

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

July 9, 2025 –6:30pm

*** Call to Worship**

P: Jesus is our strength and our song.

C: Jesus is our salvation.

P: Where shall we look when doubt assails us?

C: To the one whose freedom yields the truths of our lives.

P: What shall we say to those who think our faith is foolish?

C: God's steadfast love endures forever; the freedom we have in Christ Jesus is beyond measure.

*** Gathering Hymn 526**

"God is Here"

*** 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 Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading: *Colossians 1:1-14*

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. 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: 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 769**

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

*** Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Save the Date! The Executive Council has designated August 24th as 'Ice Cream Sunday'. **Everyone is invited to an ice cream social in the upper kitchen and the Pavilion (weather permitting) starting at 6 PM.** There will be assorted flavors of ice cream with waffle cones as well as various syrups and toppings to make your own sundae if you prefer. Please bring a donation for the food pantry, back-to-school items, or 'stock the shelves' supplies. Monetary offerings will also be accepted during the event to replenish our reserves following the expense of repairing our roof. What better way to say 'goodbye' to summer?

The Parish Nurses will be taking Blood pressures after the 10:00am Service on Sunday, July 20th. Come have your checked!

Thanks to everyone who has kept the donations coming for the LaVale Food Pantry! For the month of **July**, we'd like to encourage you to donate canned pasta (like Chef Boyardee, Spaghettios), especially the pop-top cans. We also welcome any other unopened and unexpired food items.

Join us on Friday, July 18th from 6:30-8:30 PM and Saturday, July 18ths from 8:30 AM-12:30 PM for a retreat based on a virtual retreat Rev. Martha attended, “What do we do with our Anger”, led by Brian McClellan. The retreat will speak to all the emotions that we carry in this chaotic time of our national life but also in our hearts around family and relationships. See how through the lens of our Hebrew prophets and Jesus, our faith gives us tools to live through and with these emotions. The retreat will be held at First Presbyterian with snacks, a light breakfast and lunch provided by their Faith Formation Team. All are welcome to join us. **Please RSVP to Brittany at First Presbyterian if you plan to attend.**

