# Christ Assembly Lutheran Church (CALC)

664 Broadway Newark, NJ 07104

**Divine Worship Service**

PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY

Twentieth-first after Pentecost

Third Sunday October 18, 2026

11: am – 1:00pm

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations.

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Pastor Tommy B. Whagar, Assistant Pastor
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Bro. Charles D. Carter, Lay Leader
Bro. Thompson B. Dahnsaw, President Congregation

**Pastor Borbor Zolue, Senior Pastor**

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| Selection | Choir |
| Sermon Hymn | What a Friend We Have in Jesus |

Sermon: **Pastor Borbor Zolue**
Text: Special Tributes, Music and Prayer, Special Remarks, Solo, Recitation, Poem
Theme: “”

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Opening Hymn

## 801. How Great Thou Art

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee.
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

3 But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in--
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!" [Refrain]

## Confession and Absolution, LSB 151

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
**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.**

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.
**Amen.**

## Introit Psalm 96:1-13

*[1] Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.*
***[2] Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.***
*[3] Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.*
***[4] For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.***
*[5] For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.*
***[6] Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.***
*[7] Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.*
***[8] Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.***
*[9] Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.*
***[10] Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns." The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.***
*[11] Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.*
***[12] Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.***
*[13] Let all creation rejoice before the Lord, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.*

## Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Announcement by Brother Charles

- Please continue to pay Tithes & Offering and fulfill all pledge or donation.
- The church met on Sunday, June 2, 2024, in a general meeting and we agreed unanimously to pay $1,000.00 each per year for membership due.
- Fast & Prayer Service————every Saturday 9am – 12pm
- Monthly Prayer Request & Testimonial Service —Sunday, August 16, 2026
- The Church General meeting will be held every three months (Quarterly)

## Happy Birthday to all those born in October

1. Brother Bobby. Zolue
2. Little Emmanuel (Sis. Grace Nuahn Son)
3. Austin (Sis. Betty Son)
4. Sis. A. Gboeah
5. Sister F. Harding
6. Sister E. Worwee
7. Sister V. Jacobs
8. Brother A. Jabbar
9. Brother J. Worwee

## First: Reading: Isaiah 45:1–7

1 “This is what the Lord says to his anointed,
to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their armor,
to open doors before him
so that gates will not be shut:
2 I will go before you
and will level the mountains[a];
I will break down gates of bronze

and cut through bars of iron.
3 I will give you hidden treasures,
riches stored in secret places,
so that you may know that I am the Lord,
the God of Israel, who summons you by name.
4 For the sake of Jacob my servant,
of Israel my chosen,
I summon you by name
and bestow on you a title of honor,
though you do not acknowledge me.
5 I am the Lord, and there is no other;
apart from me there is no God.
I will strengthen you,
though you have not acknowledged me,
6 so that from the rising of the sun
to the place of its setting
people may know there is none besides me.
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
7 I form the light and create darkness,
I bring prosperity and create disaster;
I, the Lord, do all these things.

**Second Reading: 1 Thess. 1:1–10**

1 Paul, Silas and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:Grace and peace to you.
2 We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.
3 We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
4 For we know, brothers and sisters[b] loved by God, that he has chosen you,
5 because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake.
6 You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.
7 And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and

Achaia.
8 The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and
Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we
do not need to say anything about it,
9 for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell
how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,
10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the
dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

## Gospel: Matt. 22:15–22

15 Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words.
16 They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are.
17 Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax[a] to Caesar or not?”
18 But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me?
19 Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius,
20 and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?”
21 “Caesar’s,” they replied. Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”
22 When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

## Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father,**
**and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**
**as it was in the beginning,**
**is now, and ever shall be,**
**world without end. Amen, amen.**

## Apostle's Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to 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 catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

**What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.

Closing Hymn

**LSB 570. Just as I Am, without One Plea**

1 Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am, and waiting not
to rid my soul of one dark blot,
to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,O Lamb of God, I come, I come.




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