

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church

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September 8, 2024 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost - 10:30 AM Service

FAITH FEST WORSHIP PROGRAM

The liturgy is Setting 12 in the ACS.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

When God Imagined Me

In the midst of darkness & chaos...

God imagined.

In the fury & darkness...

**God imagined a world filled with trees,
and blue skies
and fluffy white clouds.**

In the meadow, God stood and...

imagined foxes, bluebirds, and slithering snakes.

In a world of rainstorms and wildlife
and cattle and grasses blowing in the breeze...

God imagined humanity.

God imagined man and woman.

In a world teeming with billions of people...

God imagined me.

God imagined you and God imagined me.

We are created in the image of God.

God imagined us all. God loves each of us and all of us.

Let us worship with the same imagination
as God our Father, Creator of Heaven and Earth!

Amen.

~ written by Tim Graves, and posted on LiturgyBits.

<https://liturgybits.wordpress.com>

OPENING HYMN ELW #556 - "Morning Has Broken" (page 6)

PASTORAL 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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

O God,

We thank you for this earth, our home; for the wide sky and the blessed sun, for the lakes and streams, for the towering hills and the whispering wind, for the trees and green grass.

We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds, and see the splendor of fields of golden wheat, and taste autumn's fruit, rejoice in the feel of snow, and smell the breath of spring flowers.

Forgive us when we have closed our hearts and eyes to all this beauty, including the beauty of our brothers and sisters around the world. Save us from being so blind that we pass unseeing when even the common thorn bush is aflame with your glory.

Open our eyes so we may see that each new dawn is filled with infinite possibilities—for new beginnings and new discoveries. Life is constantly changing and renewing itself, help us to embrace all the possibilities of this day.

In this new day of new beginnings with God, all things are possible. Because of God's infinite love, we are forgiven, restored and renewed in a joyous awakening to the wonder that our lives are and, yet, can be. **Amen.**

~ written by Walter Rauschenbusch (1861-1918)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON



This is the good news according to St. Mark
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL – Mark 7:31-37

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

This is the Word of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING – *If you missed placing your offering in the plate when you arrived, there will be another plate by the ushers to leave your offering as you depart. Thank you for your support.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Awaken in our communities of faith a spirit of radical hospitality. Encourage our churches to celebrate and embrace people of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and abilities. Deepen our commitment to ecumenical and interreligious partnerships. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Comfort all who live with chronic illness. Surround them in your tender embrace and sustain all who provide ongoing care and support. Bring hope and healing to people struggling with addiction and nourish the spirits of all who are in recovery. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Nurture in all people the gift of your creating Spirit. Inspire artists and musicians, woodworkers and quilters, poets and dancers. Revive those whose artistic wells have run dry and enliven all who doubt their creative talents. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for all who have died and now find their rest in you. May their faithful witness guide us in our daily life with you. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

Let us pray for God's kingdom to come here, now and forever:

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.**

BENEDICTION - The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW #593 “Drawn to the Light” (page 8)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Thank you Vicki Sobczak for your music ministry this morning.

**Serving you today in
Christ’s Love-8:00 Service**

Ushers

Team Paulson
Leighton Vieau

Reader

Communion Helpers

Acolyte

Calendar-Week of September 8, 2024

Sun, September 8

8:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Faith Fest begins
 Firemen’s Park

Mon, September 9

8:00 am Quilters -NK
6:00pm Girl Scout Trp#8217-NK

Tues, September 10

9:00 am Women’s Bible Study - FR
6:30 pm Cub Scouts - FH/NK
6:30 pm Bell Practice

Wed, September 11

6:00 pm Confirmation class -NK
6:30 pm Choir-FR

Thurs, September 12

****DOOR POST REMINDER****

6:00 pm Boy Scout- FH
7:00 PM Council Meeting

Sun, September 15

8:00 am Worship Service
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship



***Faith Fest Today, Firemen’s Park
starting at 10:00 am
Enjoy the Festival!***

OPENING HYMN ELW #556 - "Morning Has Broken"



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune

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Koats for Kids

Christ Lutheran Church is excited to participate in the Koats for Kids program! This year's collection drive will be held Sunday, September 1st—October 1, 2024. If you have any gently-used winter coats, non-leather hats, scarves and mittens (pinned in pairs please) that you would like to donate, there will be a box in the Friendship Room. Klinker Cleaners will clean all items, then hand them off to the Community Action Coalition for distribution in late October. All sizes are in demand, but there is a particular need for infant and toddler sizes, as well as larger teen sizes (12-22) and larger adult sizes (L-3XL). Please consider going through your closets to check for coats you no longer use and can donate to area residents who are in need.



HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #779 - "Amazing Grace"



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

It's time to think about the Bazaar and Bake Sale 2024!!

For new members, the Christ Lutheran Church Women hold a Bake Sale and Raffle in the Friendship Room in conjunction with the Lutefisk Dinner. Some members create a variety of yummy treats for the Bake Sale, such as traditional Norwegian treats, brownies, cookies, bars, pastries, breads and canned items, such as jams, jellies, horseradish, relishes, beet pickles, etc.

Other members with different skills and talents create items for the raffle portion of the Bazaar. The sky is the limit! Examples of items raffled in past years are paintings, carvings, table runners, floral arrangements, wood working, homemade cards, quilts and jewelry, just to name a few. Other members have opted to donate gift cards from local establishments.

Money generated from the Bazaar has been used for a wide variety of things both within our walls and throughout the community, state, nation and world!

So start thinking about your talent and what you can contribute. Any questions can be directed to Vicki Sobczak, Bazaar Chair, at 608-444-1804 or email:

vsobczak@yahoo.com

SENDING HYMN ELW #593 "Drawn to the Light"



1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the
2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one
3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the



heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be
dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -
one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -



lost, we were drawn to the light of God.
pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.
gun when we're drawn to the light of God.



Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the



light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a



sight to be drawn to the light of God.

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
Music: LA CROSSE, John C. Ylvisaker
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Time to think about Lutefisk!



Saturday, November 9th will be here soon—Christ Lutheran Church's Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner! We again expect around 1,400 members, friends and neighbors to come to enjoy this delicious meal which includes the area's best-tasting lutefisk, meatballs and lefse with all the trimmings topped off with a piece of tasty pie.

Reservations may be made beginning on September 4 through Friday, November 4 by making reservations online or calling the church office 608-846-4718. Walk-ins and carry-out meals are also possible! Please share the date of dinner with your family, friends and neighbors. In order to help us prepare the meal and serve our guests, we need your help! A sign-up board is up outside the Friendship Room.

Lasagna Love - September

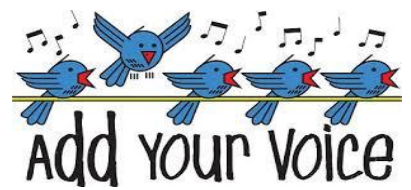
During the month of SEPTEMBER, CLC Social Ministries Committee will be involved with a mission called LASAGNA LOVE. This is an international movement, with thousands of people cooking and delivering lasagna meals to families in need or during a time full of uncertainty and stress. You can find more information on <https://lasagnalove.org> if you are interested.

We will be collecting spaghetti sauce or marinara, lasagna noodles, aluminum foil, aluminum 9 X 13 pans and gift cards from Pick-N-Save, Woodman's or Aldi to purchase the rest of the ingredients to make lasagna. The lasagna will be taken to families identified by Lasagna Love in and around our community.

If you would like to participate, a grocery cart will be placed outside the Friendship Room for you to drop your items off. Thank you!

CLC Choir Practice to Begin!

Enjoy singing? Come and sing with the Christ Lutheran Church Choir. **Practice begins on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30PM (NOTE NEW TIME) in the Friendship Room.** We meet once a week and sing most Sunday's. A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Friendship Room as well. Don't worry if you have a busy schedule and can't make every practice. We are happy to have you join us whenever you can! Any questions, please call Anne Emerson (608)846-0898



2024-25 Sunday School at Christ Lutheran Church Signup details, dates, and more!

Parents,

The start of the Sunday School year is just around the corner! We offer Sunday School lessons for children from preschool to 6th grade. If you're interested in enrolling your child(ren), please see below for important details.

Sunday school classes begin **Sunday, September 15.** Sunday school takes place Sundays from 9:15-10:15 AM, between church services. **Registration forms** are available on line or in the Friendship Room that you can fill out. You can return the form by mail or drop it off at church at the front office or in the offering plate. We strive to make Sunday School an interactive and fun experience for children of all ages! They can expect crafts, games, song time, and snacks while learning about Bible lessons and making new friends.

Sunday, September 8th is Faith Fest! We'll be there at Fireman's Park for a meet and greet with the children! We can also answer any questions you might have about Sunday School.

Teachers and classroom helpers needed! We are short-handed this year. Parents, please consider volunteering. We can be flexible with schedules! If you have a high school student, we could use their help—it could count towards their National Honor Society volunteer hours.

Questions? Contact: Kristy Bergeron (kroloff@hotmail.com)
Michelle Gest (mrippgest@gmail.com)



Christ Lutheran Church DeForest Invites you to join us for....

2024 Faith Fest

At Firemen's Park, Sunday, September 8, 2024

10:00 am Kid's Music led by CLC Praise Band

10:30 am Worship Service led by Pastor Sue Beadle

12:00 pm CLC Praise Band

1:30 pm Lisa Stolberg Weyerhaeuser Band

3:00 pm Springbrook Worship Collective

4:30 PM Sacred Agent Band

FOOD

GAMES

**DAY OF
MUSIC**

***Bring your lawn chairs
or picnic blanket and join us!***



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