

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Wednesday Service (In-Person & Zoom)

October 16, 2024 –6:30pm

*** Call to Worship**

P: Christ died once for all.

C: For all, for every man.

P: Christ came to rescue all.

C: For all for every woman.

P: Christ demonstrated love to all.

C: For all, for every child.

P: Christ gives grace to all who will receive it.

C: For all. For every man, woman and child. Christ came for all.

*** Gathering Hymn 742**

“What a Friends We Have in Jesus”

*** Greeting**

☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☑ **And also with you.**

*** The Prayer of the Day**

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading: *Isaiah 53:4-12*

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;

he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Pastor Daniel Swanson

*** Prayers of the People**

*** Words of Institution**

*** 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 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.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

* POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

* Blessing

P: God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen

* Sending Hymn 638

“Blessed Assurance”

* Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

Your Social Ministry team is preparing to distribute Thanksgiving food baskets to 25 or more needy households in our area. We'll begin the collection of cash and food items on Sunday, October 20th, and will conclude when we assemble the food baskets on Sunday, November 17th. Our plan is to use cash donations to purchase grocery store gift cards (for a main course like ham or turkey) and perishable items for the baskets. We're also hoping for donations of non-perishable items that we're collecting on a table in the Narthex (under the bulletin board). **Sign-up sheets** are present for each of the requested non-perishable items, which need to be brought to church no later than Sunday, November 17th. Cash donations can be sent to the office marked **“Thanksgiving basket.”** A donation of \$55 would cover the cost of a whole basket, but cash donations in any amount are appreciated. If you have any questions, or would like to help us shop for groceries and assemble the food baskets, please reach out to Ruth Chiarenza at 301-729-5070. Thanks for your support of this ministry!

Fall seasonal EMR Campaign: "Abundant Gifts from Autumn" *Thank you for your generosity last Sunday for our noisy offering.* We received **\$169.55** for the Possibility Shop in honor of September Recovery month. *If you have not pick-up packet with your Pledge card, time and talent sheets and your new 2025 offering envelopes, they are available in the main narthex. Please return your Pledge card and Time & Talents by November 10th.*

Special Congregational Meeting - Sunday, October 20, 2024 immediately following worship. Our Audit Committee has reviewed our financial books for 2023 and found them in good order. Now we need to officially close our books. Also our new Constitution has been passed by our church council and needs to be voted on by the congregation.

Joint Reformation Service here at Christ Lutheran on October 27th. Please plan to attend our celebration with St Paul's, Frostburg, St Paul's, Cumberland, St Luke's, Cumberland, and St John's Cumberland. Lunch will be provided by Community Café. **If you plan to stay for our luncheon, please sign-up on the poster in the main narthex.** *Also, we are ask to bring desserts for the luncheon. If you are able to provide a dessert, please check the sign-up sheet. Thank you!*

