

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

July 23, 2025 –6:30pm

*** Call to Worship**

P: To the Lord our God,

C: the only God,

P: who turns bitterness and sorrow

C: into joy and new life!

P: The Lord is our strength and salvation.

C: We rejoice in your holy name.

P: Come and worship.

C: Our God is good.

P: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

*** Gathering Hymn 639**

“When We Are Living”

*** 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**

**Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray,
and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant
mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good
things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Reading: *Colossians 2:6-19*

⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸ Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental principles of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹² when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ erasing the record that stood against us

with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶ Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. ¹⁷ These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a growth that is from God. 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: 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 453**

"Baptized and Set Free"

*** 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'. ***“Live music provided by RAGS.”*** **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? Look for sign-up!

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.

