

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

November 8, 2023 – 6:30pm

*** Call to Worship**

P: Holy God, spare the earth,

C: But put a fire in our bones,

P: So our words are alive with hope,

C: Our hearts aflame with love,

P: Our deeds ablaze with compassion.

C: Holy God, spare us the winds of destruction,

P: But set loose your Spirit

C: That carries us along the paths of justice.

P: Holy God,

C: Be fire in our bones, wind at our back, a dove of peace. Be a Spirit of love, a song reborn, a life renewed.

*** Gathering Hymn 715**

“Christ, Be Our Light”

*** 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**

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading: *Amos 5:18-24*

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

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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*** 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: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us
beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!**

The blessing of God, sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

C: Amen.

*** Sending Hymn 710**

“Let Streams of Living Justice”

* **Dismissal**

L: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Lectors for our Services

This Wednesday, – November 8 – Rae Ann Smith

This Sunday, November 12 – Kathy Powell

Next Wednesday, November 15 – Debbie Fornwalt

Attention: Thanksgiving and Holiday Basket giving categories are now available on tithe.ly for donations. Thanks,

Please sign-up! Deadline is this Sunday, Nov 12. Annual Thanksgiving food baskets for needy families. Look for the poster in the Narthex, sign up and help us feed 25+ families for the Thanksgiving holiday!

Our next Blood Drive is tomorrow Thursday, November 9th from 12:45-6:00pm. Please sign-up to give Blood.

Congregational Meeting - Sunday, November 12, 2023, immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting will be to accept or reject the four principles of the organization *Reconciling in Christ (RIC)*. It is essential to remind you that, according to Christ Lutheran Church's constitution, for the purposes of this vote, the definition of a voting member is a confirmed member who has communed and has "made a contribution of record to this congregation" between January 1, 2022 and November 12, 2023.

We are taking donations of children's underwear, socks, and undershirts for South Penn students K-5th grade. Both girls and boys sizes x-small-large children. Boxes on pew in the main narthex.

Allegheny County Habitat for Humanity will be holding information sessions for potential homeowners for our next house to be built on Maple Street in Cumberland beginning in Spring of 2024. **The sessions will be held at the South Cumberland Library on Monday, November 13 from 5-6 p.m, and Saturday, November 18 from 11 a.m-noon.** For more information, please call 301-687-1006 or visit our website at alleghenycountyhfh.org.

