

## *Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church*

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*September 8, 2024 - 16th Sunday after Pentecost - 8:00 AM Service*  
*The liturgy is Setting 12 in the ACS.*

**PRELUDE - "O God of Mercy, God of Light" - Cherwien**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING HYMN ELW #593 - "Drawn to the Light" (page 10)**

**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**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection Silence for reflection*

Gracious God,

**Have mercy on us. We confess that we have too often raised our voices in praise and thanksgiving to you, and then harshly judged our neighbors with our next breath. Our fears cause conflicts and disputes with people we love and people we meet. You command us to care for the poor, but we often turn away thinking we don't have enough for ourselves. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with your grace and mercy and help us to trust you for all we need and to give thanks for all we have. Turn our hearts to follow the ways of Jesus.**

God promises to forgive us and to remember our sin no more. By God's grace we have been saved and set free. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of all healing, know that all our sins have been forgiven. Live as forgiven and redeemed people of God.

**Amen**

## SONG OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## 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

**FIRST READING - Isaiah 35:4-7a**

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7a</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING - James 2:1-10 14-17**

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? <sup>2</sup>For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? <sup>8</sup>You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. <sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? <sup>17</sup>So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand and sing)**



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

**GOSPEL – Mark 7:31-37**

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

**HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #714 – “O God of Mercy, God of Light (vss. 1-4) (page 11)**

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

#### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... (ELW #191)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the Lord's Supper, for all is now ready.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### SHARING THE MEAL

*All are welcome to receive the Real Presence of Christ in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. You do not need to be a member of this church or a Lutheran to receive the sacrament. We do ask that you desire a relationship with Jesus Christ.*

*If you require gluten-free hosts, please say "no gluten" when you approach the person sharing the host.*

*The center rings of the trays provided contain grape juice for those desiring it. Cups may be returned to the Acolytes' baskets. The Common Cup is also available.*

*Children may come forward for a blessing, or to receive communion if they have been through instruction, here, or at another church.*

*If you wish to still receive the individual communion packet (wafer on top and wine/juice on the bottom), please pick one up as you approach the front.*

*If you would like the sacraments brought to you, please let the usher know.  
Welcome!*

**COMMUNION HYMN – ELW #814 – “Take, Oh, Take Me As I am” (page 12)**

**PASTORAL BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**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 #886 – “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (page 12)**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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***Let's Make Pillowcases!***

Join us on Saturday, September 21st, 2024 to make pillowcases for Ryan's Case for Smiles. The pillowcases will go to UW Children's Hospital to be given to children battling cancer. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a lunch served and work until about 3:00 or so.

You do not need to know how to sew to help. There will be cutting, pinning and ironing to do in addition to the sewing. Feel free to bring a friend. Confirmation kids will get community service hours for helping. If you are interested in donating fabric for this project the material needs to be 100% cotton with no sparkles on it and material suitable for children including holiday, Packer and Badger material. The main pillowcase takes 3/4 yard fabric and the border fabric takes 1/3 yard.

A money donation for fabric is always appreciated. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board outside the Friendship Room. Please sign up if you will be attending so that we will know how much food we will need for lunch. Any questions, call Pam Hamele at 608-215-0382.



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

**Ushers**

Team Thompson  
Leighton Vieau

**Reader**

Steve Ursin

**Communion Helpers**

Team Ursin

**Acolyte**

Keegan Little  
Noah Little

**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 practice-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!***

***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



## OPENING 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.

### *Refrain*



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.

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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.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #714 - "O God of Mercy, God of Light (vss. 1-4)



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and  
2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost  
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for  
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er  
world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we  
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and  
Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.  
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.  
word and thought may work a work for you.  
grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

Text: Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, alt.

Music: JUST AS I AM, Joseph Barnby, 1838–1896

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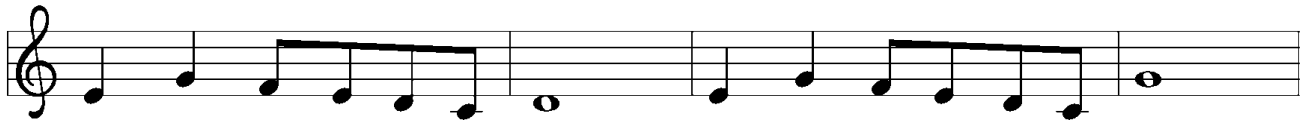
### ***Lasagna Love - September***

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!

## COMMUNION HYMN – ELW #814 - “Take, Oh, Take Me As I am”



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;



set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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## SENDING HYMN ELW #886 - “Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”



- 1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
- 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
- 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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## ***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](mailto:vsobczak@yahoo.com)

## ***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.

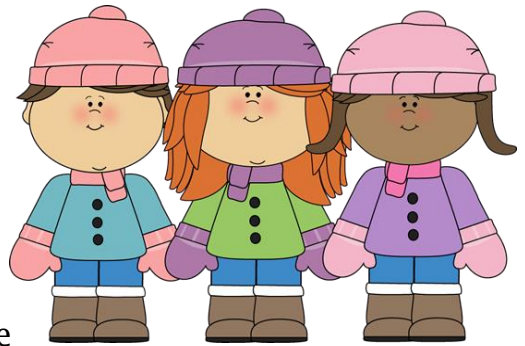
**Sunday, September 8th** is Faith Fest! We'll be there at Fireman's Park for a meet and greet with the children! We can also answer any questions you might have about Sunday School.

**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](mailto:kroloff@hotmail.com))  
Michelle Gest ([mrippgest@gmail.com](mailto:mrippgest@gmail.com))

## ***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. Klinke 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.



**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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