

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

August 20, 2025 –6:30pm

*** Call to Worship**

P: Bless God who has blessed us.

C: We praise God for we have received grace in Christ Jesus.

P: Bless God who has called daughters and sons of the Most High.

C: We praise God for adopting us in the holy family.

P: Bless God giving us an inheritance.

C: We praise God who gives us every spiritual blessing.

P: Bless God who calls us to grow into the likeness of Jesus.

C: We praise God who gives us the Spirit who brings us to full maturity in Christ.

*** Gathering Hymn 864**

“Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

*** 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 God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading: *Hebrews 12:18-29*

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” ²⁷ This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:1-8

¹ Bless the LORD, | O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God’s | holy name.

² **Bless the LORD, | O my soul,**
and forget not | all God’s benefits—

³ who forgives | all your sins
and heals all | your diseases;

⁴ **who redeems your life | from the grave**
and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;

⁵ who satisfies your desires | with good things
so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle’s.

⁶ **O LORD, you provide | vindication**
and justice for all who | are oppressed.

⁷ You made known your | ways to Moses
and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.

⁸ **LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,**
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

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 1097 ACS (Below)**

"Ten Thousand Reasons"

*** Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God**

Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
 wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,
 O my soul; I'll wor - ship your ho - ly name.
 1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn-ing;
 2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your
 3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the
 . . . it's time to sing your song a - gain. What - ev - er may
 name . . is . . . great, and your heart is kind. For all . . your
 end . . draws near, and my time has come; . . . still, my
 pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me, let me be
 good-ness, I will keep . on . . sing-ing— ten thou-sand
 soul will sing your praise un - end-ing— ten thou-sand
Refrain
 sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.
 rea - sons for my heart to find.
 years and then for - ev - er - more!

Text: Matt Redman, b. 1974, and Jonas Myrin, b. 1982
 Music: Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin

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The Executive Council has designated **THIS Sunday, 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!**

***Stock the shelves items could be:**

- AA, AAA and 9V size batteries
- dishwashing liquid and paper towels for the kitchen
- cleaning supplies, bleach, toilet bowl cleaners etc.
- white copier paper: (reg., legal or ledger), colored paper and postage stamps
- napkins, paper plates, bowls and cups
- Baggies (large and small), aluminum foil and clear wrap
- toilet paper, disinfectant wipes & sprays, window cleaners, hand sanitizers

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