

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

August 6, 2025 –6:30pm

*** Call to Worship**

P: Trust in the Lord.

C: Trust is the Lord.

P: Those who do not trust God will be like a parched shrub in the desert.

C: Those who trust God will be like a tree planted by water.

P: Those who trust only themselves will rely only on human devices.

C: Those who trust God will rely on divine power.

P: Those who turn away from God will find no relief.

C: Relief comes from trusting the Creator who provides for God's children the way water nourishes a tree.

P: Blessed are those who trust God.

All: Blessed is the Lord our God, in whom we trust for everything!

*** Gathering Hymn 618**

“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”

*** 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 God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading: *Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16*

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he

received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. 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 632**

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

*** 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!**

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 –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

