



LIGHT OF CHRIST  
ANGELICAN CHURCH

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**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 21**  
**September 26, 2021 –9:30 am**

**~A Service of Confirmation~**

# *Ordinary Time*

**Welcome to The Light of Christ Anglican Church (TLC).**

At TLC, we engage with what it means that God's Kingdom is not only a future promise but also a present reality within our world even now, ushered in by Christ.

This reality shapes our worship and life together. It speaks into the way we embrace community in our multi-ethnic and multi-generational context as one big family.

Worship is the core that brings all aspects of our identity together. In worship we celebrate the King who loves us and has redeemed us, and who invites us to join in His Redemptive story within the world.

## **A Note to Our Guests**

If you are visiting TLC for the first time, it is our hope that you would feel very welcome. Here are a few thoughts on how to make that happen.

- Everything you need to follow the service is in this bulletin.
- Are you new to liturgy? Please do not be bothered. We are not about perfection. We are ordinary people gathered to worship.
- If you are comfortable doing so, we encourage you to let an usher know it's your first time. They can help make your experience smoother. For example, you may find it helpful if you sat next to a member who knows their way around here and can answer quick questions for you.

### ***Sundays***

8:15 am, Worship Service  
10:15 am, Worship Service &  
Livestream

### ***Mondays***

10 am, & 6:00 pm, Women's Groups

### ***Tuesdays***

7 pm, Men's Bible Study  
6 pm, Vestry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday

### ***Wednesdays***

6:30 pm, Youth Group

### ***Thursdays***

5 pm, Young Adult Meeting  
5 pm, Women's Bible Journaling on  
Zoom  
6 pm, Second Thursday Dinner

### ***Saturdays***

8 am, Men's Breakfast & Bible Study  
(2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays) at TLC

## **The Gathering**

### **Processional Hymn (Please stand) Praise To The Lord The Almighty**

Praise to the Lord the Almighty  
The King of creation  
O my soul praise Him  
For He is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near  
Praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord Who over all things  
So wondrously reigneth  
Shelters thee under His wings  
Yea so gently sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires ever have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper  
Thy work and defend thee  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
If with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord  
O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that hath life and breath  
Come now with praises before Him  
Let the amen sound from His people again  
Gladly for all we adore Him

Bishop: The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh  
**People: And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.**

Bishop: Your old men shall dream dreams,  
**People: and your young men shall see visions.**

Bishop: You shall know that the Lord is in the midst of his people,  
**People: that he is the Lord and there is none else.**

Bishop: And it shall come to pass  
**People: that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

Celebrant and People:  
**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Song            The Lion And The Lamb**

He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

*Our God is the Lion  
The Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power  
And fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the Lamb*

*The Lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world  
His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him*

So open up the gates  
Make way before the King of kings  
The God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Who can stop the Lord Almighty  
Who can stop the Lord (Almighty)

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## **The Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to His people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
Almighty God and Father,  
we worship You, we give You  
thanks,  
we praise You for Your glory.  
Glory to God

Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of  
the Father:  
receive our prayer, receive our  
prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen, Amen.

## **Collect**

Bishop:           The Lord be with you.  
**People:           And also with you.**  
Bishop:           Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer:  
We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place,  
and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled with your joy

and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## The Word

### A reading from Nehemiah. (Nehemiah 5:1-12)

<sup>1</sup>Now the men and their wives raised a great outcry against their fellow Jews. <sup>2</sup>Some were saying, “We and our sons and daughters are numerous; in order for us to eat and stay alive, we must get grain.”

<sup>3</sup>Others were saying, “We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards and our homes to get grain during the famine.”

<sup>4</sup>Still others were saying, “We have had to borrow money to pay the king’s tax on our fields and vineyards. <sup>5</sup>Although we are of the same flesh and blood as our fellow Jews and though our children are as good as theirs, yet we have to subject our sons and daughters to slavery. Some of our daughters have already been enslaved, but we are powerless, because our fields and our vineyards belong to others.”

<sup>6</sup>When I heard their outcry and these charges, I was very angry. <sup>7</sup>I pondered them in my mind and then accused the nobles and officials. I told them, “You are charging your own people interest!” So I called together a large meeting to deal with them <sup>8</sup>and said: “As far as possible, we have bought back our fellow Jews who were sold to the Gentiles. Now you are selling your own people, only for them to be sold back to us!” They kept quiet, because they could find nothing to say.

<sup>9</sup>So I continued, “What you are doing is not right. Shouldn’t you walk in the fear of our God to avoid the reproach of our Gentile enemies? <sup>10</sup>I and my brothers and my men are also lending the people money and grain. But let us stop charging interest! <sup>11</sup>Give back to them immediately their fields, vineyards, olive groves and houses, and also the interest you are charging them—one percent of the money, grain, new wine and olive oil.”

<sup>12</sup>“We will give it back,” they said. “And we will not demand anything more from them. We will do as you say.”

Then I summoned the priests and made the nobles and officials take an oath to do what they had promised.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### A Reading from 1 John. (1 John 3:1-3)

<sup>1</sup>See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us

is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Anthem** *(Please stand)*

**Wonderful Words of Life**

Sing them over again to me

Wonderful words of life

Let me more of their beauty see

Wonderful words of life

Words of life and beauty

Teach me faith and duty

Beautiful words wonderful words

Wonderful words of life

Beautiful words wonderful words

Wonderful words of life

**Gospel Reading**

**(Mark 8:34-38)**

*The Gospel is read in Karen and English recognizing two major languages in our congregation.*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>34</sup>Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup>What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? <sup>37</sup>Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? <sup>38</sup>If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**The Rt. Rev. Ken Ross**

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**The Response**

## The Nicene Creed *(Please stand)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Presentation, Exhortation and Examination

*The candidates and presenters stand facing the Bishop*

Presenters:

Bishop, we present these persons who have been baptized and properly instructed in the Christian faith that you may, through the laying on of hands, confirm them and commission them for service and witness to Christ and His Church.

Bishop:

Dearly beloved, it is essential to the Church's good order that any who wish to be confirmed must publicly confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

The Apostles prayed for, and laid their hands on, those who had already been baptized. And this outward sign, the laying on of hands with prayer, has an inward grace, the strengthening of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Since this grace is God's gift, let us pray that he will pour out his Spirit on these who have already been made his children by adoption and grace, that they may be strengthened to serve the world in the fellowship of Christ's Church.

Bishop:

Do you, in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows that were made at your baptism, acknowledging that you are bound to keep them?

**Confirmands: I do.**

Do you renounce the Devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

**I do.**

Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

**I do.**

Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

**I will, the Lord being my helper.**

*The Bishop then addresses the congregation*

Bishop:

Do you believe these candidates should be confirmed and commissioned for the mission of Christ and His Church?

**People: We do!**

### **Prayer and the Laying on of Hands**

Bishop: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we ask you to strengthen these your servants for witness and ministry, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Daily increase in



them the gift of your grace and the fruit of your Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Confirmation** (*Soft worship songs as Bishop prays for each confirmand*)

Bishop:

N., I sign you with the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N. with your Holy Spirit; empower *him/her* for your service; and sustain *him/her* all the days of *his/her* life. **Amen.**

Bishop: Almighty and everlasting God, following the example of the Apostles, we have laid our hands on these, your servants. We humbly ask you to assure them of your favor and gracious goodness towards them. Let your fatherly hand remain upon them; let your Holy Spirit be with them; and lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word. Protect them, we pray, from the schemes of the devil. Defend them at the time of trial. Bless them by bringing them safely to Your Home in everlasting glory; and, make them strong and courageous in Jesus Christ our Lord, our mighty Savior. **Amen.**

**The Peace** (*Please stand*)

Bishop                    The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People:                   **And also with you.**

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**Announcements**

*A Prayer of blessing over TLC on this anniversary occasion.*

**The Offertory**

**Karen Choir**

**Doxology** (*Please stand*)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost Amen

## The Eucharist

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; in fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Highest praises, honor and glory  
Be unto Your name, Be unto Your name

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ; **by him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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, for ever and ever. Amen**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*(We have gluten-wheat-yeast-dairy-egg-soy-nut-and-corn free communion wafers available for anyone who needs it. Please let the Clergy serving communion know if you would prefer these to the regular wheat wafers. All baptized Christians are welcome to take communion. The ushers will direct the people down the center aisle. After receiving bread, please take a cup from the tray, then dispose of your cup in the basket. Prayer Ministers are available during communion, look for them in the alcove.)*

## Communion Songs

## Waymaker

You are here moving in our midst  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here working in this place  
I worship You I worship You

*(You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper  
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are*

You are here touching ev'ry heart  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here healing ev'ry heart  
I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here mending ev'ry heart  
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

Even when I don't see it You're working  
Even when I don't feel it You're working  
You never stop You never stop working  
You never stop You never stop working

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## Who You Say I Am

Who am I that the highest King  
Would welcome me  
I was lost but He brought me in  
Oh His love for me  
Oh His love for me

*Who the Son sets free  
Oh is free indeed  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am*

Free at last  
He has ransomed me  
His grace runs deep  
While I was a slave to sin  
Jesus died for me  
Yes He died for me

*In my Father's house  
There's a place for me  
I'm a child of God  
Yes I am*

I am chosen not forsaken  
I am who You say I am  
You are for me not against me  
I am who You say I am

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## **Living Hope**

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

*Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me*

*You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me

(REPEAT)

Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Jesus Christ my living hope  
Oh God You are my living hope

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## **Post Communion Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Blessing and Sending**

Bishop: Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; fight the good fight of faith; that you may finish your course with joy: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always.  
**Amen**

## **Recessional**

## **This Is Amazing Grace**

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder

And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

*This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me*

Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

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**Deacon:** Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

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## **E-Giving at TLC**

If you would like to pay for contributions through a bank transfer, we now have Zelle available, It is a secure way to send contributions and there are no fees added for this type of transfer. To set it up, you sign up for Zelle through your bank and then you would add this email [Jeanie@tlcdenver.org](mailto:Jeanie@tlcdenver.org) for the recipient's contact. We take it from there.

You can also give through our secure and easy-to-use online giving page, just go to: [www.onrealm.org/TheLightChrist/Give](http://www.onrealm.org/TheLightChrist/Give)

You can also give by texting **TLCgiving** to **73256**, followed by your gift amount. Standard text message and data rates may apply. Non-electronic forms of giving can also be used.

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