our neighbors before we know them and seek our security at the expense of others.

P: Forgive us God. Loosen the bonds of sin and evil. Break every yoke of Pharoah's economy. Make a way where we cannot, and deliver your people into new life. Beloved ones, you are made in the image of God who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. You are saved by grace and your sins are forgiven. Everything that is killing you has already been put to death on the cross. Remember your salvation and rise, for you are a sign that God is still setting the world free with love. Alleluia!

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN~ "Here I Am, Lord" #574

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. God of fire,

C: you meet Moses in the whirlwind of his many insecurities and identities, grounding him in your holy declaration: I AM. Send your Holy Spirit to refine our hearts and root us in relationships. Burn right through our fears and excuses with love that calls us agents of freedom for the world you love. Amen.

WORD

(be seated)

SCRIPTURE~ Exodus 3:1-14

1 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and
came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush;
he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. 3 Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great
sight and see why the bush is not burned up." 4 When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out
of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5 Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your
feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." 6 He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of
Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.
7 Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of
their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, 8 and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to
bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the
Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 9 The cry of the Israelites has now
come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. 10 Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my
people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." 11 But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the
Israelites out of Egypt?" 12 He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when
you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." 13 But Moses said to God, "If I come to
the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?'
what shall I say to them?" 14 God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I
am has sent me to you.' "

L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM~ Psalm 78:1-7 ***read responsively by whole verse***
L: [1] Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
C: [2] I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times—
L: [3] that which we have heard and known, and what our forebears have told us, we will not hide from their children.
C: [4] We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works God has done.
L: [5] The Lord gave a decree in Jacob and established a law in Israel, commanding our ancestors to teach it to their children;
C [6] that the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
L: [7] so that they might put their trust in God, and not forget the deeds of God, but keep God's commandments.

GOSPEL~ Matthew 25:1-13
P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew 25:1-13**
C: Glory to you, O Lord.
[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

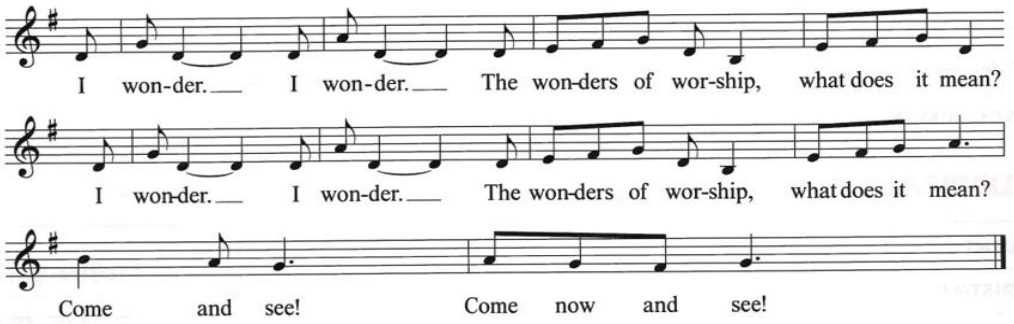
P: The Gospel of the Lord,
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE~ **Rev. Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid**

GENEROSITY IN GOD'S ECONOMY~ **Janet Erdman**

"THINGS I LIKE TO DO" MOMENT~

WOW MOMENT~ Hymn of the Day **Rev. Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid**



(please stand)
HYMN OF THE DAY~ "Give Me Oil in my Lamp" (Sing Hosanna!)
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning.
Give me oil in my lamp, I pray.
Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning.
Keep me burning till the break of day.

Refrain:
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King of kings!
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,
sing hosanna to the King!

Give me love in my heart, keep me sharing.
Give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me sharing.
Keep me sharing till the break of day. **Refrain**

Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing.
Give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me singing.
Keep me singing till the break of day. **Refrain**

Give me faith in my heart, keep me praying.
Give me faith in my heart, I pray.
Give me faith in my heart, keep me praying.
Keep me praying till the break of day. **Refrain**

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.

(be seated)
OFFERING/HYMN~ "Abide with Me" #629

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(please stand)
OFFERING PRAYER~
P: Eternal God,
C: Our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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

SENDING

BLESSING~
P: May the God of your ancestors, who was and is and is to come, bless you now and forever.
C: Amen.

CLOSING SONG~ "We Are Called" #720

DISMISSAL~
P: We go to love God, Love People, and Follow Jesus.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE~

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Give me Oil in my Lamp – words and music by A. Sevinson

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Lector……...Cari Ledin
Acolyte…….……..…….……..……..…….…….…….....Martina Wingert
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Altar Guild……Carol Solberg, Karen Quanrud, Rebecca Schwingle, Darla Ebner
Ushers……..……..Dawn Hellickson/Devin Nagle/Doug Keene/Craig Britton
Money Counters…….…….Mike Erdman/Brad Leathers

Weekly Calendar
Sunday, November 8
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School; Baby & Toddler Book Club in Youth Room
10:00 a.m. Fall Holy Communion class in Conference Room
Tuesday, November 10
9:30 a.m. Bible Study in Heritage room
11:30 a.m. Exercise
6:30 p.m. Stewardship Team
Wednesday, November 11
6:00 p.m. Confirmation/WOW
Thursday, November 12
9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship
11:30 a.m. Exercise
Sunday, November 15
9:00 a.m. Acoustic Worship/First Communion/Baptism
10:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Things I Like to Do Survey - We are the Body of Christ, a living offering to God. How might you use your gifts in new or familiar ways as we live out our mission to "Love God, Love People, and Follow Jesus". We are sharing a '**Things I Like to Do'** survey, first introduced in 2024. We know your time and interests change. There are one-time and recurring opportunities to use your gifts, and they do not depend on a specific schedule or amount of time. We live our faith active in love. Our generosity can inspire hope, foster community, and create lasting change. Thank you for your interest in making a difference in the life of

our church and having a lasting impact on the community and world. There will be time during worship to fill out the survey and you can put in the offering plate or drop off in the office. You can also fill out this online form as well - ThingsILikeToDo
We look forward to reaching out to you as your gifts invite!

*__November is Minnesota Foodshare Month__ - The Preston Food Shelf continues to face shortages due to an increase in need. Donations of non-perishable food and personal care items can be placed in the grocery cart or basket in the Narthex through November 30th. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate or church office (please indicate Food Shelf).

*__Women's Fellowship__ will meet in the Heritage Room on Wednesday, November 18 at 6:30 pm. Join us as we continue discussing Joan Chittister's *The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully* (pages 185-200). Hope to see you there!

*__Annual Women's Fall Benevolence Drive__ - For years, the generosity of the Women of Christ Lutheran has supported our community and those far beyond through the Women's Fall Benevolence Drive. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing generosity and hope you will join us again in supporting these important causes. If you'd like to contribute, donations can be mailed to: **Joyce Hellickson -- 409 Winona St. NW -- Preston MN 55965**
Additionally, you can drop off or mail your donation at the church office or place it in the offering plate during Sunday morning worship. Please make checks payable to Women of Christ Lutheran. We kindly ask that your donation be received by Sunday, November 29, 2026.

*__Attention Lefse Lovers!__ In addition to the sale of lefse at our Craft and Bake Sale on December 5, 2026, there will be a limited amount of lefse for sale at the raffle ticket table in the narthex on November 15 & 22, 2026. Get your lefse for your Thanksgiving dinner!

*__Celebration Sunday Worship with the Farmers Market Ramblers and Prairie Strings Band__ - **November 22, 9am**
Gather as we celebrate God's abundance. The Farmers Market Ramblers & Prairie Strings Band will lead worship with familiar hymns and gospel tunes. Following worship enjoy donuts, fruit and fellowship. Sunday School kids sing and Sunday School meets at their normal time.

*We begin our __Advent journey__ on Sunday, November 29th, and this includes lighting the Advent candles each worship service from November 29 to December 24. **If your household is interested in lighting the candles at one of these services,** please reach out to Pastor Kris or Amanda, office@christlutheranpreston.org

*__The Sixth Annual Craft and Bake Sale is on Sat., Dec. 5, 2026.__ The volunteer sign up sheet is now in the narthex and will be at the raffle sales table each Sunday after church. The Gnome Cafe and kids' crafting sign up sheets will be posted by the Sunday School supply room. Please refer to the November Ambassador for updates and also get an information sheet in the narthex to see baked good prices, donation drop off times, and more. Thank you for your help!

*__Craft and Bake Sale Raffle Ticket Sale__ - The raffle ticket sales for the annual Craft and Bake Sale began on Sunday, Oct. 25, after the church service. Raffle tickets are $5.00 each. We will continue to sell these tickets after each church service until the day of the sale. Mary Zimmerman has again donated a beautiful quilt for the main prize. Other prizes include a Bogg bag with beach towels, portable car charger, $250 cash prize, and two XLS GCI rockers with side tables. The drawing will be held on the day of the sale, December 5, at 2:00 p.m.

*__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.

*__Care Package Event__ **- Wed. Nov 18| 6-7:30 pm | grades 10-12**
It's that time of year! Last spring's graduates have dug into fall and are looking toward the holidays. Remind them that they are beloved by putting care packages together for each graduate. Bring 9 items, all the same, like hot cocoa, candy, post it's, mini playdough, etc. Together we make a difference!

*__Join Us for New Member Sunday!__ We're excited to celebrate and welcome those who are becoming part of our faith community! On **Dec 6** during our worship service, we will welcome new members. Gather with us to meet and connect with them! Interested in becoming a member? Fill out the ***Let's Connect*** form on the main page of www.christlutheranpreston.org.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Sunday, Nov 15, 9am** – Acoustic Worship/First Communion
- **Wednesday Nov 18, 6pm** – Care Package Event (grades 10-12); **6:30pm** – Women's Fellowship
- **Thursday, Nov 19, 6:30pm** – Book Read at Nancy Hengeveld's
- **Saturday, Nov 21, 8-11am –** Fall Clean-Up day at the church
- **Sunday, Nov 22, 9am** – Stewardship Celebration Worship with Farmer Market Ramblers/Sunday School kids sing
- **Saturday, Dec 5, 9am-2pm** – CLC Craft & Bake Sale
- **Sunday, Dec 6, 9am** – New Member Sunday

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

11/9 Dave Hokenson
11/10 Heath Olstad; **Matt & Karen Quanrud – Anniv.**
11/11 Anson Leathers, Orlin Leathers
11/12 Pat Severson
11/13 Mark Eickhoff, Kayla Peterson
11/14 **Dick & Mary Irish – Anniv.**, **Casey & Karen Ristau –Anniv.**
11/15 Bronson Hahn, Arnie Keene, Mary Milne, Mitch Ristau

CHURCH FINANCIALS:

Weekly budget --------- $4,505.00
Nov 1 offering ----------$4,829.00

YTD budget for 42 weeks ----$198,220.00
YTD offering for 42 weeks ---$174,799.00
Deficit of --------- -**$23,421.00**

CHURCH FUN FACTS:

Generous members efforts and community support for Christ Lutheran Mission:

2014	Lutefisk Dinner/craft sale	$6,300 to church $6,200 to WELCA
2015	" "	$6,300 to church $6,200 to WELCA
2016	" "	$6,300 to church $6,200 to WELCA
2017	" "	$11,000 to church
2018	" "	$12,000 to church
2019	" "	$15,000 to church (last Lutefisk dinner)
2020	COVID	
2021	Craft & Bake Sale	$12,000 to church
2022	" "	$15,000 to church
2023	" "	$14,500 to church
2024	" "	$19,000 to church
2025	" "	$19,500 to church

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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
Jacob Johnson
Jim Fossum, Fillmore County DAC
Ila Mae Olstad, Park Lane
Barb Barrett, Park Lane
Walt Hansen, Mn State Veterans Home
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Arnie Keene, Harmony Care Center
Linda Hahn Smith, Traditions
Helen Haugerud, Traditions



Members of our congregation share ways that they experienced God:
-I see God in Nancy's message
-I see God's talent in the changing of leaves and all the fall decorations