

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

October 8, 2025 –6:30pm

*** Call to Worship**

P: We come into this holy place for renewal.

C: God's Spirit washes over us in love.

P: We are God's children, loved from our very birth

C: And heirs of God's abounding grace.

P: We come to seek God anew

C: Knowing that God is here before we even ask.

All: We come to worship our God!

*** Gathering Hymn 857**

"Lord, I Lift Your Name"

*** 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 most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of 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 485**

"I Am the Bread of Life"

*** Dismissal**

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

New Bible Studies - We have started a new study on Thursday mornings **at 10:30am** on God and Suffering. You may also join on Zoom. Please come join us!

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 19th**. Please place in the fellowship. Thanks again!

God's Work – Our Hands Event – every year the ELCA asks local congregations to become involved in an activity that reaches out to their community. The Mission and Generosity Committee believes that we should help the George's Creek area and to that end we have contacted the area rep of the Allegany County Public Schools. She suggested that we collect cleaning supplies as the need continues. **The needed supplies include: paper towels, toilet paper, dish soap, sponges and dish rags, all purpose cleaning spray, disinfecting wipes and aerosol spray, toilet bowl cleaner, and glass cleaner.** We will place a box in the Narthex to begin to collect items. Rather than make this a "one day" event, we will make it a "one + month" event. Our neighbors in George's Creek continue to suffer from the flood. This is a way that we can do God's Work and share our love with them. Please bring your items to church. Should you prefer contributing cash/check, please place it in an envelope marked **"George's Creek."** Thank you for your "helping hands."

It is QUICKLY nearing Thanksgiving time of year. If you are not new to CLC, you know that in the past our Social Ministry Committee has collected food items which would provide a family Thanksgiving dinner for the needier folks in our community at this time of year. Our efforts have resulted in CLC's generous feeding of hundreds with our generous Thanksgiving baskets. ***This year we are once again depending upon the generosity of our congregational family to help us fill 25 baskets, each containing nonperishable goods and a supermarket gift card valued at \$35 for potential recipients who notify our church of their need. The gift card will afford the recipients the opportunity to purchase a turkey and/or fresh goods to prepare a hearty Thanksgiving meal. Beginning Wednesday, October 29, 2025, several sign-up sheets for your intended donation(s) of specific items will be located on a table in the narthex. All items should be brought to the church on or before Sunday, November 16, 2025.*** Recipients will pick up baskets on Tuesday, November 18 between the hours of 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. We thank you in advance for everything/anything that you can do to continue our characteristic community care. Social Ministry Committee

The Yearly EMR (Every Member Response) Campaign Has Arrived!! The Mission and Generosity Committee has prepared the EMR line-up of events beginning today. Blue Bags with names attached are in the Narthex with all that you will need to participate. Today and next Sunday we will be sharing brief reminders about the nature of EMR. Then on Sunday, November 9th, you will be asked to return your pledge and all pledges will be placed on the altar as a thanksgiving to God. Please join us in this important activity as we move forward into 2026! Thank you in advance.

