

17th Sunday after Pentecost

October 5, 2025

Setting 3

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.

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper. **C Amen.**

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Merciful and loving God,
C we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found.
Amen.

P Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of \oplus Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **C Amen.**



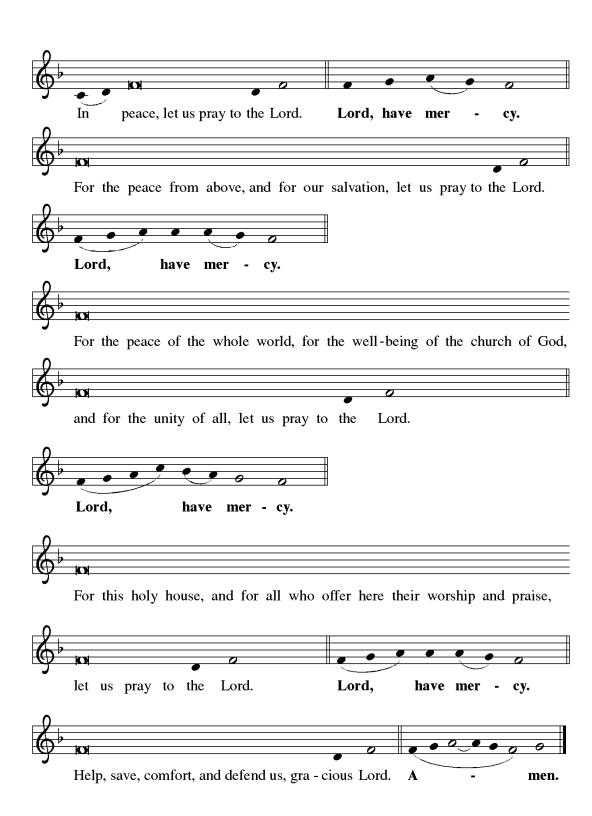
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GREETING

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

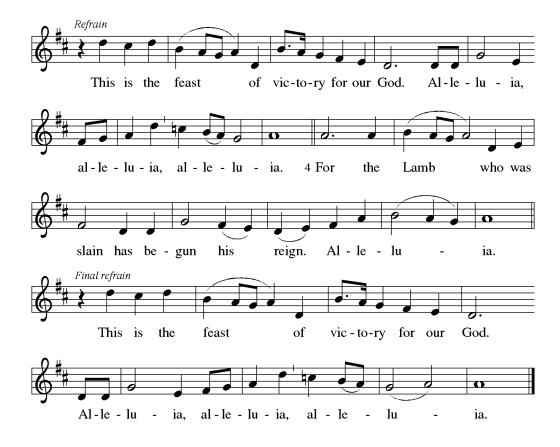
C And also with you.

KYRIE



CANTICLE OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING Lamentations 3:19-26

L A reading from Lamentations.

- ¹⁹ The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall!
- ²⁰ My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.
- ²¹ But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:
- ²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end;
- ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.
- 24 "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."
- ²⁵ The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him.
- ²⁶ It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 37:1-9

- L ¹Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- C ² For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.
- L ³ Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
- C ⁴ Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.
- L ⁵ Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.
- C ⁶The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.
- L ⁷ Be still before the Lord and wait patiently.
 Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- C ⁸ Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.
- L ⁹ For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:1-14

L A reading from Timothy.

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

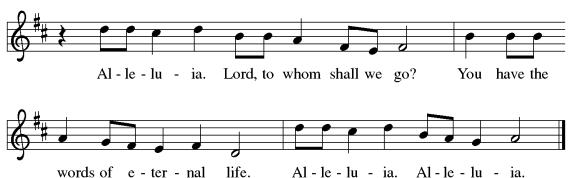
⁸ Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹ For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹² and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. ¹³ Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Luke 17:5-10

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷ "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

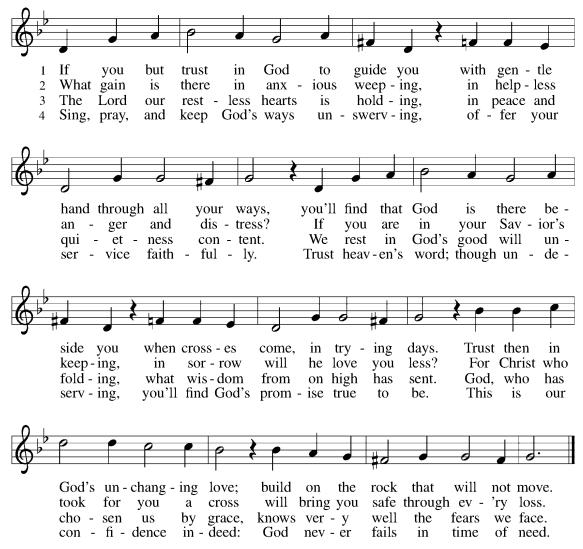
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CHILDREN'S SERMON

Angie Eugenio

SERMON Hope Moran

Please rise as you are able.



Please be seated.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

C 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 the church universal

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

AM O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

AM O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace, **C receive our prayer.**

AM Almighty and ever-living God, we give you thanks for the men and women who have served and are serving to defend our country and guard the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they have made and the hardships endured by their families and friends. Let us thank them and never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

AM O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need especially **Mike, Mimi, Ray, Janice, Tina, Marilyn, Charlotte, Dorothy** and for all those we now name in our hearts or in Your presence Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace, **C receive our prayer.**

AM O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

AM O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms, like Lois and Eunice, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

AM Christ Jesus asked; "Who is your neighbor?" Mister Rogers asked; "Will you be my neighbor?" Help us in this place, to always answer Jesus with EVERYONE is our neighbor! And to Mister Rogers we respond with a resounding YES! God of grace,

C receive our prayer.

AM We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

AM The peace of the Lord is with you always.

C And also with you.

RECEIVING OUR OFFERINGS

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.



OFFERING I Believe Miller

I believe in the sun, I believe in the sun even when, even when it's not shining. (Repeat)
I believe in love, I believe in love, even when, even when I don't feel it. (Repeat)
I believe in God, I believe in God, even when, when God is silent.

~ Sanctuary Choir ~

(Please see the bulletin announcements for more information about the text of today's anthem)



OFFERING PRAYER

AM Lord of the harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need,

through Jesus Christ our 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.

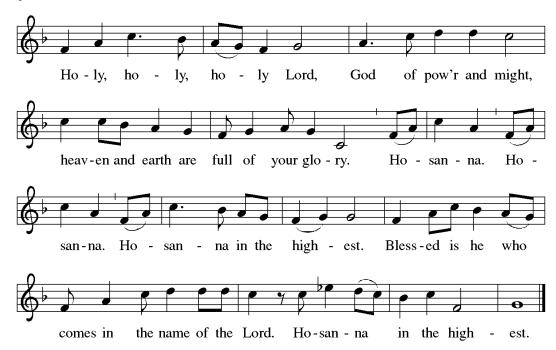
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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.

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

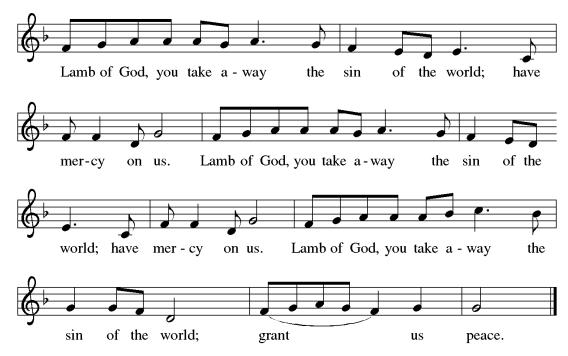
P Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

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 ask.

Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. When you come forward you will receive a wafer from the Pastor or Assisting Minister 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

AM O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

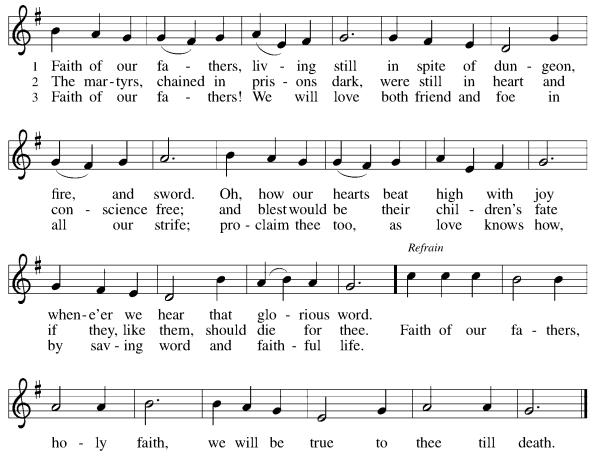
Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

P The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, + bless you now and forever.

C Amen.





DISMISSAL

AM Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Balderston

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This morning's anthem, "I Believe", draws its text from a poem written during WWII. The poem was found on the wall of a cell in the Cologne prison camp and was written by a Jewish prisoner.

I believe in the sun
Even when it is not shining.
And I believe in love,
Even when there's no one there.
And I believe in God,
Even when he is silent.

I believe through any trial
There is always a way.
But sometimes in this suffering
And hopeless despair
My heart cries for shelter,
To know someone's there.
But a voice rises within me saying,
"Hold on my child, I'll give you strength.
I'll give you hope. Just stay a little while."

I believe in the sun
Even when it is not shining.
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Even when there's no one there.
But I believe in God
Even when he is silent.
I believe through any trial there is always a way.

May there someday be sunshine. May there someday be happiness. May there someday be love. May there someday be peace.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 5, 2025

10:30 am Sunday Worship

Church Office Open Hours Tues/Wed/Thurs 10am-2pm All other times by appointment.

Hope's Office Hours Week of: Oct 5 Tues/Wed 10-2, Thurs (working from home). All other times by appointment. For a pastoral emergency, you may contact Hope at <u>pastor@clczionsville.org</u> or by her cell phone at 317-910-6080.

Looking Ahead...

Looking ahead to upcoming events, save the dates: October 11 - Hope's Birthday October 11 - Fall Work Day November 1 - Lutherfest November 2 - Fall Blood Drive 8:45am - 1:00pm

Fall Work Day - Oct 11

It will take place on Saturday, October 11th from 8am - 12pm. Those who are interested/able to help can RSVP at property@clczionsville.com.

It's October!

October means Socktober at Christ Lutheran Church! Did you know that socks are the most valuable piece of clothing to people without permanent housing?

This month you will have the opportunity to place pairs of new and packaged men's socks in an outdoor collection container located on the sidewalk outside our church.

Last year, our congregation and the Zionsville community donated exactly 1000 pairs of socks! Can we beat that number by 100 pairs in 2025? Start checking the sales flyers now and stock up on men's socks! Questions? Contact Danielle Burrus at flooot3@gmail.com

Please Join us for Lutherfest!

Saturday, November 1st from 6-9:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. All ages are welcome. We will provide Brats, hot dogs, Activities and Beer/Root Beer/Wine tastings. Cider will also will be provided (alcoholic (with the tastings table) and non-alcoholic) We will also have a live Polka Band! Please bring the following food to share based on last names:

A-H: Sides I-R: Dessert S-Z: Appetizers

*Food items do not need to be German food, but if you would like to bring a specific German food please let us know what you plan on bringing (To avoid getting too much of one food item).

Any questions or want to bring a specific German food contact Fellowship@clczionsville.org



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mike M. - for healing and peace during repeated hospitalizations, neighbor of Jeffers & Donna Mimi - for continued remission, friend of the Jeffers Ray & Janice - for healing & strength Tina - for hope, healing & strength Marilyn - for strength, courage, and peace Charlotte - (granddaughter of friend of Jeffer's) for peace & strength LCFS (Lutheran Child & Family Services Our members who are homebound- Dorothy Keller

Donate Coats - Oct 1-12

Please take a few minutes to look through your closet for warm, gently used children, teen, and adult coats you may be able to donate to the families in need in Boone County.

Coats may be brought to church October 1-12 and placed in the Narthex in the labeled basket. Then, the coats will be laundered/drycleaned by Royal Cleaners in Lebanon at no charge! Coat give away will begin at the Caring Center in Boone County on November 1st. Last year 600 people received warm coats for the winter. Questions? Please contact Sue Haughton

Wednesday morning with Luther

This week, October 8th, the group will not meet; however, please come join us on October 15th from 10am-11am when we will look at how Christian Basics have been taught through the centuries along with Luther's Small Catechism and the Reformation. Everyone is welcome. Come once. Come often.

Come Join a Great Group - Altar Guild

Altar Guild is looking for additional members who are willing to participate in the preparation and cleaning up of communion each Sunday. You would be joining a group of presently 13 congenial and experienced members. Typically, 3 or 4 members are scheduled each month of their choosing and they decide among that month's team who will do the communion preparation and clean up for each Sunday. Because we have a great, organized group to assist, you might serve a total of 6 times in a calendar year. We train all of our members and instructions are ALWAYS available in the sacristy.

So if you want to get involved in the activities of Christ Lutheran but have only a limited amount of time to give and are interested in learning more about what's involved in communion preparation, contact Barb Burkhardt at sparky8505@att.net or come to our annual meeting on October 12th after the church service.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

at 11:30am in Luther Room

(meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month) This Tuesday from 11:30am - 12:30pm you are invited to look at the life of Rebekah. From the honest portrayal of Rebekah, both in her youth and old age, we

Tuesday Prayer Group

will learn from her life.

at 1:00pm in Luther Room (meets weekly) Come join this faithful group of pray-ers from 1-2pm whether you've attended once or not at all or come every week, you are welcome.

Tuesday Evening with Matthew

at 6:30pm in Youth Room

(meets monthly, 2nd Tuesday of each month) October 14th at 6:30pm - 7:30pm everyone is invited for an informal time of looking at the book of Matthew using a study written by our supply pastor Pastor Amy Allen. This study places everyone on a level playing field and requires no prior knowledge or experience with the book of Matthew or even the Bible. We will talk about home, grief, moving, and Jesus' life along with our own.

What's the Book of Life?

Did you know that we have a book that has recorded all the baptisms, confirmations, marriages, burials and columbarium residents since the beginning of Christ Lutheran Church? The Book of Life resides in the glass display case in the narthex just before you enter the sanctuary. It was originally started in memory of William Porter, husband of Becky Porter. If you are curious to see Christ Lutheran's history, check out the entries in the book.

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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

Interim Pastor: Hope Moran

Tom Conrad **Assisting Minister:**

Lector: **Becky Porter**

Communion Assistant: Mary Steinke

Basket Holders: Eva Foley & Eliza Compton

Greeter: Barbara Starkey

Connie Steinhart **Usher:**

Nursery: Amy Holtz

Hospitality: Jen McKinzie, Candace Berger

Financial Assistants: Deb Holbrook, Jamie Stewart

Altar Guild: Barbara Burkhardt, Linda Callecod, Connie Ashenfelter

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