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**Wednesday Evening Healing Service (In-Person & Zoom)**

November 4, 2026 – 6:30pm

## Prelude

## * Call to Worship

P: Holy God, spare the earth,
**C: But put a fire in our bones,**
P: So our words are alive with hope,
**C: Our hearts aflame with love,**
P: Our deeds ablaze with compassion.
**C: Holy God, spare us the winds of destruction,**
P: But set loose your Spirit
**C: That carries us along the paths of justice.**
P: Holy God,
**C: Be fire in our bones, wind at our back, a dove of peace. Be a Spirit of love, a song reborn, a life renewed.**

## * Gathering Hymn 710 "Let Streams of Living Justice"

## * 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 of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Reading: *Amos 5:18-24*

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.
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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## * 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 holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

**C: Amen.**

## * Sending Hymn 715 "Christ, Be Our Light"

## * Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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**Thanksgiving is coming fast!** Our Social Ministry Committee is inactive at the present time. Council has voted to give market food gift cards only to needy family. **If you would like to contribute to these cards, please donate to Christ Lutheran memo Holiday Baskets.** ***We now have 35 families that have requested a card*****. Please, donate by Sunday, November 15th.** Thank you for your help.

**On Tuesday, November 24th, the Cumberland Area Interfaith Ministerial Association (CAIMA)** is planning an interfaith Thanksgiving Service at 7:00pm at Soul's Won, 525 National Hwy, LaVale. **Please join with our community.**

**Our Thanksgiving Service will be Wednesday, November 25th at 6:30pm.** Please come and give thanks for our many blessings.

**On Sunday, November 29th immediately following the service you are invited to stay for a light lunch and Hanging of the Greens.** Please join your fellow congregation members as we celebrate the season.

**The November REACH Meal will be on Saturday, November 21, 2026.** Instead of asking the congregation to make desserts, the REACH Meal Committee is inviting people to donate money to purchase pumpkin pies. The pies will be bought in bulk from Sam's Club @ $6.00 per pie. We are planning to feed over 1,000 meals so a lot of pies will be needed! **If you would like to donate money towards the cost of the pies, please write out a check to Christ Lutheran Church and mark it for "Pumpkin Pies."** Don't delay - we will need to purchase the pies in advance in order to package them for distribution, so the sooner we receive your donation, the better! What a wonderful way to share God's blessings with our neighbors at this time of thanksgiving!

**Crafts in the upper kitchen this Friday from 1-3:00pm**.
November 6th, Elaine Reuschlein will teach making greeting cards with fabric.
December 4th, Margie Orth will teach Iris paper folding. Start saving interesting paper designs to bring (wrapping paper - calendar thickness).