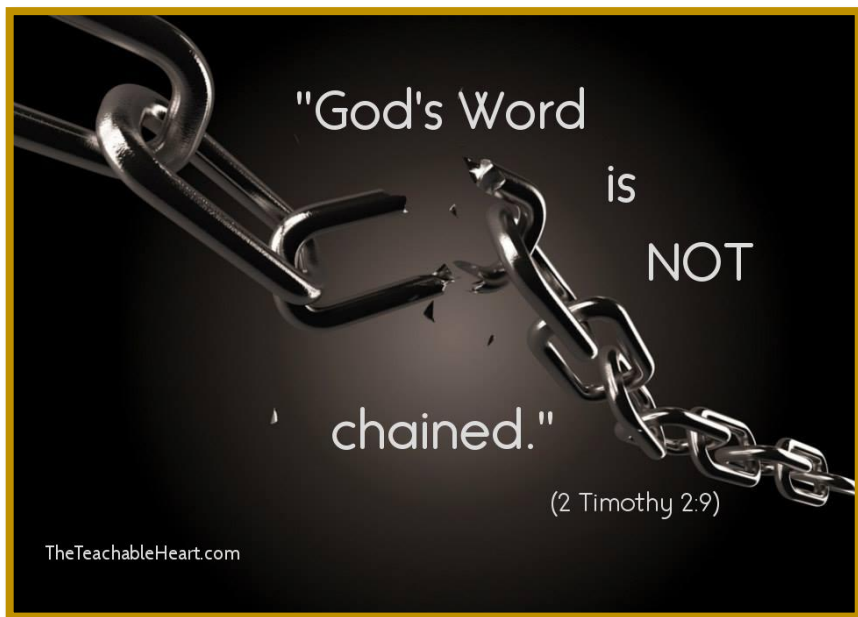




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Music Director: Terryl Dietert
Guitar | Visuals: Paul Mayeshiba
Video: Richard Tremarello
Liturgist: Dean Kothrade

October 12, 2025

Welcome to Christ Church! We are so glad you are here this morning! Whether you are a "first-timer," a regular, or somewhere in between, it is a joy to have you here with us this day. May you be blessed by God's Word in worship today! If you are a **first-time visitor**, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the offering plate, and then make your way to the Chapel (in the back) after worship where we have a small gift for you. **Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

Healer of Our Every Ill - Haugen

Words of Welcome

***Song of Welcome** *This is the Day that the Lord has Made*

Call to Worship (from Psalm 66)

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Many: Sing the glory of God's name; give to God glorious praise.

One: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Many: All the earth worships you; they sing praises to your name."

One: Come and see what God has done.

Many: You turned the sea into dry land; we passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in the One who rules forever.

One: Bless our God, O peoples.

Many: For you have tested us, O God, and tried us. You have kept us among the living; we went through fire and through water; yet You have brought us out to a spacious place.

Opening Prayer

Open our hearts to your Word today, O God. Lead us with your light. Bless us with your truth. Help us to trust you. Forgive us when we turn away to worship the gods that we have made. Amen.

Words of Grace

***Opening Hymn** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Hymn #82

Children's Sermon

Gift of Music

We Fall Down—McClurkin

Soloist, TerryL Dietert
Cajon, Rich Tremarello

New Testament Reading: **2 Timothy 2:8-15** (NRSVUE)

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19 (NRSVUE)

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Sermon

"Coming to Jesus"

Rev. John Helt

***Response**

Jesus, Lover of my Soul
(tune: MARTYN)

Hymn # 439

Prayers of the People

(see Weekly Newsletter for details)

For healing after surgeries: **Jill U**

For those experiencing trials or ongoing health concerns: **Jerry G, Bonnie & Jeff J, Gloria H, Nicole, Bart, Tom, Dulce, Laurel, Bill, Blair, Joe, Kozy, Stacy, Susie**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity

Give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Corinthians 9:7

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Offertory

People Need the Lord - Green

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

***Prayer of Dedication**

**God of all grace and giving, receive and bless these offerings
today—gifts of our lives and livelihoods—and use them for your
glory and our neighbors' good. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

***Closing Hymn**

As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

Hymn # 551

Announcements***Benediction*****Benediction Song**

Go now in peace. Go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you,
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

Postlude

Simple Gifts - arr. Held

MISSION MINUTES | Planting Life | Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 | If you knew the world would end tomorrow, what would you do today?

When Martin Luther, the 16th-century German scholar and theologian, was asked this question, he replied, “I would plant an apple tree.” Now it’s debatable whether Luther said this or not. He did adore nature, and he did give us the tradition of bringing an evergreen into our homes at Christmastime. But regardless of him planting an actual apple tree, what really matters is how we would answer such a question today.

What would we do to show hope in the future even when that future didn’t seem very promising? Would we dare to plant a tree?

Jeremiah would. The prophet even invites those he is writing to who are now living in exile in Babylon to join him. Lay down roots even in a strange land. The children of God, though, don’t want any part of the Babylonian way of life. They want to return to Jerusalem. Their homesickness is spiraling into a deep, gloomy pit that is robbing them of the joy God still has for them.

Isn’t it true for all of us that when life doesn’t go our way, our disappointments often cloud our eyes from seeing the still-in-front-of-us God possibilities?

Jeremiah, though, isn’t buying their pity party. He instructs them on how to carry on with hope and faith. Take wives. Have children. Multiply there in the land of your exile. Build homes. Plant gardens. Don’t wait for when you return to Jerusalem. Live in the now and make beautiful plans for tomorrow—despite your current situation. Lay down roots even in the very soil you wish your feet never stepped upon, for in that very soil, a seed will still grow into something beautiful.

We are all being called to plant life this day—to bring forth hope amid despair, beauty amid ugliness, and calm amid chaos.

If you knew the world would end tomorrow, what would you do?

May today we take our shovels and begin planting Luther’s fabled apple trees.

God of promises, help us to accept where we are this day in our lives. Rather than focusing on what we don’t have or what we long for, open our eyes to the beautiful gifts and the precious people who are right in front of us. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Monthly Activity	September	YTD
Contributions	\$10,169	\$80,263
Other Income	\$15,003	\$56,735
Total Income	\$25,172	\$136,998
Expenses	\$12,894	\$147,488
Budgeted Amount	\$14,867	\$133,800

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