

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

October 29, 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. We come to worship our God.

*** Gathering Hymn 836**

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

*** 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 God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading: *Ephesians 1:11-23*

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the

riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. 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 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 881**

"Let All Things Now Living"

*** Dismissal**

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

All Saints Sunday – November 2nd - We would like to read the names of the faithful departed who have transitioned to eternal life with their Savior **over the past year (November 2024 – present)**. These names will be read at worship in thanksgiving to God for their life and for the gift of eternal life that comes to us through our faith in Jesus. *If you have a loved one or friend you would like remembered, please print their name on a piece of paper and place in the offering plate marked for All Saints, put on Secretary's desk, mail it to church, or call the church office by **Wednesday, October 29th**. Thanks!*

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 holding a **Christmas Yard sale** on this 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 your items through **October 30th**. Please place in the fellowship hall. On Monday, October 27 at 10:00am we will start to setup for the sale. Please come and volunteer. Thanks again

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.

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 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 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 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. 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

