



**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**Setting 4

May 12, 2024

All members and guests, please fill out the Welcome Form found at the end of your row and pass it on to your neighbor. The pastoral and spiritual care of the members of Christ Church is very important to us. In order to care for all of you, we need to know who is present and who is not. So, please take a moment to sign the pad. The Welcome Forms will be picked up by the ushers at the end of the service.

# WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

# **Looking for a Church Home?**

Mr. Rogers once asked, "Won't you be my neighbor?" Jesus asked, "Who is your neighbor?" At Christ Lutheran Church (CLC) - Zionsville, our answer to Jesus' question is EVERYONE, and to Mr. Rogers - YES.

God calls us to meet people wherever they are in their journey of faith – and that includes YOU!

At Christ Lutheran Church you are welcomed, just as you are:

- Single, committed, married, divorced, lost your partner, still looking or not.
- Every race, nationality, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation
- Ready to join a group or prefer to sit back
- Regardless of knowing a little or a lot about Jesus
- Whether you have left the Church and are returning
- Whether you find yourself on this list or not

We are calling YOU neighbor! Join us!

# **Children in Worship**

Children hold a special place in our congregation! We warmly invite children of all ages to join us in worship. We embrace their natural tendencies to giggle, poke, squirm, and swing their legs - it's all part of being a child and a precious gift to our community.

Our nursery is available from **10:30 to 11:30**, staffed by dedicated caregivers who will lovingly care for infants and toddlers. This allows parents to fully engage in worship, knowing their little ones are in safe hands. The nursery provides age-appropriate toys and a comforting environment, ensuring your child's needs are met while you worship with the congregation.

We respect and support each family's unique circumstances and preferences. Whether your child joins the main worship service or utilizes our nursery, we are here to accommodate and make everyone feel welcome and comfortable.



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# ~ Celebration Bells ~

#### WELCOME

Today's service may not include a formal order of confession and forgiveness, yet as we affirm our baptisms, we embrace a profound truth. In affirming our faith, we acknowledge not only God's unending love and grace but also the inherent forgiveness embedded within these sacred promises. Our trust in our baptism echoes our trust in God's unwavering forgiveness, a reminder that in every moment, we stand embraced by divine love and grace.

#### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **C Amen.** 

P Look, here is water!

# C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

# C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.
We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

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# C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

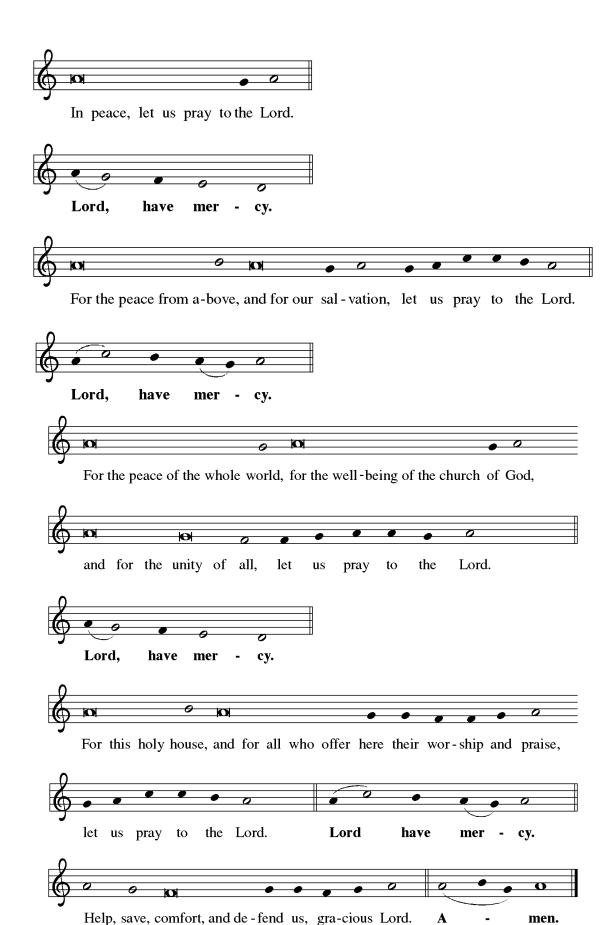


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# **GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all. **C And also with you.** 

# **KYRIE**



# **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



# PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### WORD

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

# **FIRST READING ACTS 1:15-17, 21-26**

L A reading from Acts.

<sup>15</sup>In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, <sup>16</sup>"Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—<sup>17</sup>for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." <sup>21</sup>So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup>beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." <sup>23</sup>So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup>Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen <sup>25</sup>to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." <sup>26</sup>And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

# **PSALM 1**

- L <sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- C <sup>2</sup>Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.
- L <sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
- C 4It is not so with the wicked;
  - they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- L <sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- C <sup>6</sup>For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

# **SECOND READING 1 JOHN 5:9-13**

L A reading from 1 John.

<sup>9</sup>If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. <sup>10</sup>Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. <sup>11</sup>And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. <sup>12</sup>Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

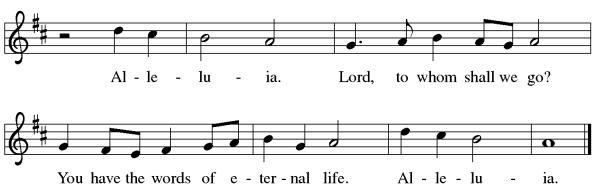
<sup>13</sup>I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

L Word of God, Word of life.

# C Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



#### **GOSPEL JOHN 17:6-19**

The holy gospel according to John.

# C Glory to you, O Lord.

6"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. <sup>12</sup>While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup>But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. <sup>14</sup>I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. 15I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. <sup>16</sup>They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. <sup>17</sup>Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. <sup>18</sup>As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

#### Please be seated

# **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**Angie Eugenio** 

**SERMON Pastor Wes** 



# **APOSTLES' CREED**

P Gathered together by the power of the Holy Spirit we confess our common faith:

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one.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

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who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

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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

Grateful for the triumphant love of our risen Savior, let us lift our hearts in prayer for the church, the world, and all those longing for hope.

# A moment of silence

You bless us with your Truth; your word illuminates our path. May your church around the world be a beacon of your love and joy. Strengthen the resolve of our bishops, pastors, and deacons as they faithfully proclaim your word and administer your sacraments. Bless lay leaders as they work to build up of our community and further your love in the world. God of grace, hear our prayer.

The earth cries out amidst the burdens of pollution. Open our eyes to the imperceptible results of our actions. Preserve our precious ecosystems and empower those advocating for environmental justice. Grant us your wisdom to be faithful stewards of our earthly home. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Grant a spirit diplomacy, wisdom, understanding, and peace to our leaders. May they champion the cause of the marginalized and protect those in harm's way, including first responders, military personnel, and all who safeguard others. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Enfold your children in your tender care. Shield them from all harm and bring comfort to those in distress. This day we pray especially for Kathy, Andrea, Paige, Paula, Marilyn, Tena, Michael, Martha, Kat, Dorothy, Mimi, Mike, Theresa, Jonny, Janice, Patrick, LCFS and for all those we now name in our hearts or in the presence of this assembly. Console the grieving and offer solace to those facing the end of life's journey. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

Your Spirit ignites our hearts with drive and purpose. Unite us as a congregation, inspiring us to serve as instruments of your peace even amid the presence of differing viewpoints or opinion. Bless the mothers among us and bring comfort to those for whom this day is bittersweet. Gather us all beneath the shelter of your loving embrace. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

May we be ever mindful of the saints who now rest in your eternal light. Today we lift up Kathy Clark's mother, Jackie Heckler. Grant us courage through their example of faithfulness. God of grace,

# hear our prayer.

<sup>\*</sup>Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use. \*\* meaning - all of God's Church.

Into your compassionate hands, O merciful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, knowing that your love endures forever; through Jesus Christ, our risen and ever-living Lord.

C Amen.

# **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

P The peace of Christ is with you always.

C And also with you.

# **OFFERING**

# Meditation on "Beautiful Savior" ~ Celebration Bells ~

arr. Moklebust

Please rise as you are able.



# **OFFERING PRAYER**

P Let us pray. Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C Amen.

#### MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

# **DIALOGUE**

P The Lord is with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

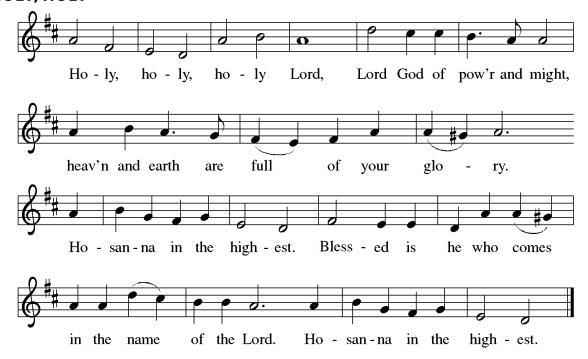
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

# **PREFACE**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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 to 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast. **C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** 

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light. **C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.** 

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C Amen.

# LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

# INVITATION TO COMMUNION

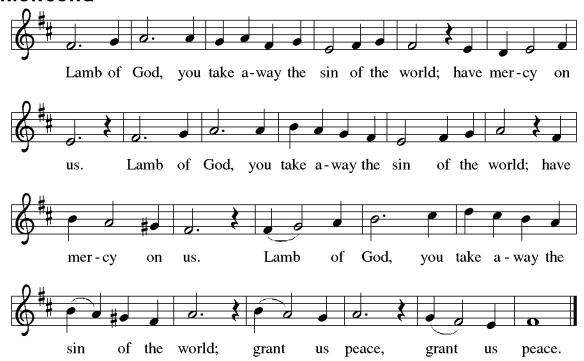
P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

# COMMUNION

All are welcome to participate in the Lord's Meal. If it's been years, or just a week, the bread and wine/juice and Jesus' presence in, with, and around them are for all. If you have questions about taking your first communion don't hesitate to speak with Pastor Wes.

Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. When you come forward you will receive a wafer from Pastor Wes and you will hear the words the body of Christ, given for you. Once you eat the wafer you are invited to take either wine or juice from the communion assistant and you will hear the words, the blood of Christ, shed for you. Once you've communed there is a small receptacle where the used communion cup can be placed.

# **COMMUNION SONG**



# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.
Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

# **SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

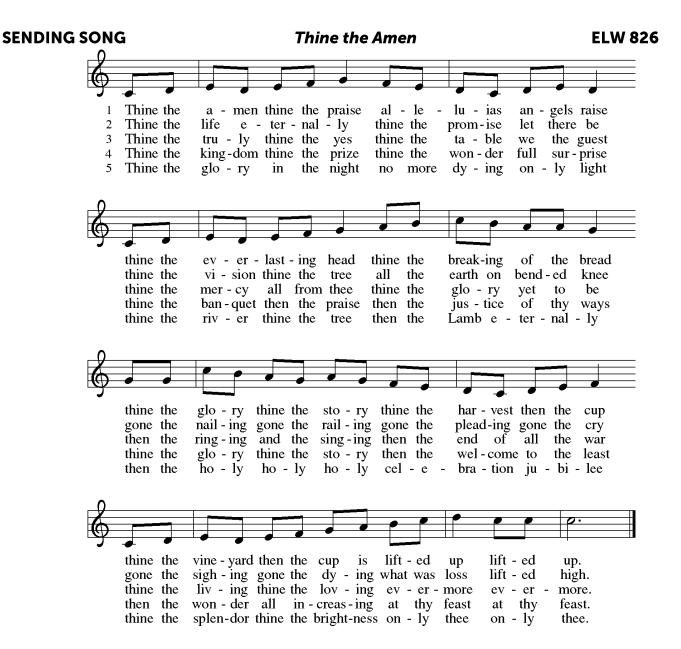
# **BLESSING**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

# C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

C Amen.



# **DISMISSAL**

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

L Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

# **POSTLUDE**

# Postlude on "Italian Hymn"

arr. Travis

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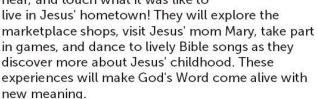
~ In Recognition of Tim & Kelly Luczak ~ Marriage on May 11th



# 10:30 am Sunday Worship

# VBS 2024 - Registration Time!

Bring the whole flock to Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus Was a Kid! Each day, your children can become part of history as they see, hear, and touch what it was like to



VBS is <u>June 24-28 from 5:30-7:30pm</u> each evening (dinner provided). CLC families receive priority registration through Sunday, May 12. Please use the QR code or the link in the Enews to register your kids for this exciting week of learning about God's Word.

If you have questions, please contact Jeannie Phillips at jrachelphillips@gmail.com or 317-987-8938.

# Annual Meeting - June 9, 2024

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, June 9th in the sanctuary, immediately reported to following the 9:30am church service. A quorum is required so please make a point of attending this important meeting. The Meeting Agenda can be found here. A complete package including committee reports will be available at the meeting. Thank you for putting June 9th on your calendar.



#### **VBS Volunteers Needed**

We're gearing up for Hometown Nazareth, our Vacation Bible School theme this summer. Dates are June 24-28 from 5:30-7:30pm.



Children will step back in time, exploring what it was like to live in the town where Jesus grew up. They will visit shops in the marketplace, visit Jesus' mom, Mary, play Bible-themed games, and sing catchy songs during Celebration. You don't want to miss this, so why not volunteer?

Please use the QR Code or the link in the Enews to go to Sign Up Genius to see all the cool things you can do. Please contact Jeannie Phillips at 317-987-8938 or jrachelphillips@gmail.com or if you have any questions.

# Offering Envelopes

If you prefer physical offering envelopes, please contact the office to place your order. Since our mailings are sent out quarterly, any corrections to your name, address, or envelope number must be reported to the office by May 28th. Please note that alterations will not be possible until September 1st. Your cooperation in keeping our records accurate is greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping us serve you better.

#### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Kathy- for comfort  $\theta$  peace from the passing of her mother, Jackie Heckler

Andrea- for healing, and return to strength after serious heart surgery & hospitalizations

Paige- (Pastor's neighbor) for healing  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  peace during cancer treatment

Marilyn

Tena- for successful back surgery & healing

Michael- (Joe Travis's cousin) for courage, strength,  $\vartheta$  peace

to overcome bladder cancer

Martha

Kat- for healing

Paula- (Jeffer's friend & previous Pastor) for healing and comfort from breast cancer surgery.

Theresa- (Anne Behrend's sister) for peace and healing from metastatic cancer

Mimi & Mike- (friends of the Jeffers) for healing

Jonny- (son of Martha Schmidt's niece) for healing

Janice- for healing

Patrick- (Linda Callecod's brother) for peace & good doctors LCFS

Our members who are homebound- Dorothy Keller

Prayer Chain (sent via email) requests, contact Donna Svoboda at donnasvo@gmail.com or 260-312-6089. Prayer Group (meets at Christ Lutheran Church) requests, contact JoAnne Tuffnell at joannetuffnell@gmail.com or 317-767-1795.

#### Fortress is BACK!

Fortress, the CLC men's vocal ensemble, will be back this summer to present a special anthem on Sunday, June 16th. Fortress is open to anyone in the congregation who enjoys singing and would be available for a shortened rehearsal schedule.

Rehearsals for Fortress are: Wednesday, May 22nd, possibly May 29th, June 5th and 12th at 6:30pm. Invite a friend and join us!

# Faith Formation on Sundays at 9:15 am

Children pre-K through 2nd grade meet in Room 108 (next to nursery)\*

Leader: Cheryl Kussow

Topic: Spark/Whirl Lectionary

Children 3rd to 5th grade meet in the Youth Room

Leader: Angie Eugenio Topic: Spark/Whirl Lectionary

Confirmation meets in Room 121

Leader: Pastor Wes Topic: End of Year Party

Adults and High School Youth\*\* in the Luther Room

Set Up & Facilitation: Barb Burkhardt

Topic: Listen to the Gospel of John, Ch 7-12

\*\*High School Youth may help with the kids or join the adults.

#### CLCZ Book Club - Summer & Fall

Over the summer it is hoped that our readers will spend time with books on the beach, by the pool, on your patio, in a park, an airplane, a road trip or in a hammock. Keep your eyes out for books to consider for future group discussion. Our "Read and Meet" schedule for the fall is as follows:

Sept 12: Honor by Thrity Umrigar

Oct 10: The Lost Wife by Susannah Moore

Nov 14: The River We Remember by William Kent

Dec 12: The Story of Arthur Truluv by Elizabeth Berg

There is some interest in visiting the recently-opened Indiana Historical Society's exhibit "Resist," which is about how some Hoosiers resisted the hate spurred by the Ku Klux Klan whose rise to power happened in Indiana and the nation in the early 1920s. The book Fever in the Heartland by Tim Egan, which the book club discussed in March, was part of the inspiration for this exhibit. Stay tuned for a time and date for this outing. Contact Gretchen if you are interested. Enjoy Summer!

# Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church!

CLC Governance Board has drafted a Welcome Statement that At Christ Lutheran Church you are welcomed, just as you are: serves as one of our guiding principles. This statement is housed on our website under the Who We Are page. We encourage you to keep this in mind every time you join us at church.

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- Single, committed, married, divorced, lost your partner, still looking or not.
- Every race, nationality, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation
- · Ready to join a group or prefer to sit back
- · Regardless of knowing a little or a lot about Jesus
- Whether you have left the Church and are returning
- · Whether you find yourself on this list or not

We are calling YOU neighbor! Join us!



# **SERVING US AT WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY**

Lector: Connie Steinhart

**Communion Assistant:** Gretchen Jeffers

**Greeter: Brian Hardesty** 

**Usher:** Angie Eugenio

**Nursery:** Roberto & Cole Ortega

**Hospitality:** Tina Clayton, Linda Callecod

**Financial Assistants:** Cindy Cannedy, Dawn Firmani

Altar Guild: Deb Gates, Margie Kilgus, Connie Ashenfelter

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