

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

September 17, 2025 –6:30pm

*** Call to Worship**

P: The Lord our God is a welcoming God,

C: Standing with arms outstretched to those gathering here.

P: The Lord our God is a seeking God,

C: Calling in love to those who are wondering.

P: The Lord our God is a hearing God,

C: With ears that are open to our prayers of need and our hymns of praise.

P: The Lord our God is a loving God,

C: For Christ lives and offers us life abundant.

*** Gathering Hymn 496**

“One Bread, One Body”

*** 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**

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹ First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ² for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, ⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶ who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time.⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth. 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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*** The 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 God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*** Sending Hymn 453**

"Baptized and Set Free"

*** Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart. Thanks be to God

Church Council has scheduled a **Congregational meeting for this Sunday, September 21** following worship, at which time *the 2024 Financial Books can be closed, and we can update the congregation on the sale of our property.* Please plan to attend.

New Bible Studies - We completed our study of Revelation on Sunday, August 31st. We are now studying women of the Bible on Sunday mornings, 11:30am. We will begin a study on Thursday mornings, **starting September 25th at 10:30am** on God and Suffering. Please come join us!

Stock the Shelves for Mission and Ministry

In times past we have collected basic supplies needed to run the church. Our Church Council at our June meeting decided to do this again to help our 2025 budget.

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

We thank you for your help in any small way. **We will be collecting items through the month of September.** A donation box will be in the main narthex.

Church Yard Sale – Fundraising is planning a **Christmas Yard sale** on Friday, October 31st and Saturday, Nov 1st from 8-12pm. **We need Christmas decorations, ornaments or anything Christmas for this sale.** You may bring to church starting on Sunday, October 26th. Thanks again!

Thanks to everyone who has kept the donations coming for the LaVale Food Pantry! For the month of September, we'd like to encourage you to donate **canned tuna**. We also welcome any other unopened and unexpired non-perishable food items.

The CROP Walk will be on October 12. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the CBIZ parking lot downtown Cumberland. The walk will begin at 2:00 p.m. It is a 2-mile round-trip on the Great Allegany Passage. **For more information, please see Rae Ann.**

