

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Wednesday Service (In-Person & 6:30pm Zoom)

May 7, 2025 –6:30pm

*** Call to Worship**

P: The Good Shepherd calls to us, the sheep of his hand.

C: We hear his voice and know him.

P: He invites us to drink from the quiet pools.

C: We are thirsty for the living water.

P: He calls us to green meadows in which to feed.

C: We hunger for the good things of God.

P: Most of all, he calls us to follow him.

C: With joy and thanksgiving, we follow our shepherd.

*** Gathering Hymn 789**

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

*** Greeting**

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

C: And also with you.

*** The Prayer of the Day**

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading: *Psalm 23*

¹ The LORD¹ is my shepherd;
I shall not¹ be in want.

² The LORD makes me lie down¹ in green pastures
and leads me be-¹side still waters.

³ You restore my¹ soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways¹ for your name's sake.

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall¹ fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they¹ comfort me.

- ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence ¹ of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is ¹ running over.
⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ¹ of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the ¹ LORD forever.**

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.**

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*** 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: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
now and always.

C: Amen.

*** Sending Hymn 502**

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

*** Dismissal**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

We will be honoring our High Graduates next Sunday, May 18th. They are Eowyn Hansrote, Anna Hilderbrand and Wyatt Hull. We will hold a reception in the narthex in their honor. Please join us for this milestone in their life.

“Annual Noisy Change offering” for our Synod Assembly on May 30-31! All funds will go to food pantries and ministries in the DE-MD Synod. **We will be holding our Noisy Offering here at CLC next Sunday, May 18th.** Please start saving your change!

Your Parish Nurses love you!!!! Therefore, we will be doing blood pressure screenings on **the third Sunday of the month (May 18)** in the Fellowship Hall following service. Take this opportunity to have yours checked!

Geraniums for the Festival of Pentecost - On Sunday, June 8th we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church and red is the color of the day. We would like to decorate our church with red geraniums which will then be planted outside in our flower beds. ***The cost per plant is \$4.00. If you are interested in purchasing a geranium for Pentecost Sunday, please place money or check (Christ Lutheran Church) in an envelope (on table) and put in offering plate or bring to the church office. You may donate these flowers in honor or memory of loved ones. Please write this on your envelope or on a paper with payment. Deadline for ordering geraniums is June 1st.***

Yard Sale Weeks – week of June 22 (sales on June 27 & 28), week of June 29 (sale on July 5), *If needed*, week of July 6. **We need stuff!!!! Start gathering.** We do have limited space if you need to bring early. See Shirley.



Garden News! Summer Planting Day, May 17, 10:00! Plant Giveaway at the drive-thru Reach Meal 3-5:00 contact Kathy Swanson for details!

Our roof repairs have been completed and we hope the congregation will make the Maintenance Fund along with their Regular Offerings a priority. If they do so, we can build our reserves back up quickly.

BUDGET - At the April Church Council meeting, the Council enacted a spending freeze of all non-budgeted items. The spending freeze will be in place until the end of June, at which time it will be re-evaluated. It should be noted that the need for the spending freeze has nothing to do with the roof repairs. Those repairs are being paid for as decided at our recent Congregational meeting. This freeze is based solely on our offering income vs our expenses. The expense vs. budget numbers are reported weekly in the bulletin. They show that we are running a deficit. While we expected a deficit this budget year, it is larger than expected. In addition, we are soon entering into Summer when our contributions historically decrease (due to people on vacation, etc.). As for budgeted items, we ask all Committee Chairs to be thoughtful in spending their budget especially if it is something that could wait a few months. If a non-budgeted item comes up and it is felt it can't wait, please notify Shirley who will pass it along to the Executive Council for consideration. We are all in this together. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Dianne Short, Council President

