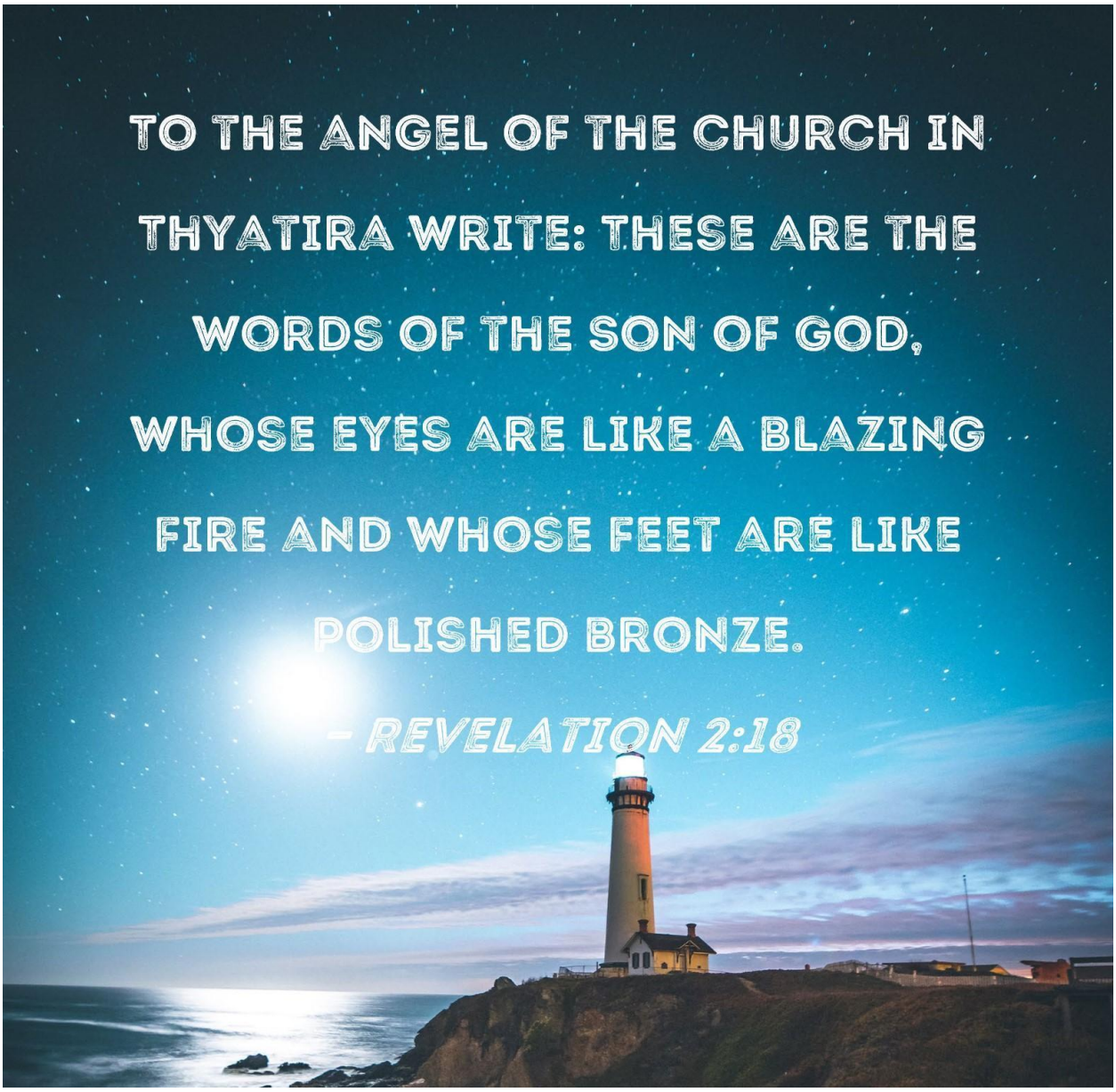
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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



KNOW THE ENEMIES STRATEGY

NOV 22, 2026 SUNDAY 9:00 AM

PASTOR: MARK HOFFMANN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Lift High the Cross*
maroon hymnal page 837 verses 1-3

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**:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.
C: Who made heaven and earth.
L: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

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

L Loving heavenly Father,

C: We confess to you that we are sinners and are in need of your forgiveness. So often our actions don't reflect our intentions. We hurt others by what we say and do and we fail to follow through on promises we make to those around us. We humbly seek Your mercy, and for the sake of Jesus Christ we ask for Your forgiveness. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION
L**:** In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE (please be seated)
Lift High the Cross maroon hymnal page 837 verse 4
THE KYRIE
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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (pray together)

Loving heavenly Father, You know our deepest thoughts, hidden motives, and secret deeds. Search my heart today, and where there is tolerance of sin, deception, or compromise with the ways of the world, convict me and lead me to true repentance. Keep me from being seduced by false teachings or moral shortcuts, and let my life reflect Your holiness. Grant me the strength to lead and work with total integrity no matter where I am. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 84

L How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty!

C **My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD, my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.**

L Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young—a place near your altar, LORD Almighty,

my King and my God.

C **Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.**

L Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.

C **As they pass through the Valley of Baka, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools**

L They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.

C **Hear my prayer, LORD God Almighty; listen to me, God of Jacob.**

L Look on our shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed one.

C **Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere, I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

L For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

C **LORD Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you**

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Kings 16:29-33

In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab son of Omri became king of Israel, and he reigned in Samaria over Israel twenty-two years. Ahab son of Omri did more evil in the eyes of the LORD than any of those

before him. [31] He not only considered it trivial to commit the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, but he also married Jezebel daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and began to serve Baal and worship him. He set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal that he built in Samaria. [33] Ahab also made an Asherah pole and did more to arouse the anger of the LORD, the God of Israel, than did all the kings of Israel before him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord!
C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING: Revelation 2:18-29

To the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. [19] I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

[20] Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds. Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets, 'I will not impose any other burden on you, except to hold on to what you have until I come.'

[26] To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations— that one 'will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery'—just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give that one the morning star. [29] Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

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 John 15:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15th chapter.

C: Praise be to You, O God

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. **2** He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

5 "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

The Apostle's Creed (spoken together)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
And 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; on 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.**
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. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY *O Savior, Precious Savior*
maroon hymnal page 527 verses 1-4

MESSAGE: *Know the Enemies Strategy and Move Accordingly*

Gathering of offerings and tithes and gifts of love.

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

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 through Jesus Christ our Lord; who suffered, died and rose again, giving us forgiveness of our sins and reconciling us back to a right relationship with You Father. Therefore, with angels and arc angels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name evermore 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)

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORSHIP DURING COMMUNION
How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds maroon hymnal page 524 vs. 1-6
Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus maroon hymnal page 685 verses 1-4
Take My Life and Let It Be maroon hymnal page 783 verses 1-6

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 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*
maroon hymnal page 702 verses 1-4

THE SENDING
L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God!

<u>Immediately After Worship</u> 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. The adult Bible study is 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 70 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 Dec 5. Then after Bible study on **Sat Dec 5** we will decorate the church starting at 10 am. Please help!

Ladies Bible study will be the third Wed of each month 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.

Thanksgiving Eve and Advent services will begin with Thanksgiving Eve Communion service on Wed Nov 25 at 5 pm and then brief Advent services on Wed's Dec 2 and 9 at 5 pm with a soup / sandwich dinner after. Dec 16 will be Christmas carol singing and we'll have cookies and other desserts.

Christmas Eve Candlelight / Communion service is Dec 24 also at 5 pm (no Christmas Day service)

In your prayers this week please pray for: Tobi, Deb, Samuel, Gary 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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