CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Wednesday Healing Service (In-Person & 6:30pm Zoom)

November 5, 2025 –6:30pm

* Call to Worship

P: Woven in the depths of our lives:

C: Joy and sadness,

P: Hope and disappointment,

C: Rest and action,

P: The experience of being loved and ignored,

C: Words and silence,

P: Laughter and tears,

C: Praise and criticism.

P: All of life under the grace of God,

C: All of our days never alone,

P: Always some way to praise.

* Gathering Hymn 610

"O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come"

* 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, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading: *Job 19:23-27a*

²³ "O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!

²⁵ For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;

and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."
Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

Homily Pastor Daniel Swanson

* Prayers of the People

Anointing and Laying on of Hands – *Please come to the altar rail and kneel as you are ready. Please feel free to remain seated, if you do not desire the laying on of hands*

* 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 love of God the Sovereign strengthen you,
God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead.
The holy Trinity bless you + and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever.

C: Amen.

* Sending Hymn 939 ACS

"Touch That Soothes and Heals"

* Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest. Thanks be to God.

Touch That Soothes and Heals See My Hands and Feet



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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!

God's Work – Our Hands – we still have a few boxes to fill with items that continue to be needed in the George's Creek Flood Recovery Effort. In addition to the cleaning supplies, you may want to include underwear items and socks. A teacher at George's Creek Elementary School has told me that children sometimes come to school in need of such items. Another option is a monetary donation placed in an envelope noted "God's Work-Our Hands". Thank you for your willingness to help those in our community who continue to recover from the flood.

Upcoming Special Worship Events – the Worship and Music and Mission and Generosity Committees have planned a *Service of Thanksgiving* on Sunday, November 9th. A Thanksgiving Tree will be available for you to pin your *leaf* with its note of thanksgiving. We will also be collecting pledges in the collection plate. Finally, we will be asking members of the congregation to approach the altar and place their Time and Talent sheets in a collection basket. Join us on Sunday, November 9th to express your thanks to God.

Upcoming Listening Circle – as a continuation of our *Every Member Response* fall campaign, the Mission and Generosity Committee is scheduling a **Listening Circle after worship on this Sunday, November 9th.** The topic, "How We Imagine God" will allow us to share our personal concept and experience of the presence of God in our life. Many of us have found that the sharing that occurs during the Listening Circle is profound and comforting. Please join us for this spiritual experience.

It is QUICKLY nearing Thanksgiving time of year. This year Social Ministry will once again be depending upon the generosity of our congregational family to help us fill 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. Several sign-up sheets for your intended donation(s) of specific items are 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