

Christ Assembly Lutheran Church (CALC)

664 Broadway Newark, NJ 07104

Divine Worship Service

Sixteen Sunday after Pentecost



First, Sunday September 13, 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



Praise/Worship	CALC Choir
Opening of the Service	Pastor Borbor Zolue
Opening Hymn	Service Book page 770
Confession and Absolution	Service Book: Page 151
Welcome	First time Visitor's and Guest Member
Selection	Choir
1st Scripture Reading	Gen. 50:15–21; Bro. Alex Gboeah
2nd Scripture Reading	Rom. 14:1–12; Sis. Ellen Horace
Gospel Reading	Matt. 18:21–35; Bro. Thompson Dahnsaw
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The Apostle's Creed	The last page of the service book
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Offering	Congregation
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Selection	Choir
Sermon Hymn	Jesus keep me near the cross (below)
Sermon: Pastor Borbor Zolue	
Text:	
Theme: “”	
Announcement	Bro. Charles D. Carter
Closing Hymn	Just as Am, without one plea” pg. 570

Semon Hymn
Jesus keep me near the cross

1 Jesus, keep me near the cross,
There a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream,
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain:
In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever,
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.

2 Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star
Shed His beams around me. [Refrain]

3 Near the cross! O lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadow o'er me. [Refrain]

4 Near the cross! I'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever;
Till I reach the golden strand,
Just beyond the river. [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 103:1–12

¹ *Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.*

² ***Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—***

³ *who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,*

⁴ ***who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,***

⁵ *who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

⁶ ***The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.***

⁷ *He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:*

⁸ ***The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.***

⁹ *He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;*

¹⁰ ***he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.***

¹¹ *For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;*

¹² ***as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.***

Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 September

1. Brother P Flomo
2. Brother D. Nwaosu 9/15
3. Sister T. Flomo 9/29

First: Reading: Genesis 50:15–21

15 When Joseph’s brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, “What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?”

16 So they sent word to Joseph, saying, “Your father left these instructions before he died:

17 ‘This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.’ Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father.” When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

18 His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. “We are your slaves,” they said.

19 But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? **20** You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

21 So then, don’t be afraid. I will provide for you and your children.” And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

Second Reading: Romans 14:1–12

1 Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters.

2 One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables.

3 The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them.

4 Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

5 One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind.

6 Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.

7 For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. **8** If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

9 For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living

10 You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat.

11 It is written: "As surely as I live," says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.'"

12 So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21- 35

21 Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

22 Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

23 “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.

24 As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him.

25 Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

26 “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’

27 The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

28 “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

29 “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

30 “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.

31 When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

32 “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.

33 Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’

34 In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

35 “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”
am I with them.”

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.



Opening Hymn

770. 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
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything 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 ev'ry 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 thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt 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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