

# Christ Lutheran Church

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**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, July 7, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.**

## GATHERING

### WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Gracious God,

**C have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the

name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG: *Lord You Give the Great Commission* – ELW 579**

1 Lord, you give the great commission:  
"Heal the sick and preach the word."  
Lest the church neglect its mission,  
and the gospel go unheard,  
help us witness to your purpose  
with renewed integrity:

*Refrain*

With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

2 Lord, you call us to your service:  
"In my name baptize and teach."  
That the world may trust your promise,  
life abundant meant for each,  
give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community: *Refrain*

3 Lord, you make the common holy:  
"This my body, this my blood."  
Let us all, for earth's true glory,  
daily lift life heavenward,  
asking that the world around us share your children's liberty: *Refrain*

4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:  
"Father, what they do, forgive."  
Yet we hoard as private treasure  
all that you so freely give.  
May your care and mercy lead us to a just society: *Refrain*

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
"I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend  
and, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity: *Refrain*

## **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.

## **KYRIE – ELW p. 203**

1 Have mercy on us, Lord, And hear our solemn prayer.  
We come to hear your living word;  
It saves us from despair.

2 Have mercy on us, Christ, And wash away our sin.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole  
That new life may begin.

3 Have mercy on us, Lord; Make sin and shame depart.  
Renew us with your saving pow'r;  
Create in us new hearts!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray. God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> [A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.<sup>2</sup> And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup> The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." <sup>5</sup> Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

**L** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM 123

<sup>1</sup> To you I lift up my eyes,

to you enthroned in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**

<sup>3</sup> Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

<sup>4</sup> **too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.**

## SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

*Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.*

<sup>2</sup> I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows.

<sup>3</sup> And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup> was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup> On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup> But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup> even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup> Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup> but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

<sup>10</sup> Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

L Word of God, word of life.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW p. 205**

**C Alleluia! Lord and Savior; open now your saving word.**

**Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.**

**Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

**GOSPEL READING: Mark 6:1-13**

**P** The holy gospel according to Mark the sixth chapter.

**C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.<sup>2</sup> On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands!"<sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.<sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house."<sup>5</sup> And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them.<sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching.<sup>7</sup> He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits.<sup>8</sup> He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts;<sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.<sup>10</sup> He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place.<sup>11</sup> If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them."<sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent.<sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

**L** This is the gospel of the Lord

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

Josie Wilterdink

**SERMON**

Pastor Stephen

**HYMN OF THE DAY: *We All Are One in Mission* - ELW 576**

**1** We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

A single great commission compels us from above  
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

- 2 We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace,  
so every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.
- 3 Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C 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**

*Petitions end: "In your mercy;" please respond "hear our prayer."*

**C Amen.**

## **MEAL**

### **OFFERING**

*When we give our offerings, we are witnesses to the transforming love of God in Christ. May we give as generously as we have received.*

**OFFERTORY: *Oh Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts* – ELW 658 (vv. 1, 4)**

1 O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,  
the fount of life, the light of all:  
from ev'ry bliss that earth imparts  
we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.

4 O Jesus, ever with us stay!  
Make all our moments fair and bright!  
Oh, chase the night of sin away!  
Shed o'er the world your holy light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808-1887, alt.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P Let us pray. God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

**C Amen.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C 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**

**COMMUNION**

*(Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available upon request).*

**COMMUNION HYMN: *Abide With Me* – ELW 629**

1 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.

- 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see;  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.
- 3 I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.
- 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me!
- 5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes,  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
heav'n's morning breaks,  
and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

### **SENDING**

#### **BENEDICTION**

#### **SENDING SONG: *To Be Your Presence* – ELW 546**

- 1 To be your presence is our mission here,  
to show compassion's face and list'ning ear,  
to be your heart of mercy ever near,  
alleluia!
- 2 To be your presence is our mission bold,  
to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold,  
to be your hands of justice, right uphold,  
alleluia!
- 3 To be your presence is our mission blest,  
to speak for all the broken and oppressed,



to be your voice of hope, your love expressed,  
alleluia!

4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,  
to serve your people is our call and choice,  
and in this mission we, the church, rejoice,  
alleluia!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

P Love

**C Jesus**

P Grow

**C Together**

P Serve

**C Others**

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

*(Please share a greeting of peace with each other.)*

Pastor: Stephen Hilding

Scripture Reader: Ken Iverson

Accompanist: Mary Merritt

Ushers/Communion Assistants: Volunteers

Youth Director: Josie Wilterdink

Audio Visual Specialist: Ian Wilterdink

Altar Care: Leslie Falkner

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**THE RADIO BROADCAST** today is sponsored in memory of the birthday of Marcella Hays (July 13) by the Lund family. The flowers on the altar are also in her memory.

**WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH!**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** “Love Jesus, Grow Together, Serve Others.”

**VISION STATEMENT:** “Christ Lutheran is where God’s promise of love and forgiveness is for all.”

**VISITORS** - Please sign our visitor’s log in the narthex and receive a Christ Lutheran mug and pen.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Kathy; Roger; Paul; Jamie; Sonja; Steve; Sharon; Chris; Lyndon; Shawn; Scott; Kelly; Luke; Libby; Arlene; Cindi; Josie; Abusa (Pastor) Sinos Chimway and our companion congregation in Malawi (Balaka Parish); Jackie and Patrick Bencke (missionaries in Japan); all those who serve in our military and their families; and all people residing in care facilities or confined to their homes.

**WEDNESDAY’S TABLE MENU** for July 10 is goulash, green beans and dessert. The menu is also posted on Facebook. *[Menu items subject to change.]*

**AFTER MUCH DELIBERATION,** the Council has decided to discontinue the Radio Broadcast effective September 1, 2024, due to increasing costs and poor performance by the radio station and our sermons are being cut off. If you, a family member or someone you know listens to the broadcast, please contact the church office to review solutions for an alternative way to be able to continue listening to the service.

**LOOKING FOR YOUR IDEAS** The Church Council is putting together a team to improve our WELCOME space in the Narthex. But, before we get started, we would LOVE your feedback. If you have ideas or suggestions or examples of church Welcome Spaces that you like, please let us know. You can send your ideas to [clcwelcomespace@gmail.com](mailto:clcwelcomespace@gmail.com) or drop them in our Pinterest folder at <https://pin.it/4oU5IJQ8X> or contact Randy Eide (715-308-0664) or Robin Nelson (715-505-3576). We’d like your feedback before August 1st. Thanks!

**PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH** – Menomonie is having an Ice Cream Social on Thursday, July 11, from 4:00pm – 6:30pm. Menu includes: BBQ’s, hotdogs, coney dogs, hot turkey sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans, pie, ice cream and beverage. Price: \$12.00. Proceeds go to the church youth and community needs.

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH** wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly or monthly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual congregation members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Direct Debit giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account. Credit and debit card giving allows you to make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

<https://www.welcome2clc.com/give-online-vanco.html>. As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving.

**MONDAY (July 8) IS A WORKDAY** at the church beginning at 8:30am to be followed by food and fellowship.

**ALL ARE INVITED** to the Blessing of the Pets service on Wednesday, July 10 at 6:00pm. It will be held on the church's east lawn (toward American Lutheran Home).

**ANNUAL HEART FOR LUTHER PARK** fundraiser will be held August 4. Worship starts at 9:30am with viewing of the quilts and other artwork at 10:30. Last year's fundraiser brought in just short of \$36,000.

**A NEW FACET** of the Christ Lutheran Card Ministry is beginning. It will take place July 18 and continue on the third Thursday of each month. Fellowship and a bring-your-own sack lunch will commence at noon followed by an afternoon of card making in the Fellowship Hall.

<b>Church Financials</b>	
June 2024	General Fund
	Offerings \$22,770.02
	Expenses <u>-23,481.41</u>
	- 711.39

Ministers: All Members of the Congregation

Pastor: Stephen Hilding (pastorstephen.clc@gmail.com; 715-222-2475)

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### **Music Ministry**

Accompanist: LuAnn Dohms

Substitutes: Andrew Maki, Mary Merritt

Worship Leader: Lexi Marsh

### **Youth Ministry**

Youth Director: Josie Wilterdink (cosmo.clc@gmail.com)

### **Sunday School (COSMO)**

Superintendent: Josie Wilterdink (cosmo.clc@gmail.com)

Accompanist: Mary Merritt

### **Maintenance**

Custodian: Tom Surdick

### **Missionary Sponsorship**

Patrick & Jackie Bencke, Japan (jackie@bencke.com)

### **Food Ministry**

Coordinator: Jim Kausie

### **Office Staff**

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– Office Hours: Monday through Thursday – 8:30am – 3:00pm

Friday—church office closed

### **Radio Ministry**

Radio Broadcast on 880 AM Sundays at 9:30am

### **Livestream Ministry**

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### **Internet Ministry**

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