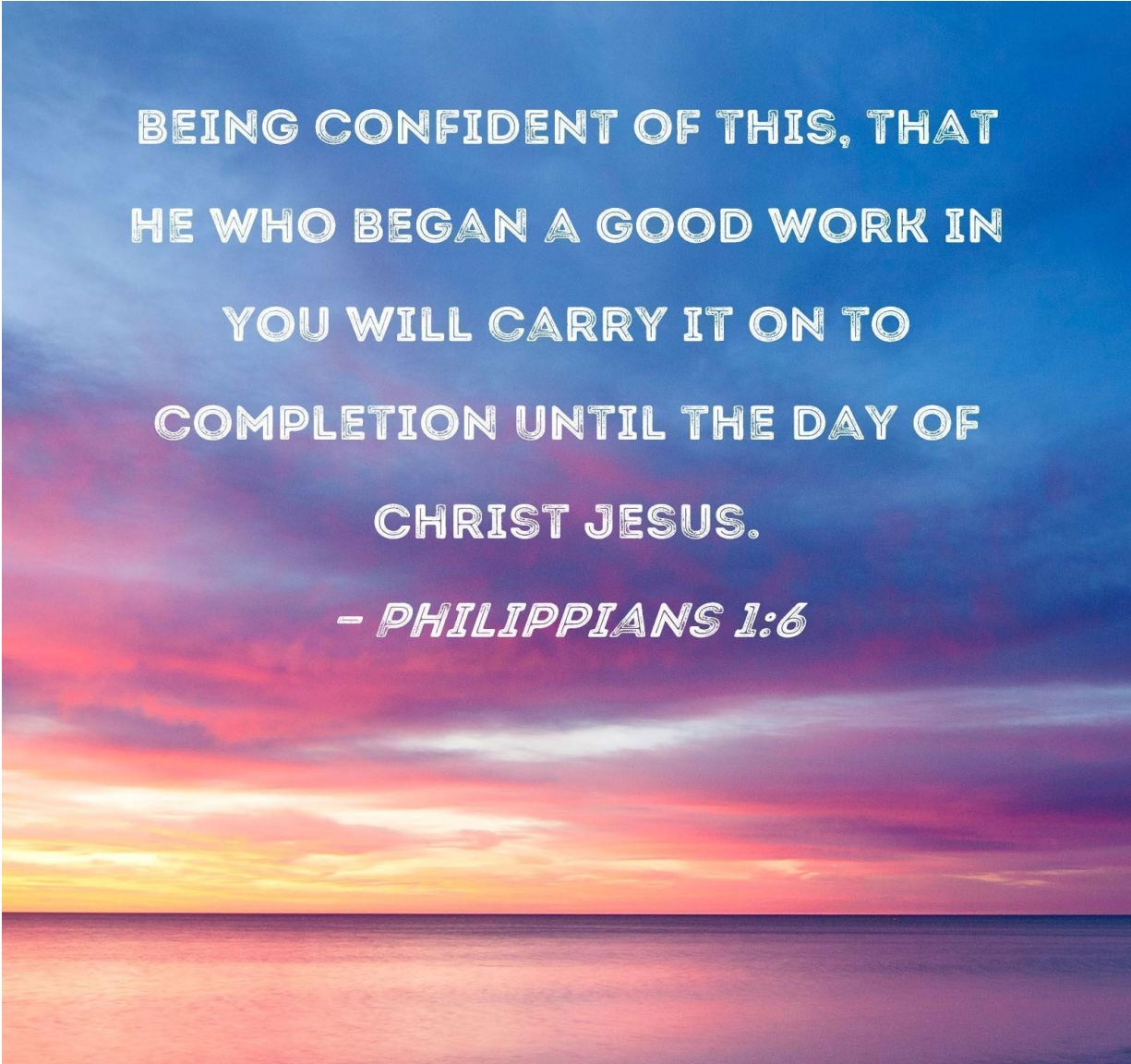


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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



BEING CONFIDENT OF THIS, THAT
HE WHO BEGAN A GOOD WORK IN
YOU WILL CARRY IT ON TO
COMPLETION UNTIL THE DAY OF
CHRIST JESUS.

- PHILIPPIANS 1:6

**REMAIN FAITHFUL TO GOD
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

Oct 18, 2026 9:00 AM

Pastor: Mark Hoffmann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Come, Thou Almighty King*
maroon hymnal page 905 verses 1-4

THE INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit,

C: Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the
truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just,
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all
unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

L: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

L: Let us confess our sins to God our Father

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature
sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal
punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ
have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so
that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways
to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

L: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His
sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of
Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the
name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF PRAISE *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
Maroon hymnal page 805 verse 1

THE KYRIE (please be seated)

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, Gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

THE GREETING

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: We pray together: **Loving Lord God, help me to keep my heart and mind set on You today and always. Thank You for beginning a work of grace in my life. Help me to cooperate with Your Holy Spirit to grow in my faith and to trust you always, especially when doubts or uncertainties creep in, fill me with Your peace and steady my confidence in Your sovereign faithfulness. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen**

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 138

L I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise.

C I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,

L for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.

C When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.

L May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD, when they hear what you have decreed.

C May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great.

L Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;
though lofty, he sees them from afar.

**C Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life.
You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;
with your right hand you save me.**

L The LORD will vindicate me; your love, LORD, endures forever— do not abandon the works of your hands.

**ALL: Praise be to God the Father and God the Son and
God The Holy Spirit. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Joshua 24:13-15

I gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.' "Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵ But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S TALK (children are invited to the front of the church)

GOSPEL READING Luke 14:25-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 14th chapter.

C: Praise be to You, O God!

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶ "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

³¹ "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to

oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

³⁴ "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?

³⁵ It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

"Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*
maroon hymnal page 761 verses 1-4

MESSAGE: *Remain Strong in Your Faith*

OFFERING HYMN *We Give Thee But Thine Own*
maroon hymnal page 781 verses 1-6

CONFIRMATION OF GABRIEL OPFER

P Gabriel, you have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your heart, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

P Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

R Yes, I do.

P Do you renounce the devil?

R Yes, I renounce him.

P Do you renounce all his works?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R Yes, I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

ALL Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

ALL Yes, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

ALL Yes, 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.

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R I do.

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R I do.

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R I do, by the grace of God.

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R I do, by the grace of God.

P Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R I do, by the grace of God.

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Amen

P Gabriel Isaac Opfer, (placing his hand on the Confirmand says,)

The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life (T) everlasting.

R Amen.

Gabriel's Confirmation text is Matthew 28:18-20:

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And

surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

P Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing this Your son to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling him both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, he may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

P Peace be with you.

C Amen. Thanks be to God

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: Lord in Your Mercy.

C: Hear our Prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (please rise)

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 PREFACE

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

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

L : It is truly good right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you Holy Father Almighty God and Jesus Christ Your One and only Son who overcame the assaults of the devil and

gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the resurrection feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore, with angels and arc angels and all the company of heaven we laud and glorify thy name praising you and singing:

SANCTUS (sung)

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Maroon Hymnal p. 161

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

L: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you. (please be seated)

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

WORSHIP DURING COMMUNION

Your Table I Approach maroon hymnal page 628 verses 1-6

Amazing Grace maroon hymnal page 744 verses 1-5

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT (please rise)

L: Let us pray together...

C: God of glory, You nourish us with Your Word and Sacraments. Thank You for feeding us with the bread of life and filling us with Your Holy Spirit and give us the strength so that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

L: 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 Give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer*

Maroon hymnal page 918 verses 1-3

THE SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Immediately After Worship join us in the Fellowship Hall for some refreshment and then a Bible study which concludes at 11:00 am. Sunday School for children is held in the rear of the church building and goes from approx 10:15-11:00. Beginning Nov 1 2026 the adult study will begin on the book of Revelation

Lord's Supper; we celebrate Holy Communion each Sunday. If your beliefs are similar to the statement below concerning the Lord's Supper, please know you are welcome to commune with us.

The Lord's Supper, or Communion, is a Biblical event, given by Jesus for the strengthening of our faith and the forgiveness of our sins (Matthew 26).

We invite all baptized Christians, who believe in Jesus Christ as their savior, desire forgiveness of their sins, and believe that the body and blood are truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine to receive the Lord's Supper with us. If you are unsure of what you believe, or have questions, please speak to the Pastor.

Children who have not gone through instruction or confirmation may come forward to receive a blessing. Please cross your arms so the server knows that you are not communing. Grape juice is available in the center cups and is clear in color. Gluten free wafers are available;

Last week we were blessed with approximately 50 people in worship.

Services Online: You can view this week's service on Christ Lutheran's Facebook page or view this week and past week's services on our web page at ChristLutheranCoolidge.com it is under the services tab. You can also give on line, simply click on the online giving on the web site

Each first and third Sat of the month from 9-10 am will be a Bible study. We meet in the fellowship hall, join us Sat Nov 7

Ladies Bible study will be the third Wed in Oct this Wed the 21st at 1:30, and each 3rd Wed of the month following. All ladies are invited to the Bible study, then you are welcome to stay after that for a brief LWML meeting.

Please return the Christmas child boxes by next Sunday. Thanks so much for helping make a child's Christmas special!

Reader's, Communion preparers and **fellowship volunteers** are needed. Please sign up on the sheets in the back of the church.

In your prayers this week please pray for: Gary, Deb, Becki, Tobi, Samuel. Thank God for sending Jesus who died and rose again for our forgiveness and salvation. The men and women in uniform including our military, law enforcement officers and all first responders who serve in our communities. The Christian church, its leaders and pastors, including our District and Synodical presidents, Mike and Matthew. Pray for safe keeping for all those who are traveling.

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning! Bring a friend next week!

First time guests: Please sign the guest register at the rear of the church. Join us again next Sunday for worship. If you have any questions about Christ Lutheran, speak with any of the wonderful people sitting around you! You are always welcome—this is your Father's House! You are always welcome to join Christ Lutheran church. Please consult Pastor Mark if you wish to become a member or associate member.

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