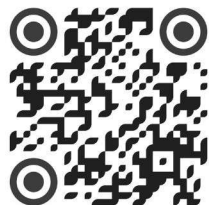


*A WASTE OF TIME!?*

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**3 AUGUST 2025**



**SUNDAY 3 AUGUST 2025**  
**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**LSB 915 TODAY YOUR MERCY CALLS US**

*(Stand)*

**+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +**

Pastor                      In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor                      Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**Congregation            who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor                      If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**Congregation            But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor                      Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*(A Time For Silent Reflection.)*

**Congregation            Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor                      Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation            Amen.**

*(Stand)*

**+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +**

**KYRIE**

**All                          Lord, have mercy;  
                                Christ, have mercy;  
                                Lord, have mercy.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**  
**LSB 947 ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH**

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Pastor               The Lord be with you.

**Congregation     And also with you.**

Pastor               Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation     Amen.**

*(Sit)*

**ECCLESIASTES 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26**

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

<sup>12</sup>I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

<sup>18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

<sup>24</sup>There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup>for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup>For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

Reader               This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation     Thanks be to God.**

## COLOSSIANS 3:1-11

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup>In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup>But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Reader	This is the Word of the Lord.
<b>Congregation</b>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

*(Stand)*

## LUKE 12:13-21

Pastor	The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.
<b>Congregation</b>	<b>Glory to You, O Lord.</b>

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." <sup>16</sup>And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

Pastor	This is the Gospel of the Lord.
<b>Congregation</b>	<b>Praise to You, O Christ.</b>

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**All                    I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
                         maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

*(Sit)*

## **LSB 783 TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE**

### **SERMON**

### **OFFERING**

#### **JESUS, WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME**



**Jesus, what a beautiful name.  
Son of God, Son of Man,  
Lamb that was slain.  
Joy and peace, strength and hope,  
grace that blows all fear away.  
Jesus, what a beautiful name.**

**Jesus, what a beautiful name.  
Truth revealed, my future sealed,  
healed my pain.  
Love and freedom, life and warmth,  
grace that blows all fear away.  
Jesus, what a beautiful name.**

**Jesus, what a beautiful name.  
Rescued my soul, my stronghold,  
lifts me from shame.  
Forgiveness, security, power and love,  
grace that blows all fear away.  
Jesus, what a beautiful name.**

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*(Stand)*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

### PREFACE

Pastor The Lord be with you.

**Congregation And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

**Congregation We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Congregation It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### SANCTUS

All



**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor            Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.  
In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.  
We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

All                **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.**



## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI

Pastor

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation

**Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

All



**1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

*(Sit)*

## **DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

***The Sacrament of Holy Communion is a precious gift of Christ to His Church.  
Please prayerfully consider the following questions as your preparation to  
receive this Sacrament...***

- Do you believe that you are a sinner?
- Do you repent of your sins?
- Do you believe that Jesus Christ, through His death on the cross and His Resurrection from the dead, is your Savior from sin, death, and the devil?
- Do you believe that Jesus Christ is physically present in the bread and the wine?
- Do you desire, by the power of the Holy Spirit and the instruction of God's Word, to live a life pleasing to Him?

***If you answered "Yes" to all these questions, it affirms our common faith as Lutheran Christians and is your invitation to the Lord's Table of Holy Communion.***

**LSB 732 ALL DEPENDS ON OUR POSSESSING  
LSB 623 LORD JESUS CHRIST, WE HUMBLY PRAY  
LSB 842 SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR**

*(Stand)*

### **NUNC DIMITTIS**

**All**



**1 O Lord, now let Your servant  
Depart in heav'nly peace,  
For I have seen the glory  
Of Your redeeming grace:  
A light to lead the Gentiles  
Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people,  
Your chosen Israel.**

**2 All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.**

## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

Pastor                Let us pray.  
                         Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation    Amen.**

## **BENEDICAMUS**

Pastor                Let us bless the Lord.  
**Congregation    Thanks be to God.**

## **BENEDICTION**

Pastor                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.

**Congregation    Amen.**

## **LSB 685 LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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## THE WEEK AHEAD AT CHRIST

<b>SUNDAY, AUG. 3</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	WORSHIP W/LORD'S SUPPER
	<b>2:30 PM</b>	ANUAK W/ LORD'S SUPPER
<b>MONDAY, AUG. 4</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	BOARD OF EVANGELISM
<b>TUESDAY, AUG. 5</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>	BOARD OF WORSHIP
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	BOARD OF ELDERS
<b>THURSDAY, AUG. 7</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	LIFE GROUP PARABLES STUDY



## FINANCIAL FIGURES

<b>JULY 27</b>	<b>\$ 1,547</b>	PLATE OFFERINGS
	<b><u>\$ 210</u></b>	JOYFUL RESPONSE & GIVE PLUS
	<b>\$1,757</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>



## ATTENDANCE AT LAST WEEK'S SERVICE

JULY 27

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## SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

<b>OFFICIANT</b>	PASTOR JARED COOKSEY
<b>MUSIC DIRECTOR</b>	ALEX MEZERITSKI
<b>ELDERS</b>	KEN ISCHE & DAVE HASCHE
<b>LIVE STREAMING</b>	KEN ISCHE & DANIEL WING
<b>LAY READER</b>	ABBY RIOS
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	KATHY NASR
<b>MONITOR TECH.</b>	KELLY CALLAHAN
<b>SOUND BOARD</b>	JOHN CONNOLLY
<b>GREETERS</b>	MERLE LEBAHN & SANDI HANSEN



## **TEMPORARY OFFICE PHONE NUMBER**

CLC is in the process of changing phone service providers. In the course of this process, we will have a temporary office phone number for the interim system. When the permanent system gets installed in September, we will revert to our regular office phone number. The temporary phone number is: **651-219-5303**.



## **NOW WHAT?!**

In light of the recent announcement regarding the closure of the preschool, a "suggestion box" will be placed in the Fellowship Room for you to submit your ideas for the future of ministry here at Christ Lutheran Church. A vision meeting will be scheduled for September. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Jared. Thank you!



## **PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER**

CLC leadership and staff invite you to join us in regularly praying for our members. We will go through our membership directory in alphabetical order and highlight three people to pray for throughout each week. This week, let us pray for Janelle Bachrodt, Ronnie Bachrodt, and Lisa Beenken. If you are not included in our new Church Center membership directory yet, please see Kathy Ivanca after the worship service on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. You can also call the Office Manager, Cherie Shelton, during office hours to have your information added to the directory.



## IN BLOOM

Flowers in the sanctuary this week are from **Tony & Melissa Fulton** in celebration of their 41<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary. Thank you for beautifying our church in this way!



## OUTDOOR POLKA SERVICE

The Outdoor Polka Service is set for Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. The music for the service will be arranged on an old-time genre, and following the service we'll have coffee, donuts, and hot dogs.



## RIDE NEEDED

Ride needed on Sunday mornings through August. Ride recipient is located in Eagan near Blackhawk and Kathryn. If you can help, see Kathy Anderson, or sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board across from the Prayer Room.



*"Could we with ink the ocean fill  
And were the skies of parchment made  
Were every stalk on earth a quill  
And every man a scribe by trade  
To write the love of God above  
Would drain the ocean dry  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole  
Though stretched from sky to sky."*

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