



16th Sunday after Pentecost Setting 3

September 8, 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.



God calls us to be generous stewards for the sake of our ministry near and far. You can support our ministry by placing an offering in the offering plate, mailing it to the church, giving online through our website, or the QR code. If you would like more details on direct deposit, please contact our office administrator for more information at office@clczionsville.org.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Welcome, neighbors and followers of Christ. Come and hear the call to worship.

C We are called into fellowship, worship, and service, called to celebrate and share the good news of God's love.

P Come and be renewed. Find overflowing joy.

C Let the abundant joy of our worship spill over into our communities.

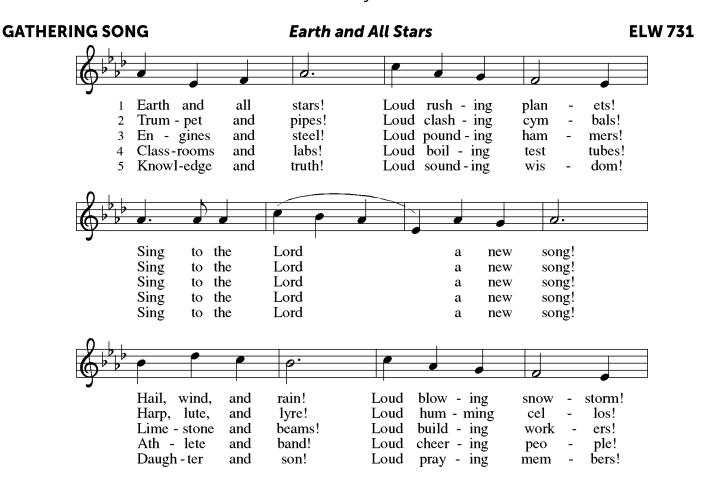
P Grow your compassion as you receive the Word proclaimed.

C Let our compassion and love increase among us.

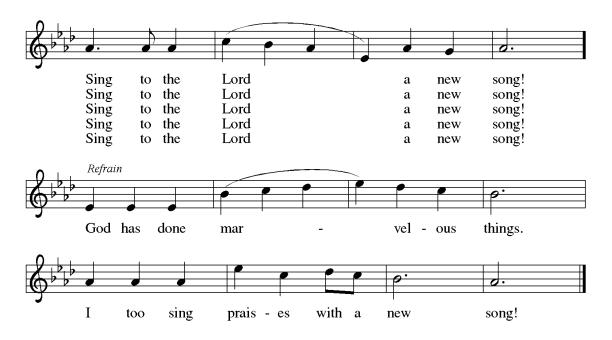
P Let our hearts and minds be open to hearing the call of discipleship, the call to serve God in heart, body, and mind.

C Let us worship today in heart, body, and mind. Let us be transformed by the good news of God's love! Amen.

Please rise as you are able.



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CONFESSIONS & FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ± one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us.
We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.
The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes.
In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves.
We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.
Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

P God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of \oplus Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

C Amen.

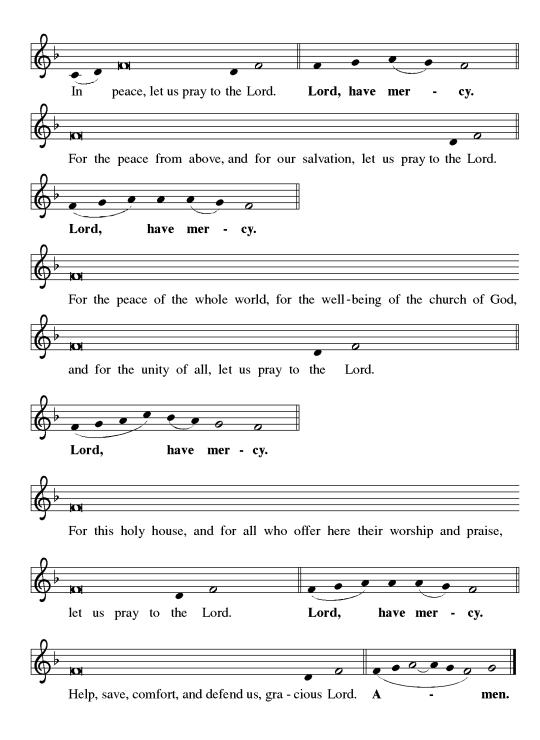
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GREETING

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

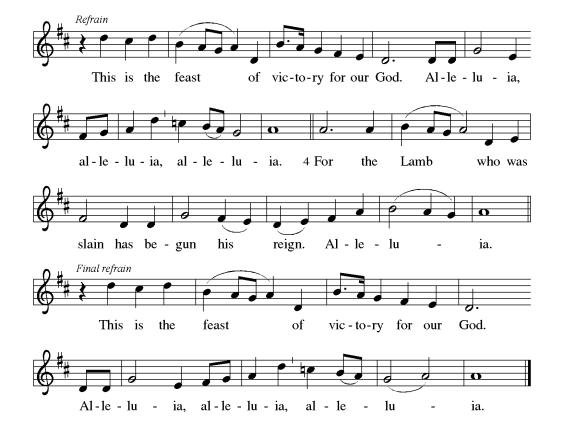
C And also with you.

KYRIE



HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

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

FIRST READING Isaiah 35:4-7a

L A reading from Isaiah.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

"Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
 then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
 For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;
 the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146

L ¹Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

- C ²I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- L ³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.
- C ⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.
- L ⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- C ⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps promises forever;
- L ⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The Lord sets the captive free.
- C 8The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.
- L ⁹The Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- C ¹⁰The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING JAMES 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

L A reading from James.

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

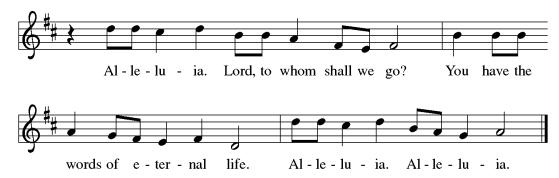
¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL MARK 7:24-37

The holy gospel according to Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak." The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON Pastor Wes

Please rise as you are able.



APOSTLES' CREED

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

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.

^{*}Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use. ** meaning - all of God's Church.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Drawn together by the unifying power of the Holy Spirit, we come before you, O Lord, with confidence, lifting up our prayers for your Church, your creation, and all those in need of your grace and mercy.

A moment of reflective silence.

Awaken within our communities of faith a deep and abiding spirit of radical hospitality. Help us to embrace and celebrate the richness of diversity in all its forms—welcoming people from every background, experience, and ability. Strengthen our commitment to ecumenical and interreligious partnerships, that we might work together for the common good and reflect your inclusive love in all that we do. Lord, in your mercy,

Your mercy is great.

Pour out your life-giving waters upon the parched lands, bringing nourishment to plants and animals in regions suffering from drought. Stir our hearts to renew our dedication to protecting the rivers, lakes, and streams that sustain all life. Guide us to be wise stewards of water, both in our homes and in our communities, and preserve the wetlands and the creatures that depend on them for survival. Lord, in your mercy,

Your mercy is great.

Grant wisdom and humility to the leaders of cities, nations, and tribes. Inspire them to lead with compassion and a genuine desire for justice and peace. Where conflict and violence reign, bring your peace, and strengthen global commitments to resolve disputes through nonviolent means. Guide those who are displaced by war and strife to places of safety and refuge, where they may find solace and a new beginning. Lord, in your mercy,

Your mercy is great.

Comfort all who live with chronic illness and wrap them in your tender, loving embrace. This day we pray for Marilyn, Luca, Brenda, John, Pat, Leota, John, Charlotte, Diane, Paige, Michael, Kat, Dorothy, Mimi, Theresa, Janice, Patrick, LCFS and for all those we name in our hearts or in Your presence. Sustain the caregivers who offer ongoing support and care, and grant them strength for their important work. Bring hope and healing to those struggling with addiction and renew the spirits of all who are in recovery, that they may continue on their journey with hope and resilience. Lord, in your mercy,

Your mercy is great.

Nurture the creative gifts you have placed within each of us, O God. Inspire artists and musicians, woodworkers and quilters, poets and dancers, that their creativity may flourish and bring beauty to the world. Revive those whose creative wells have run dry, and encourage those who doubt their talents, that they may discover new ways to express the unique gifts you have given them. Lord, in your mercy,

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for all who have died in the faith and now rest in your eternal care. May their witness inspire us to live each day with faithfulness and purpose, drawing closer to you in all that we do. Lord, in your mercy,

Your mercy is great.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy and loving God, in the name of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Jesus blessed the peacemakers and called them "children of God." When we share peace on this planet, we are doing the work of God. We are God's hands and feet of peace. Take a moment and share the peace of Christ with your neighbors, family, and friends.

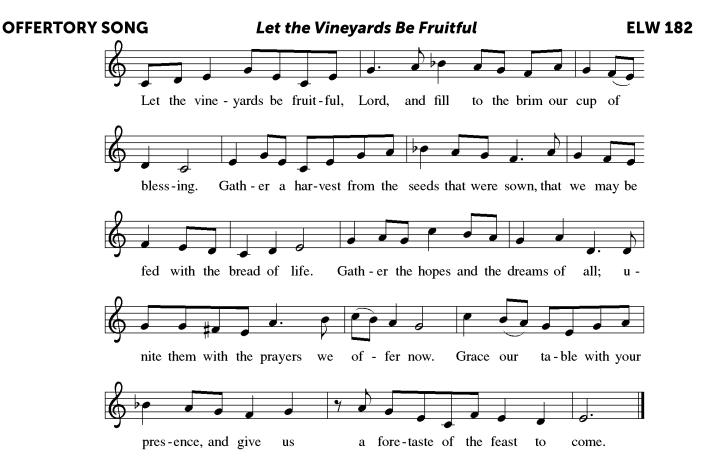
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C And also with you.

RECEIVING OUR OFFERINGS

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OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray.
Blessed are you, O God,
source of every gift of your creation.
By these gifts and with our lives,
help us to serve one another and all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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.

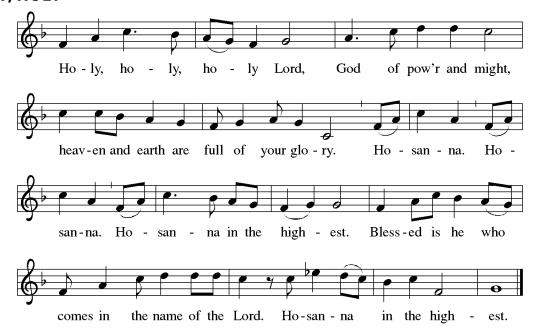
C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

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.

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.

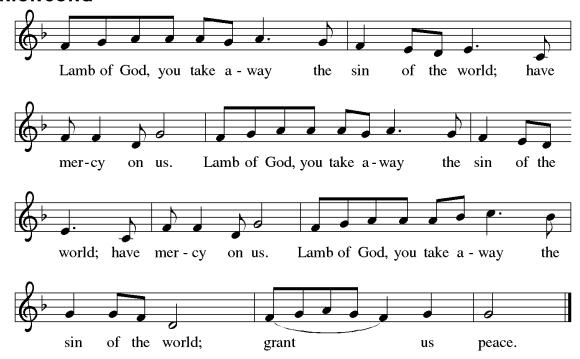
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COMMUNION

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.
Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C Amen.**

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful → bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C Amen!

SENDING SONG Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing ELW 886



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem er's praise,
- 2 My gra cious Mas ter and my God, as sist me to pro claim,
- 3 The name of Je sus charms our fears and bids our sor rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace! to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name. sings mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace. the mourn - ful, bro-ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 8, 2024

10:30 am Sunday Worship

Faith Formation

All children pre-K to 5th grade will meet in Room 108 with Cheryl Kussow.

Confirmation will be in room 121 with Pastor Wes.

Adult Education will be in the Luther Room with Barb Burkhardt.

High School Youth can join the adults or help with the younger kids.

New Guest WiFi

We've recently upgraded our Wifi. If you would like to access the Internet, or if Pastor's sermon is too boring... please select CLC Guest in your wifi settings and enter Passcode Luther1031!



Tuesday Bible Study is Back

Tuesday Bible Study meets the first and third Tuesdays starting at 11:30am in the Luther Room and typically runs for about an hour. This year we'll be exploring the book of Acts. We hope to see you there!

Bible Banter w/ Pastor Wes

Wes's Bible Study meets the first and third Wednesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 in the Luther Room, starting on September 4. Please join us, all are welcome.

Save the Date! Fall Work Day - Oct 5

It will take place on Saturday, October 5th from 8am -12pm. Those who are interested/able to help can RSVP at property@clczionsville.com.

Time to Update Profile in MSP

MSP Volunteers received an email last week about the next scheduling period for volunteer assignments (10/1 - 12/31). The holidays can be a busy time, so please review your availability for the next 3 months and take a moment to update your ministry preferences accordingly as well as add dates you will not be available to serve during Oct, Nov, & Dec.

Please complete this information in your MSP profile by Sunday, September 15th.

If you did not receive the email or would like to begin volunteering, please contact

the office@clczionsville.org for more information.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Marilyn - for strength, courage, and peace

Luca Max (Paul Schmidt's great-grandson) - that he continues to thrive

Brenda (mother of Brian Burke, former member) - for healing to overcome bladder cancer & recovery from a fall & surgery

John (friend of Svoboda's) for peace, successful treatment, and skillful doctors

Pat - for healing, peace and patience during healing Leota - for recovery

John - (friend of Jeffer's) for peace & healing

Charlotte - (granddaughter of friend of Jeffer's) for peace &

Diane - (Rose's sister) for successful hip replacement and recovery

Paige- (Pastor's neighbor) for healing & peace during cancer treatment

Michael- (Joe Travis's cousin) for courage, strength, & peace

Kat- for healing

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

Mimi - (friend of the Jeffers) 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.

CLCZ Book Club - Sept 12

The CLCZ Book Club will gather for the first autumn 2024 meeting on Thursday, September 12, 1:00 at the church. The book for discussion is Honor, a novel by Thrity Umrigar that tells the story of two couples navigating the sometimes dangerous and heartbreaking challenges across a cultural divide. Indian American journalist Smita has reluctantly returned to India to cover a story: long ago she and her family left the country with no intention of ever coming back. As she jects and enjoy a friendly chat. Our group is growing follows the case of Meena—a Hindu woman attacked by members of her own village and her own family for marrying a Muslim man—Smita comes face to face with a society where tradition carries more weight than one's own heart, and a story that threatens to unearth the painful secrets of Smita's own past.

Coffee will be served, and new members are welcome. The Book Club will be represented at the upcoming Ministry Fair at the church in August, so look for our table there. For more information contact Gretchen Jeffers at gjlakeside67@aol.com.

In The Loop knit & crochet group - Sept 16

10am - 12pm in the Youth Room

Our group is busy getting scarf and hat sets ready for collection and the blessing service in October. As you probably already know, this year we will donate our handmade items to the American Legion in Zionsville whose members will give them to unhoused veterans.

Please join us in the Youth Room as we work on proand we welcome everyone, including family and friends from the Zionsville community and beyond. Please join us even if you are new to needlework and just want to give it a try. We can help you get started.

Danielle Burrus flooot3@gmail.com Carol Smith cgs1641@gmail.com

Every mom needs community!

Come find yours at The Christ Lutheran MomCo!!



Please text 317-452-9127 to RSVP for the meeting

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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SERVING US AT WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Lector: Bill Steinke

Communion Assistant: Mary Steinke

Greeter: Connie Ashenfelter

Usher: Connie Steinhart

Nursery: Amy Holtz

Hospitality: Candace Berger, Chris Emsley

Financial Assistants: Deb Holbrook, Anne Behrend

Altar Guild: Andi Hardesty, Gretchen Jeffers, Sue Haughton

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