Saturday/Sunday,

July 5 & 6, 2025

Fourth Week After Pentecost

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*Christ Lutheran Church*

**“A Place Where You are Always Welcome”**

**Services: Saturday 5:30 pm and Sunday 10:00 am**

**Sunday School: 9:00 am (September- May)**

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***WELCOME:*** *Thank you for joining us for worship today. We are glad you are with us. Communion will be served in the aisle or in your pew. All are welcome to share this meal. Jesus is our host and invites everyone. Those who would like to come forward, bread and wine will also be available in the front. When directed by the usher, come forward down the center aisle, Pr Chrissy will give you bread (she will be masked and wearing cloves) and then you will take a cup of wine (grape juice) from the tray. After taking communion, you will return to your seat by the side aisle.* *For those who are unable to come forward, communion elements can be found as you entered worship. At that part of the service, you are invited to take the bread and wine (or grape juice) when Pr. Chrissy leads. On Saturdays offering is collected as you enter or leave worship. On Sunday we will pass the plate as a response to God’s grace. Online giving is available. Please see QR code on back of bulletin or visit our website.*

### Introduction: God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus’ invitation to “take and eat . . . take and drink” is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

**Gathering:** *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**🕇CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

**C: Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: you free us to love others,** **but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,** **but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.** **You surround us with patience, kindness,** **and generosity,** **but we grow weary in doing what is right.** **In your mercy, forgive us.** **Do not give up on us.** **Heal us, break our bonds,** **and show us the path of life.**

**Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God’s children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**C: Amen.**

🕇**GATHERING HYMN** **When I Survey the Wonderous Cross ELW 803**

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🕇**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.**

🕇**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Sovereign God, **C: ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

***Word:*** *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### First Reading: Isiah 66: 10-14

### *Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.*

### 10 Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her 11 that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. 12 For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. 13 As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. 14 You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

### P: The word the Lord C:  Thanks be to God.

**Psalm: 66:1-9**

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; be joyful, all the earth.  
2 **Sing the glory of God’s name;** **sing the glory of God’s praise.**  
3 Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies **|** cringe before you.  
4 **All the earth bows down before you,** **sings to you, sings out your name.”**

5 Come now and see the works of God, how awesome are God’s deeds toward all people.

6 **God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot,**  
**and there we rejoiced in God.**  
7 Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations; let no rebels exalt themselves.  
8 **Bless our God, you peoples;** **let the sound of praise be heard.**  
9 Our God has kept us among the living and has not allowed our feet to slip.

**Second Reading: Galatians (1-6) 7-16**

*In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in “the family of faith.”*

[1 My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. 2 Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. 4 All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor’s work, will become a cause for pride. 5 For all must carry their own loads.  
  6 Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]  
  7 Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. 8 If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. 9 So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. 10 So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.  
  11 See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! 12 It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. 13 Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. 14 May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! 16 As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

L: The word of the Lord **C: Thanks be to God.**

🕇**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Listen Now for the Gospel ACS 972 A sheet music with black and white text

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### 🕇 Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

### *Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.*

P: The Gospel according to Luke **C: Glory to you, O Lord**

1 After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. 2 He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. 3 Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ 6 And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. 7 Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. 8 Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; 9 cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’

10 But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 11 ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ ”  
 16 “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”  
 17 The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” 18 He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. 19 See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. 20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

P: The Gospel of Our Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE**

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

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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.**

🕇**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

P: God of grace, **C: hear our prayer.**

🕇**PEACE**

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always. C. **And also with you.**

**OFFERING:** *Our offering is a significant act of worship; we worship God through our giving. The ministry of this congregation is completely dependent upon your partnership and generosity. Offering is collected as you enter worship on Saturday. We will pass the offering plate on Sundays. Online giving is available.*

**OFFERING HYMN: Goodness is Stronger Than Even ELW 721**

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**OFFERING PRAYER** P: Creator God, **C: in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good**

**and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth**

**and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

**COMMUNION LITURGY:**

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 the 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.

**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 power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION:**

P: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

*Please come down the center aisle, take the bread, then receive a cup (wine is dark, juice is light, return to your seats via side aisle.) Those who prefer to take communion in your pews, we will take all together after all is served.*

**DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

P: This is the body of Christ given for you. *(All take bread).*

P: This is the blood of Christ shed for you. *(All take the wine).*

**COMMUNION HYMN Will You Let Me Be Your Servant ELW 659**

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🕇**TABLE BLESSING:**

P. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C. Amen.**

🕇**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

P: Mothering God, **C: you gathered us to your table** **and we drank deeply of your grace.**

**Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus’ name**. **Amen**

**SENDING:** *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

🕇**BLESSING:** P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

🕇**SENDING HYMN This is My Song ELW 887**

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🕇**DISMISSAL:** P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

**IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY**: Teresa Hesselbacher, Darlene and Walt Steffes, Bob Schreck, Delores Wampfler, Marge and Gerald Arnold, Josie Bonjour, Elaine Schlichting, Verla Rhyner, Don Brudi, James Dieter, Christine Happ, Kay Hesselbacher, Mary Lou Bunker, Lillian Sefford, Judy Wilson, Audrea Haas, Russ Synder, ***To add someone to the prayer list please contact Pastor Chrissy***

***Updated address:*** *Teresa Hesselbacher Rm D16 Alden Debes 550 South Mulford Rd Rockford, Il 61108*

**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES:**  Cory Cassens, Kyle Haas, Deb Heidenreich, Hannah Brudi, Rachel Cassens, Janet Dvorak, Madelynn Ertmer, Riley Stocks, Rachel Dittmar, Dawn Gardner, Aubri Westaby, Isabel Jones, Kameron Dick, Carl Stein, Heidi Schuldt, Zoey Gardner, Conant and Amy Kuo, Cleland and Joanne Dittmar, Stewart and Becky Baker

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| Thanks be to God for your gifts for the ministry of  Christ Lutheran Church \***these numbers do not reflect online giving- only offering in worship** | | | | Offering/ Attendance  Saturday June 28  Sunday June 29 | |
| Current Expense | $1,375.00 | Building Fund | $10.00 | June 28 | **16** |
| Benevolence | $10.00 | Community Dinner | $100.00 | June 29 | **37** |
| Sunday School | $20.00 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | **Total** | **$1,515.00** |  |  |

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| **2025** | | |
|  | **May** | **Year to date** |
| Offerings: | ***$10,028*** | **$51,262** |
| Expenses: | ***$11,063*** | **$52,708** |
| ***Overall Gain / Loss*** | ***(1,036)*** | ***($1,447)*** |

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**STORY BOOK COURT FULL OF BEANS! :** Christ Lutheran Church will be offering a Children’s play directed by Paula Fulton on Saturday July 26th at 7 pm and Sunday, July 27th at 2 pm. Auditions will be open for ages 8 – 14 years old. Questions: email [pkfulton50@gmail.com](mailto:pkfulton50@gmail.com) or Leisa Hubb 815-275-7102.

**THE COMMUNITY TABLE:** The Community Table is an opportunity for outreach to the local community. This is a twice a month meal on the first and third Tuesday of the month at 11:30, here at Christ to gather for food, fellowship and fun, if you are interested in volunteering please talk with Janet Haas or Debbie Goebel.

**THANK YOU:** thank you for making VBS a success! It took us all! We had 70 children and 40 volunteers! Thank you! $505 was raised for LOMC. Thank you.

**Upcoming Events**

* **July 5- 5:30 pm worship**
* **July 6- 10 am worship**
* **July 9- 1 pm Naomi Circle**
* **July 10- 9 am Rebecca Circle Karen Brose house**
* **July 12- 5:30 pm worship**
* **July 13- 10 am worship**
* **July 16- 7 pm Church Council**
* **July 19- 2 pm - Diakonia Graduation Zion Belvidere**
* **July 19- no Saturday evening worship**

