

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

July 30, 2025 –6:30pm

*** Call to Worship**

P: Let us praise God who provides rain to nourish seedlings and words to nourish our lives.

C: As the seedling sprouts, our faith grows as we hear God's word.

P: God provides us with everything we need for an abundant life.

C: We celebrate the blessings God has bestowed upon us.

P: God desires that we go in joy and be led in peace.

C: We will be joyful and peaceful knowing we are sustained by God!

*** Gathering Hymn 673**

“God, Whose Almighty Word”

*** 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**

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading: *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23*

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do

mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity. 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 611**

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

*** 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 in the main narthex!**

Garden News! We are now harvesting from the garden. This week we took herbs, cucumbers, onions, kale, beans, zucchini, and black raspberries to the food bank. Soon we hope to add peppers and tomatoes. Please help us by donating gallon and quart size zip bags so that we can package family size portions. **Don't forget! *Garden classes continue on the first Saturday of each month through September.***

This week –

Wednesday – Worship Service – 6:30pm

Friday – Diane's music group concert – 1:00pm

Saturday – Garden class – 11:00am – Pollinators/Importance of Insects

Next Sunday, Worship – 10:00am followed by Adult SCS

Mission and Generosity has put their Listening Circle box on the table in the main narthex. There is pencils and paper by the box. Please make any suggestions for the topics that you would like to discuss. Thanks

Church Yard Sale – Thanks to everyone who help in any way with this huge sale!!! Our final total with \$2,754.83. This would not have been possible without the help of you!!! Most of the items left after the sale were donated to the Habitat Store in LaVale, so your donated items keep helping someone. 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

