

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

August 27, 2025 –6:30pm

*** Call to Worship**

P: Today is the day that God has made;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad.

P: The God who raised Jesus the Christ from the dead raises us to new life daily;

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The God whose Spirit lives in us nurtures us and guides our way;

C: All glory and honor to God!

All: We worship with praise and thanksgiving.

*** Gathering Hymn 532**

“Gather Us In”

*** Greeting**

P: The grace of our 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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading: *Jeremiah 2:4-13*

God, who has been faithful in leading Israel through the wilderness into a good land, calls upon the heavens to witness the incredible foolishness of a people who, under the flawed leadership of priests, rulers, and prophets, willingly abandon God's life-giving water for leaky cisterns.

⁴ Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. ⁵ Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me
that they went far from me

and went after worthless things and became worthless themselves?

⁶ They did not say, “Where is the LORD,
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,
who led us in the wilderness,
in a land of deserts and pits,

in a land of drought and deep darkness,
in a land that no one passes through,
where no one lives?"

⁷ I brought you into a plentiful land
to eat its fruits and its good things.
But when you entered you defiled my land
and made my heritage an abomination.

⁸ The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?"
Those who handle the law did not know me;
the rulers transgressed against me;
the prophets prophesied by Baal
and went after things that do not profit.

⁹ Therefore once more I accuse you,
says the LORD,
and I accuse your children's children.

¹⁰ Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look;
send to Kedar and examine with care;
see if there has ever been such a thing.

¹¹ Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?
But my people have changed their glory
for something that does not profit.

¹² Be appalled, O heavens, at this;
be shocked; be utterly desolate,
says the LORD,

¹³ for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves,
cracked cisterns
that can hold no water. 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.

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*** The 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 love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

*** Sending Hymn 728**

"Blessed Are They"

*** Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. Thanks be to God

Stock the Shelves for Mission and Ministry

In times past we have collected basic supplies needed to run the church. Our Church Council at our June meeting decided to do this again to help our 2025 budget.

Stock the shelves items could be:

- AA, AAA and 9V size batteries
- dishwashing liquid and paper towels for the kitchen
- cleaning supplies, bleach, toilet bowl cleaners etc.
- white copier paper: (reg., legal or ledger), colored paper and postage stamps
- napkins, paper plates, bowls and cups
- Baggies (large and small), aluminum foil and clear wrap
- toilet paper, disinfectant wipes & sprays, window cleaners, hand sanitizers

We thank you for your help in any small way. **We will be collecting items through the month of September.** A donation box will be in the main narthex.

Church Yard Sale –Fundraising is planning a smaller Christmas sale in October. If you have Christmas decorations that you were not able to bring before, this may be the time. Thanks again! Shirley

Christ Lutheran Church, with the help of community members, is building a memorial garden for use by our community for remembering loved ones, or just quiet contemplation and connection with nature. It will consist of a bench for resting, a memorial stone for experiencing artistic beauty, a tree (weeping redbud) for experiencing natural beauty, and a labyrinth for centering thoughts. It joins with our meadow meander - already developed - for (guess what!) connecting with the beauty of nature through all five senses, and our community pantry garden and orchard that provides fresh produce along with companionship for neighbors who need it. **If you're into rocks, or puzzling, join us to build Tuesday mornings 7-9am. Or come to visit anytime.** Easy access is from Martz Lane behind the church - just park on the grass.