Saturday/Sunday,

July 12 & 13, 2025

Fifth 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: To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God’s mercy in responding to one’s neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the “gospel that has come to you”—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.

**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** **God is Here ELW 526**

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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: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

*Moses calls the people who are about to enter the promised land to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks for obedience. God’s commandment is neither burdensome nor too far off, but dwells in the people’s hearts.*

9 The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, 10 when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.  
11 “Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. 12 It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ 13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?’ 14 No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

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

**Psalm:** **25:1-10**

1 To you, O Lord, I lift  up my soul.  
2 **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,** **nor let my enemies triumph  over me.**  
3 Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.  
4 **Show me your ways, O Lord,** **and teachme your paths.**

5 Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.  
6 **Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love** **for they are from everlasting.**  
7 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.  
8 **You are gracious and upright, O Lord;** **therefore you teach sinners in your way.**  
9 You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way.  
10 **All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness** **to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

**Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14**

*The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community, including a prayer for strength and courage.*

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,  
2 To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.  
3 In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 4 for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel 6 that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. 7 This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, 8 and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.  
9 For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God’s will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10 so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. 11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully 12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

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### 🕇 Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

### Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. He tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

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

25 An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 26 He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” 27 He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” 28 And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”  
 29 But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” 30 Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. 32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33 But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. 34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ 36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” 37 He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

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

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love ELW 708 (next page)**

🕇**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.A sheet music with text and words

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🕇**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 Evil ELW 721 (next page)A 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. 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).*

🕇**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 Jesus Calls Us Over the Tumult ELW 696 (next page)**

🕇**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***

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**CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARIES:**  Tina Ertmer, Mary Hajek, Julie Crome, Emma Aurand, Darlene Timpe, Katie Wright, Angie Broshous, Maci Arnold, Stephen and Susan Heller

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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 July 5  Sunday July 6 | |
| Current Expense | $1,262.00 | Building Fund | $30.00 | July 5 | **11** |
| Benevolence  Grab & Go  Community Table | $15.00  $338.50  $125.00 | Missions  Altar Flowers | $20.00  $20.00 | July 6 | **37** |
|  |  | **Total** | **$1,810.50** |  |  |

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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**

**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.

**DIAKONIA GRADUATION:** You are invited to join us Saturday, July 19 at 2pm at Zion Lutheran Church for a worship service and the graduation for the Diakonia Gradates. Debbie Goebel, who leads worship and preaches when Pastor Chrissy is away is graduating.

**CHILDREN’S PLAY:** Story book full of beans will be presented in the basement on July 26th at 7 pm and Sunday July 27th at 2 pm. The kids have been working hard. This will be a dessert theater. **We are looking for dessert ingredients to be donated, there is a sign-up sheet on the back table. Please bring items to church by July 23rd for baking on July 24 & 25. For questions or more information please see Leisa Hubb.**

**Upcoming Events**

* **July 12- 5:30 pm Worship**
* **July 13- 10 am Worship**
* **July 15- 11:30 Am Community Table**
* **July 16- 7 pm Church Council**
* **July 19- 8 am Breaking Bread together at Stella’s**
* **July 19- 2 pm - Diakonia Graduation Zion Belvidere**
* **July 19- no Saturday evening worship**
* **July 26 – 5:30 worship**
* **July 26- 7 pm Story Book Full of beans children’s play**
* **July 27- 10 am worship**
* **July 27- 2 pm Story Book Full of beans children’s play**
* **August 5- 11:30 am Community Table**