Saturday/Sunday,

June 28 & 29, 2025

Third 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 Saturday’s 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: We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus’ call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit’s fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

**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.**

P: 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** **Here I am Lord ELW 574**

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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: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

### *In the story preceding today’s reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God’s mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.*

### 15 Then the Lord said to [Elijah,] “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. 16 Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.”  19 So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. 20 He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?” 21 He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah and became his servant.

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

**Psalm: 16**

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”  
2 **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,** **upon those who are noble among the people.**  
3 But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,** **never take their names upon my lips.**  
5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

6 **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;** **indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**  
7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.  
8 **I have set the Lord always before me;** **because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**  
9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.  
10 **For you will not abandon me to the grave,** **nor let your holy one see the pit.**

11 You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for- evermore.

**Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

*For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ’s Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.*

1 For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.3 For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. 14 For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 15 If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. 16 Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, 21 envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.  
 22 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

🕇**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Listen Now for the Gospel ACS 972 (next page)**

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### 🕇 Gospel: Luke 9:51-62

### Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

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

51 When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. 52 And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; 53 but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. 54 When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” 55 But he turned and rebuked them. 56 Then they went on to another village.  
57 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” 58 And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” 59 To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” 60 But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” 61 Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” 62 Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

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

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Restore to Us O God ELW 328**

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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**

**BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES**

P: We are delighted to recognize our high school graduates today. I will read all the names, if you are here please come forward as your name is read.

**Maggie Carter Kyle Haas**

**Kacy Wright**

**Elijah Haas**

**Grace Luke**

P: Graduates, as you celebrate your achievements and prepare to begin new endeavors, be mindful of your grounding in faith, and of your vocation to serve God in all your life’s work and accomplishments. We present the following quilts to you.

**Bible presentation**

P. Let us pray together**. C. Gracious God, you bless your servants with many achievements. We give thanks especially for the milestones that Maggie, Elijah, Kyle, Grace, Kacy will have attained in their upcoming graduations. As they begin new phases of their lives, may they also know your love and experience your peace in all they encounter. May these quilts remind them of your love and that we as a community surround them with love. Pray for them as they journey forward. Bless also the parents of these students who have raised their children and nourished them in the Christian faith. Give them strength in your continuing presence, and many joyful reunions with their children who may be leaving home soon to begin new and varied ventures. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Go out into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to what is good;

return no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;

help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve God,

rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**.

🕇**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 Evil ELW 721A sheet music with notes and words

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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.

*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 Be Thou My Vision ELW 793 (next page)**

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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 The Church’s One Foundation ELW 654**

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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:**  Kaylee Broshous, Faron Wilkinson, Jim Haas, Austin Vincent, Garrett Wilkinson, Katherine Crome, Beau Erickson, Emerson Keane, Jayson Dittmar, Ray Tesmer, Sandy Heller, Addie Rice, Jerry Dascher, Ryan and Tina Schuster, Gary and Mary Lou Groezinger, Tim and Jackie Tempe, Cory and Kim Cassens

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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 21  Sunday June 22 | |
| Current Expense | $1,300.00 | Building Fund | $30.00 | June 21 | **38** |
| Benevolence | $15.00 |  |  | June 22 | **33** |
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|  |  | **Total** | **$1,345.00** |  |  |

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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. Rehearsals are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-4 in the church basement.

Questions: email [pkfulton50@gmail.com](mailto:pkfulton50@gmail.com) or Leisa Hubb 815-275-7102.

**4TH OF JULY GRAB N GO MEAL:** Need workers for the Grab ‘N Go meal before the fireworks on July 4th to make the sandwiches and fill and serve the bags to people that walk up to the church.  The event is 6-8 PM and we plan on making sandwiches and setting up at 4:00 PM. Please contact Cindy Bonnet (815-541-8426).  Thank you!

**THE COMMUNITY TABLE:** The Community Table is an opportunity for outreach to the local community. This is a bi-weekly 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.

**Upcoming Events**

* **June 28/29 Senior Recognition**
* **July 4 grab and go**
* **July 5 5:30 worship**
* **July 6- 10 am worship**
* **July 9- 1 pm Naomi Circle**
* **July 10- 9 am Rebecca Circle Karen Brose house**
* **July 16- 7 pm Church Council**
* **July 19- 2 pm - Diakonia Graduation Zion Belvidere**
* **July 19- no Saturday evening worship**



**The diakonia™ Graduating Class 2025**

Of the Northern Illinois Synod

Request the honor of your presence at the

**Graduation Service of Thanksgiving**

**At**

**Zion Lutheran Church**

1300 Pearl Street

Belvidere, Illinois 61008

On

**Saturday, the 19th of July** **2025**

**At two o’clock in the afternoon.**

Honored Guest:

Pastor Julie Monnard

Assistant to the Bishop of the Northern Illinois Synod

Reception to follow

Growing in Faith The diakonia™ Program

Graduates and Clergy are invited to vest

and process

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**Debbie Goebel will be graduating from this program! Debbie preaches and leads worship regularly when Pastor Chrissy is on vacation.**



**Magaret Carter:**

Attend Carrol University in Waukesha

Physical Therapy

**Elijah Haas:**

Attend University of Dubuque

Study Aviation Science

To become a pilot

**Kyle Haas:**

Attend University of Illinois Springfield

Studying Political Science and/ or history

**Grace Luke:**

Plans to pursue Real Estate

**Kacy Wright:**

Attend University of Dubuque

Accounting Degree

**Jenna Haas:** graduated Cum Laude from the university of Missouri in Columbia (Mizzou) with a degree in Animal Science. Jenna is working to obtain her Master's Degree in Agriculture Leadership, Communication and Education.