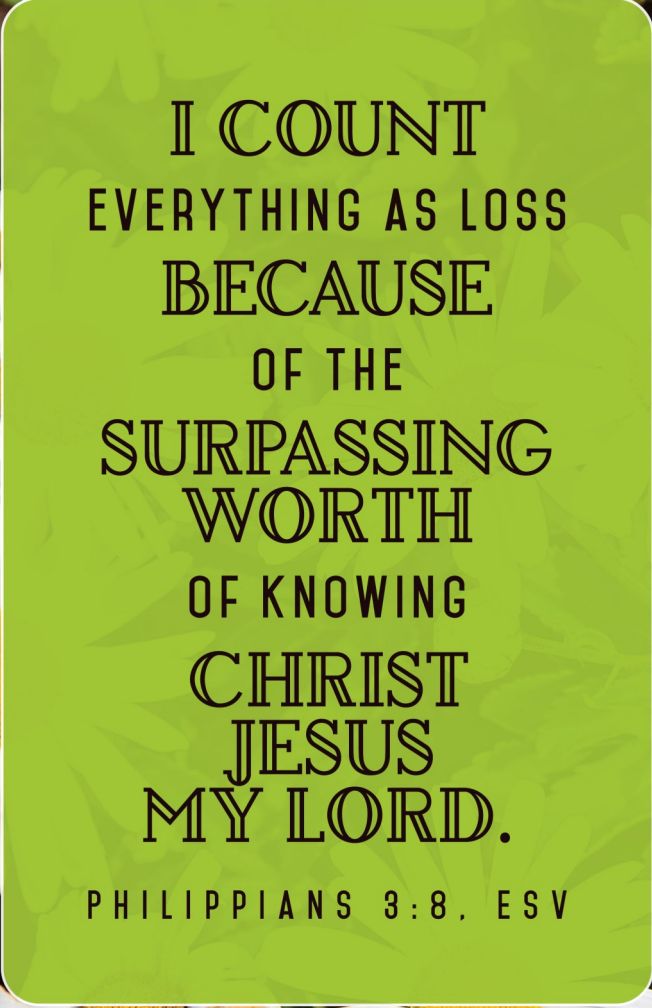


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I COUNT
EVERYTHING AS LOSS
BECAUSE
OF THE
SURPASSING
WORTH
OF KNOWING
CHRIST
JESUS
MY LORD.

PHILIPPIANS 3:8, ESV

OCTOBER 4, 2026

WELCOME

Thank you for worshiping with us today.
Please sign the guest register in the entry
as you leave the church today.

TODAY'S SERVICE

October 4th, 2026

Liturgy: Setting Two, WS page 12

Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist: Lila Brown

Liturgy: *Worship Supplement 2000* compiled and edited by John C Reim

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 80:7-19

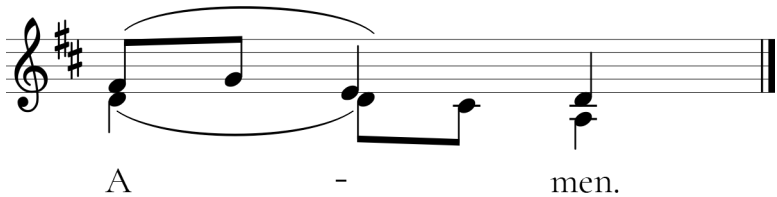
⁷ Restore us, O God of hosts; Cause Your face to shine,
And we shall be saved! ⁸ You have brought a vine out of
Egypt; You have cast out the nations, and planted it. ⁹ You
prepared *room* for it, And caused it to take deep root, And
it filled the land. ¹⁰ The hills were covered with its shadow,
And the mighty cedars with its boughs. ¹¹ She sent out her
boughs to the Sea, And her branches to the River. ¹² Why
have You broken down her hedges, So that all who pass by
the way pluck her *fruit*? ¹³ The boar out of the woods up-
roots it, And the wild beast of the field devours it. ¹⁴ Re-
turn, we beseech You, O God of hosts; Look down from
heaven and see, And visit this vine ¹⁵ And the vineyard
which Your right hand has planted, And the branch *that*
You made strong for Yourself. ¹⁶ *It is* burned with fire, *it is*
cut down; They perish at the rebuke of Your countenance.
¹⁷ Let Your hand be upon the man of Your right hand, Up-
on the son of man *whom* You made strong for Yourself. ¹⁸
Then we will not turn back from You; Revive us, and we
will call upon Your name. ¹⁹ Restore us, O LORD God of
hosts; Cause Your face to shine, And we shall be saved!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#4 God Himself Is Present

INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

p We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

all Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

p God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp, F#). The first staff contains the word 'Amen' with a long melisma line. The second staff begins with 'Lord, have mercy on us.' The third staff continues with 'Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and eighth notes.

A - - - men.

Lord, have, mer - cy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.



Glo - ry to God, we
Lord Je - sus Christ, the
A - lone, O Christ, You



give You thanks and praise; Of heav'n - ly
Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You bore for
on - ly are the Lord, At God's right



joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship
us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of
hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the

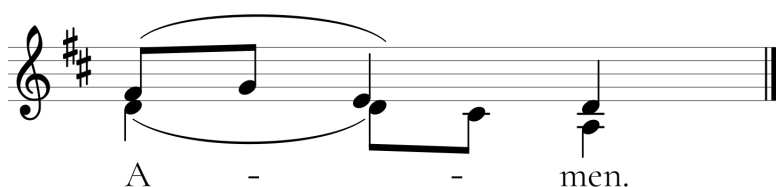


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

p Let us pray . . . Gracious God, You gave Your Son not the hands of sinful men who killed hm. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

Isaiah 5:1-7 Now let me sing to my Well-beloved A song of my Beloved regarding His vineyard: My Well-beloved has a vineyard On a very fruitful hill. ² He dug it up and cleared out its stones, And planted it with the choicest vine. He built a tower in its midst, And also made a wine-press in it; So He expected *it* to bring forth *good* grapes, But it brought forth wild grapes. ³ "And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, Judge, please, between Me and My vineyard. ⁴ What more could have been done to My vineyard That I have not done in it? Why then, when I expected *it* to bring forth *good* grapes, Did it

bring forth wild grapes? ⁵ And now, please let Me tell you what I will do to My vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it shall be burned; *And* break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will lay it waste; It shall not be pruned or dug, But there shall come up briars and thorns. I will also command the clouds That they rain no rain on it." ⁷ For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, And the men of Judah are His pleasant plant. He looked for justice, but behold, oppression; For righteousness, but behold, a cry *for help*.

Matthew 21:33-46 ³³ "Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. ³⁴ "Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. ³⁵ "And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. ³⁶ "Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. ³⁷ "Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' ³⁸ "But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said

among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' ³⁹ "So they took him and cast *him* out of the vineyard and killed *him*. ⁴⁰ "Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?" ⁴¹ They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease *his* vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits in their seasons." ⁴² Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD'S doing, And it is marvelous in our eyes '?" ⁴³ "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. ⁴⁴ "And whoever falls on this stone will be broken; but on whomever it falls, it will grind him to powder." ⁴⁵ Now when the chief priests and Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking of them. ⁴⁶ But when they sought to lay hands on Him, they feared the multitudes, because they took Him for a prophet.

p Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.

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

These words are writ - ten that we may believe that

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

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated 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 res-
urrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Children Sing

465 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

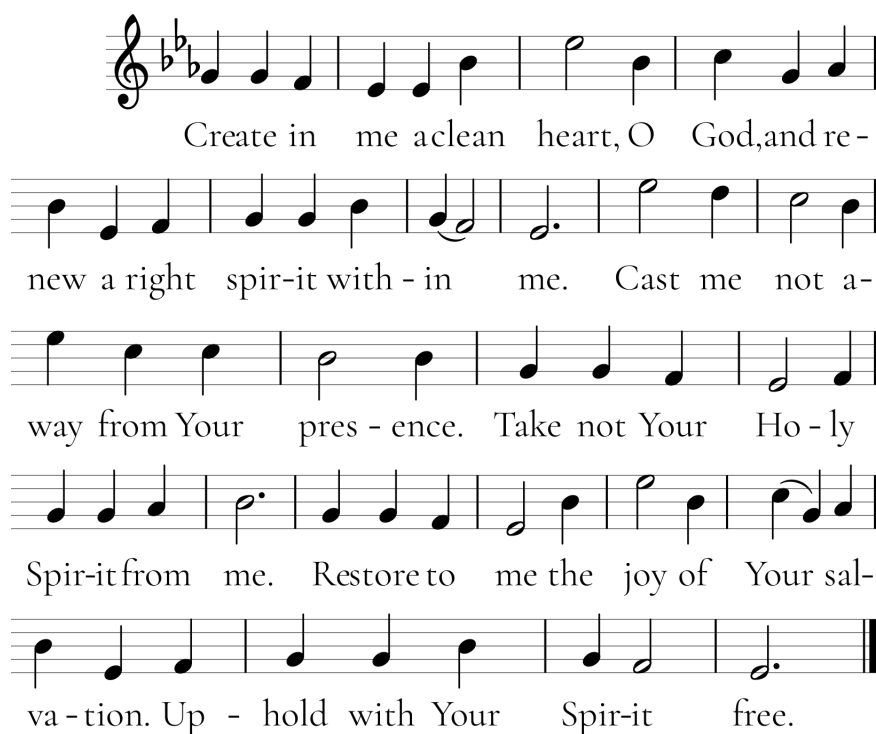
SERMON

Philippians 3:1-9 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. For me to write the same things to you *is* not tedious, but for you *it is* safe. ² Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the mutilation! ³ For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh, ⁴ though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: ⁵ circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, *of* the tribe of Benjamin,

a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee;
⁶ concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the
righteousness which is in the law, blameless. ⁷ But what
things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for
Christ. ⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the ex-
cellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for
whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count
them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in
Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the
law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the right-
eousness which is from God by faith;

BOASTING IN CIRCUMCISION

Worship in Spirit - Rejoice in Christ - Believe in Grace



Create in me a clean heart, O God, and re-
 new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a-
 way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
 Spir-it from me. Restore to me the joy of Your sal-
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir-it free.

#245:1-3 God Loved the World so that He Gave

Offering Hymn #572:4

As thy prospering hand hath blest, May we give Thee all
 our best. And by deeds of kindly love, for Thy mercies
 grateful prove, Singing thus through all our days, Praise to
 God, immortal praise.

PRAYERS, THE LORD'S PRAYER

all 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.

THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



Christ Be My Leader

Christian Worship 367

Timothy Dudley-Smith

Irish Folk Tune



1. Christ be my lead - er by night as by
2. Christ be my teach - er in age as in
3. Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in



day, Safe through the dark-ness, for he is the
youth, Drift - ing or doubt-ing, for he is the
strife; Death can - not hold me, for he is the



way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
truth. Grant me to trust him, through
life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture his care; Dark - ness is
shift - ing as sand. Doubt can - not
sin and its stain Can touch my sal -



day - light when Je - sus is there.
daunt me in Je - sus I stand!
va - tion with Je - sus I reign!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

9 am Worship Service
10 am Sunday School
10:15am Sunday School

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

2pm Bible Class
7pm School Board

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

3:45 Confirmation Class

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

9am Worship Service
10 am Sunday School
10:15 Bible Class

FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 87
Sunday School – 9
Bible Class - 8
Sunday General Fund - \$ 4784.13
Sunday Missions - \$ 115
Building Fund - \$ 50
CLC Building Fund -\$ 50
School Fund - \$ 50

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Bob McElroy, Randy Strelow

COUNTER

This Week Team #5

Keith Dickerson, Allen Henke

Next Week Team #6

Jim Kok, Greg Suwanski

WOMEN OF FAITH

Monday October 12 at 6pm.

OCTOBER VOTERS MEETING

October's voters meeting has been postponed for one week. It is now scheduled for 7pm October 29th.

TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS

Starting October 6th at 2pm.

NEXT WEEKS' READINGS

Isaiah 25:6–9
Psalm 23
Phil. 4:4–13
Matt. 22:1–14

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CALL NEWS

Pastor Zachary Sippert of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN, has returned the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

Missionary Todd Ohlmann has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD, Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Aberdeen, SD, and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD, has received the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to Mexico.

Pastor Rob Sauers of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL, has received the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as Part-Time Missionary to India.

Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA, and Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO, has received the call to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lemmon, SD.

Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD, and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood

Township, SD, has received the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Madison Heights, MI.

Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX, has returned the call to Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND, and to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN.

Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has returned the call to St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Austin, MN.

ANNIVERSARIES

Ascension Lutheran Church, Batavia, IL, will be celebrating its 60th anniversary on October 11, 2026.

Pastor Emeritus David Schierenbeck will be the guest speaker.

Sermon Worksheet - Phil 3:1-9

What is the thing recently that you are most proud about?

Why would Paul boast about his circumcision?

Who are the true circumcision?

What does it mean to worship in Spirit?

How is a Christian coming to worship like a car being brought to the mechanic?

What is worthless to Paul?

What is valuable to Paul?

What road sign do we see in our text today?

Which road is the wrong way to go?

Which road is the right way to go?



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