

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

October 15 2025 –6:30pm

*** Call to Worship**

P: Sing joyously to God, our Strength

C: Raise a shout to the God of Jacob

P: Begin the Music

C: Strike the Tambourine

P: Let all who seek You be glad

C: and rejoice in You

P: You are my help and my rescuer

C: Let God be exalted

*** Gathering Hymn 581**

“You Are Mine”

*** 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 Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries.

**Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for
all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Reading: *Philippians 4:11-20, 23*

¹¹ Not that I am referring to being in need, for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. ¹² I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. ¹³ I can do all things through him who strengthens me. ¹⁴ In any case, it was kind of you to share my distress.

¹⁵ You Philippians indeed know that in the early days of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving except you alone. ¹⁶ For even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me help for my needs more than once. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the profit that accumulates to your account. ¹⁸ I have been paid in full and have more than enough; I am fully satisfied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. ²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. 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 564**

"God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven"

*** 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.

