

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Wednesday Evening Service (In-Person & Zoom)

July 8, 2026 – 6:30pm

Prelude

*** Call to Worship**

P: We worship a God who is beyond us and yet near to us.

C: We worship a God who speaks to us in creation, Scripture and the Holy Spirit.

P: We revere God for God's power and might.

C: We draw near to a God who loves us tenderly.

P: Let us offer our prayers and praise to God.

C: Let us listen for the ways God will speak to us today.

*** Gathering Hymn 824**

"This Is My Father's World"

*** Greeting**

☞ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

☞ And also with you.

*** The Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading: *Isaiah 55:10-13*

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹² For you shall go out in joy
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle,
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.
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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*** 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: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ☩ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C: Amen.

*** Sending Hymn 726**

"Light Dawns on a Weary World "

*** Dismissal**

L: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Our Worship & Music Committee would like to buy copies of our new hymnal – All Creation Sings (Supplement to Evangelical Lutheran Worship) to be available in our pews.

If you are interested in helping to purchase these hymnals, please write on a piece of paper or envelope the number that you are purchasing and how you want the honor/memory to read and enclosed with your check (payable to CLC). The cost is \$15.00 per hymnal. You may put this in the offering plate or bring to the church office. For more information, please see Pastor Daniel or a member of the Worship & Music

Remember our church Yard Sale. We will start setting up July 20 (sales on July 24 & 25) then probably for the next two weeks. **We need stuff!!!!** We do have limited space if you need to bring early. ***We also need workers!!*** If you or your friends enjoy Yard Sales, please come help. See Shirley.

Exploring the Labyrinth – the Mission and Generosity Committee has rescheduled the **Listening Circle** that will introduce and explore our labyrinth this **Sunday, July 12th after morning service**. We will gather around the labyrinth and learn about its history and uses. Then those who are interested will be able to walk the labyrinth followed by the sharing of thoughts and feelings about the process. Please join us for this spiritual journey!

"Summertime means kids are out of school and families are in need more than ever! As you're shopping, please grab a few extra items for the LaVale Food Pantry. Frequently needed items are ***saltine crackers, boxes of pasta and pasta sauce, peanut butter, cereal and shelf-stable milk***. Thanks for your continued generosity!"

