Pentecost 21 Communion Service

The Book of Common Prayer, ACNA 2019

The congregational responses are in **bold italic** print. Please join us in saying the responses.

Please silence your cell phones.

Vision Statement: "Our Culture"

As a church of Jesus Christ, Christ Church Westshore exists to help build a great community for all people through a movement of the gospel that brings personal conversion, discipleship in community, meeting needs in the neighborhood, and cultural renewal / revival to the Westshore and, through it, to the world.

Know ¥ Grow ¥ Serve

Prayer Meeting Dates & Times

Morning Prayer – Mondays, Tuesdays, & Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Mid-Day Prayer – 1st, 2nd, 4th & 5th Wednesday at 12:00 p.m. Corporate Prayer – Monday, September 23rd at 7:30 p.m.

Processional Hymn

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates, vv. 1, 3, 4 & 5

Hymn 436



Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) Music: *Truro*, melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica*, *Part II*, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

Welcome

Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and 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 depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

Song of Praise

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

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Verse 1

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone. What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong. Who holds our days within His hand? What comes apart from His command? And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Chorus

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal,
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess,
Christ our hope in life and death.

Verse 2

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh?
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ.

Chorus

Verse 3

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ He lives! And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed, And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore. *Charus 2X*

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The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, true source of all godliness: Graciously hear the devout prayers of your Church, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Children's Blessing & Prayer

The people sit.

The First Lesson

1 Corinthians 13:1 – 6

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:153 – 160 (*Please pray responsively by whole verse*)

- 153. O consider my adversity and deliver me, for I do not forget your law.
- 154. Plead my cause and deliver me; give me life according to your word.
- 155. Salvation is far from the ungodly, for they do not regard your statutes.
- 156. Great is your mercy, O Lord; give me life according to your judgments.
- 157. Many there are who trouble me and persecute me, yet I do not swerve from your testimonies.
- 158. It grieves me when I see the transgressors, because they do not keep your law.
- 159. Consider, O Lord, how I love your commandments; O give me life according to your loving-kindness.
- 160. Your word is true from everlasting; all the judgments of your righteousness endure for evermore.

Sequence Hymn Every Promise

Getty & Townend, v. 3

When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for Your voice, And I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word. Through this dark and troubled land, You will guide me with Your hand, As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your word. And You've promised to complete, Ev'ry work begun in me. So, I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your word.

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The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

The Gospel Matthew 7:15 – 20

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon Rev. Gene Sherman

The Character of Love:

"Love Doesn't Rejoice in Wrongdoing, But Rejoices in the Truth"

The people stand.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The people sit.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For Steve, our Archbishop, Mark and Alan, our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We thank you for all the blessings of this life.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We remember those that have died in Christ.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers, and the congregation responds: Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the word of God to all who truly turn to him:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 ESV

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements / Birthdays / Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Torrey Babson	10/12
Russ Mavis	10/14
Bob Conroy	10/16

Anniversary:

Bob & Colleen Conroy 10/14 (46 yrs)

Question for Week 43

What are the sacraments?

The Sacraments given by God and ordained by Christ, namely Baptism and Holy Communion, are outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual graces. By these tokens we assuredly receive the grace of God, and through the Holy Spirit are united to one another in Christ, the promises of the gospel are confirmed and sealed, our sins are forgiven, and our faith is strengthened.

(Romans 6:4)

We were buried, therefore, with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

The Offertory

Doxology Hymn 380, v. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him, all creatures here below, Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The people remain standing.

The Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts,

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting love.

Therefore, we praise you joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people sit or stand.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son, Jesus Christ, into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us, also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

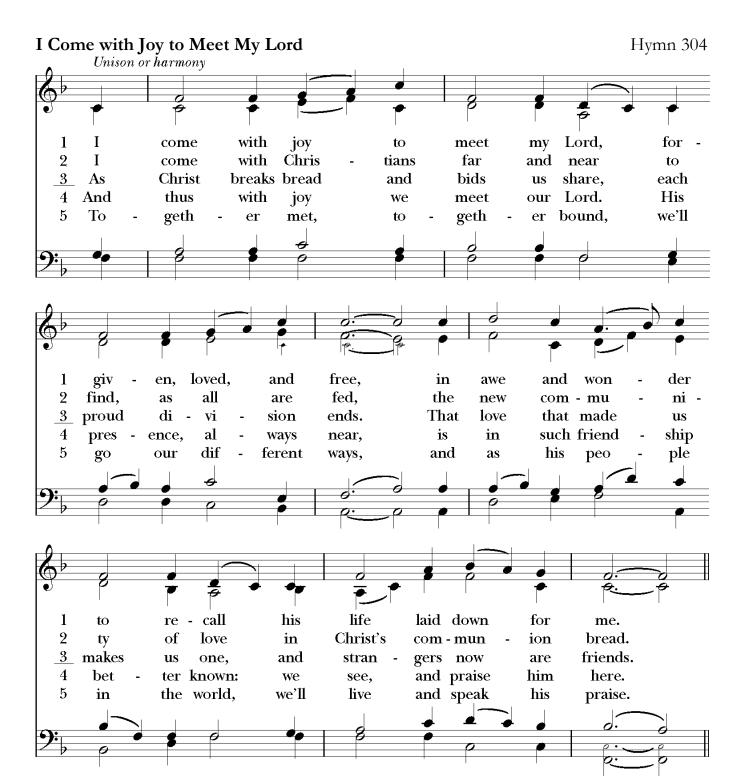
Alleluia, Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed once for all upon the cross.

Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. Apart from your grace, we are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music



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Verse 1

I approach the throne of glory, Nothing in my hands I bring, But the promise of acceptance, From a good and gracious King.

Verse 2

I will give to You my burden, As You give to me Your strength, Come and fill me with Your Spirit, As I sing to You this praise.

Chorus

You deserve the greater glory, Overcome I lift my voice, To the King in need of nothing, Empty-handed, I rejoice. You deserve the greater glory, Overcome with joy I sing. By Your love I am accepted, You're a good and gracious King.

Verse 3

O what grace that You would see me, As Your child and as Your friend. Safe, secure in You forever, I pour out my praise again.

Bridge

Holy, holy, Lord Almighty, Good and gracious, Good and gracious, Holy, holy, Lord Almighty, Good and gracious King.

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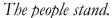
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Let us pray.

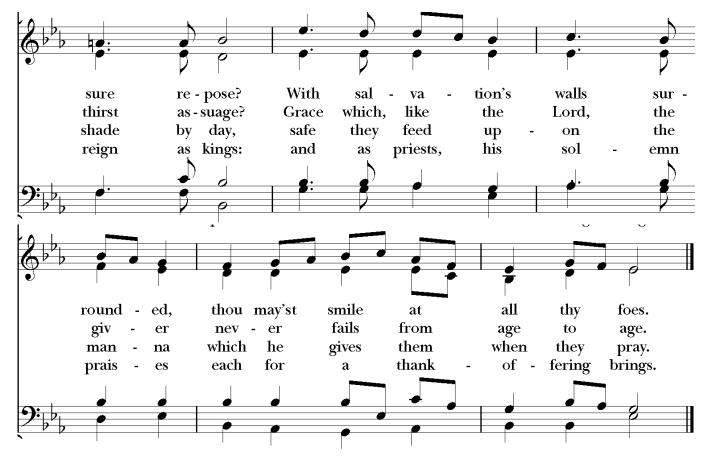
Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

The people respond: Amen.







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The Dismissal

Go, in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

November 15-17th, ADGL Annual Youth Retreat – Students grade 6-12 are invited to a weekend retreat hosted by the Diocese at the beautiful *Butler Springs Camp* in Hillsboro, Ohio. This is a great chance for our kids to ask the big questions of the Christian faith and have some fun along the way. The weekend is intentionally set in a rhythm of worship, play, teaching, and reflection. It is a wonderful opportunity to get away from the hustle and bustle of life and seek God in a space set apart. Registration is \$100 per student, the deadline to register is Oct. 28th! If you have any questions, please reach out to Cody Lang. Scholarship is available!

November 15-November 25, Operation Christmas Child Drop Off – "It's nearly time to start packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child! Please begin praying for the children whose lives will be touched through this amazing ministry. Boxes are available in the Sanctuary, and we would love your help in filling a box or two. Christ Church Westshore serves as an area Drop-Off Center during Collection Week, and we will be looking for volunteers to help serve during collection hours. There will be morning, afternoon, and evening ministry times available, and we would appreciate your help. A sign-up sheet will be posted later this month. If you have any questions, please call Amy Jackson at 440-935-7315. Thank you so much for sharing the love

of Jesus with children who otherwise might never hear the Gospel and know the joy of Christ's redeeming love." Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is part of the Samaritan's Purse International Relief with the goal of providing God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, more than **188 million children** in more than 170 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. For many of the children receiving these boxes, this is their first gift ever!

Monday, November 18th, Community Resource Services (CRS), Santa's Workshop – CRS will begin setting up the Fellowship Hall for Santa's Workshop on Monday November 18th, with CRS client shopping from Monday, December 9th through Thursday, December 12th, and the breakdown will be on Friday, December 13th! There will be many volunteer opportunities for Santa's Workshop, and they will be sent out/posted in the beginning of December. Please call Iris or Marie Tench with any questions or concerns.

Election Day – Tuesday, November 5, 2024 – CCW will serve as a polling place for the General Election on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The Lorain County Board of Elections is expecting a large voter turnout. The CCW offices will be open, but we are requesting that other church activities be kept to a minimum for that day. Voting will be in the Fellowship Hall and the Hearth Room will be used as a break room for the election workers. Thank you for your cooperation.

CRS Update – CRS is currently in need of cereal, jams or jellies, hearty soups, snack crackers, canned fruit, apple sauce, boxed macaroni & cheese, & canned meats. In addition, they are completely out of pasta! Donations can be brought to church and placed in the collection area outside the sanctuary.

SYNOD 2024

CCW is hosting the Synod and Mission Conference of the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes (ADGL), October 24 – 26, 2024. We expect approximately 200 people (clergy, lay delegates, and guests) will attend and we need your help to make the event go smoothly! We have 4 teams:

- **Set-up / Tear-down** move tables and chairs (and dust and clean them) Tuesday afternoon & evening to set-up the nave and Fellowship Hall. Saturday afternoon the team will reset for normal CCW Sunday activities.
- **Hospitality** Team members will be available throughout the day to direct attendees, maintain the beverage station (coffee, tea, water) in the Fellowship Hall, replenish supplies in the bathrooms, empty trash containers, assist the Meals Team with clean-up between meals.
- **Meals** Continental breakfast, lunch, Happy Hour, and dinner will be provided Thursday and Friday. Continental breakfast and a box lunch will be offered on Saturday. The team is responsible for setting up the food (provided by caterers and restaurants), overseeing service and clearing, after the meals. Minimal in-house food preparation. Team chairs: Kristin Hewko and Iris Neel.

• **Grounds Crew** – In addition to the ladies' efforts in tidying the beds and decorating outside, Bob Middlemiss is organizing a crew to ensure that the grass is cut, sidewalks and beds are edged, leaves cleared, etc., shortly before the Synod.

We need your help to make the Synod a success! Sybil will prepare schedules for the Set-up/Tear-down and Hospitality teams once we know when people are available. Please sign-up on the sheets on the announcement board at the back of the nave, indicating which team(s) you want to join and what times you are available. You can be specific (Thursday, 3-6 p.m.) or general (Friday afternoon & Saturday morning). Contact Sybil, the event coordinator, if you have any questions (office: 440-899-7151, ext. 2 / Cell or text: 440-522-2504 / smundy@christchurchwestshore.com). Thank you!

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 13:1 – 6

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth.

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Giving

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God By Harry & Karen Huhndorff in celebration of their son, Mark's birthday on Oct. 19th & for the blessings that Mark and his family are to them!

2024 Financials

Through Sunday	10/6/2024
Current Month Total Expense Budget	\$43,379
Current Month Actual Revenues	\$13,251
YTD Total Expense Budget	\$467,033
YTD Actual Revenues	\$421,608
Annual 2024 Total Expense Budget	\$555,002

Attendance for 10/6/2024

10:00 a.m. - 108

Wednesday — 6

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