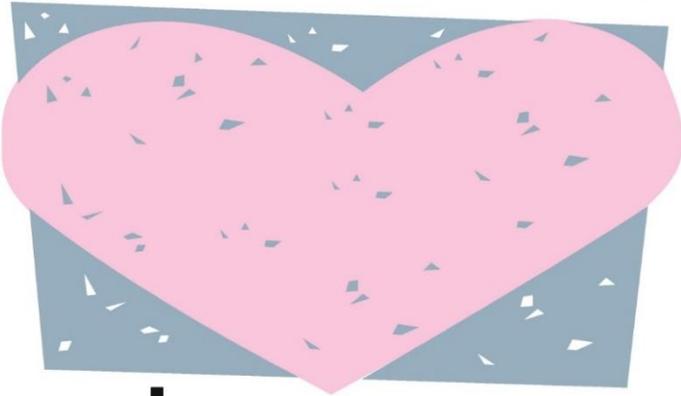


Sunday, August 7, 2022

For
where your
treasure is,



there your
heart will
be also.

Luke 12:34

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We welcome you to our church's house of worship. If you are new to worship in the Lutheran church, this introduction will guide you through the worship service. The prayers, responses, and service music are all printed in this bulletin. You will need to use the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnals for the hymns.

Communion - All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion during today's service. Children, who have not previously received Holy Communion, may also come forward for a special blessing. When you come to the altar, you can either kneel or remain standing. We offer both wheat and gluten-free wafers, and both wine and grape juice during our celebrations of Holy Communion. If you would like to receive grape juice today, please take a glass from the tray that has already been filled with juice when you come forward. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer, all that you need to do is let Pastor Wayne know when he is giving you the bread.

Children are always welcome at worship. If your child needs to move around, please feel free to walk him/her in the rear area of the sanctuary. The rest rooms (with diaper decks) are located in the hallway to the right of the entryway. At the back of the sanctuary, you'll find a basket with cloth bags containing activities for children age 3 and older. Feel free to allow your child to borrow a bag for quiet entertainment during services. With the exception of any artwork your child creates (feel free to tear out), we ask that you return the contents to the bag, and the bag to the basket at the back of the church, after our service.

Please take a moment to silence your cell phone. Thank you.

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The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

(Please take a moment to silence your electronic devices)

PRELUDE

“O Worship The King”

D. Forrest

“Ever Faithful, Ever Near”

F. Ritter

“Allegro Maestoso”

F. Peeters

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING OF CONCERNS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

Set us again on the path of life.

Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C: Amen

GATHERING HYMN

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

ELW #843

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen**

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD⁷ reckoned it to him as righteousness.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16

Now faith is the assurance¹ of things hoped for, the conviction² of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered¹² him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." ¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left

behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he^[a] would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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

SERMON

Pastor Wayne Gillespie

(please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Beautiful Savior"

ELW #838

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe 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 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.

THE PRAYERS

P: Lord in your mercy, (*after each petition*)

C: hear our prayer.

TODAY, WE ARE INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS:

Lindsey Boyer, James Holt, Pat Kvale, John Magnus,
Joe Purdue, Bunny Tjaden, Jack Tjaden, Sue Werner
and Bob & Donna Yoder



P: Gracious God, we lift to you these prayers and the prayers of our hearts, trusting in your everlasting love and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

OFFERING for God's work through the Church *(please be seated)*
This is a time in our service that we use to remember that all that we are, all that we have and all that we do is an offering to God. If you would like to support our ministry through automatic, electronic giving, you can download the Tithely app and create an account by scanning this QR Code.



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The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

OFFERTORY

"Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light"

J.S. Bach

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

C: **Amen**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows a musical score for 'The Great Thanksgiving' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . (*concluding*)
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for a concluding hymn in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

(When Communion is finished, please stand)

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friends and strangers, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

P: The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C: Amen

“AARON’S BLESSING”

Pastor Wayne Gillespie

May the Lord bless and keep you forever.

May the Lord always be by your side.

**May the Lord make His face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you ev’ry day.**

May the Lord give you peace on your journey.

May God’s love and peace fill your heart.

May the Lord bless and keep you forever.

May the Lord always be by your side.

SENDING HYMN

“Jesus, Still Lead On”

ELW #624

THE DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Jesus is with you on the way.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“To Greet The Morning”

D. Paxton

Pastor
Pastor Emeritus
Organist
Parish Administrator

Wayne G. Gillespie
Steven J. Myers
Kevin Clemens
Breana Howard

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. A big “Thank You” is extended to our readers, worship assistants, reconcilers, Tech Team, and to the many other helpers who made this weekend’s services possible. This week, we especially thank our Worship Helpers...
Saturday: Harry & Sylvia Replogle, Mimi Ruzomberka
Erich Sill, Sandy Buehner, Pastor Wayne
Sunday: Cindy Shaner, Linda Reed, Nancy Smith, IT
Team, Karen Palesta, Harriet Schwartz
2. We are pleased to welcome Nancy Finke Sheehan to our piano and organ console this weekend. Thank you, Nancy, for once again sharing your talents and musical gifts with us!
3. **SAVE THE DATE!** Something big and exciting is happening at CLC on Sunday, September 11, 2022, that you won’t want to miss. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks!
4. Our banners for August/September of the Pentecost season have been generously donated by two families. “Hope in the Lord” is given by Pastor Wayne and Laurel Gillespie in honor of the many partners and friends of Christ’s Lutheran Church. “Renew a Steadfast Spirit Within Me” is given by Kathy & John Schultz and presented to the glory of God. Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom”. Lk.12:32. What an amazing promise! God will renew our spirits and give us hope so that we can share this good news with others. Have no fear little flock! God’s promises are sure!
5. We are broadcasting our Sunday morning worship service each week. If you do not want to be seen during the broadcast, we please not sit in the front two pews.
6. The year is flying by... it seems like just yesterday we were weeding the grounds and slinging stones around the flower

beds! As we approach the middle of summer, I am reminded that "It's that time of year again." Council Nominations are right around the corner! Over the next few months, we will be seeking nominations for new council members, and I am asking you to please consider working with us in a deeper way. If you are not sure what council is all about, simply join us for a meeting. We would also invite you to be a part of the nominating committee, or even to simply join one of our teams. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me, or any other council member, or the church office. My phone number is 412-999-6060 and my email address is joekelly567@gmail.com. Sincerely, Joe Kelly.

7. Lights! Camera! Action! The IT Team is looking to boost our numbers to fill the needs of our online and tech presence within Christ's Lutheran Church! We will be having an IT Team Meet & Greet in the Church Lobby on August 24th at 7:00pm. Come and see what we are all about! Parents, if your children are "tech savvy" and would like to help out, this is a great place for the youth to get involved with the church. We already have several young members running the camera! Hope to see you there! 😊
Sincerely, IT Team!
8. Please remember that you need to send any announcements that you would like us to include in our weekly bulletins to the Church Office no later than noon on Wednesday (to provide time needed for bulletin preparation and printing). The deadline for submitting information you want us to include in our monthly newsletter is due at the end of the business day on the 20th of the preceding month.
9. **CHRIST'S LITTLE PANTRY!** Are you, or someone you know, experiencing food insecurity? Our church now has "Christ's Little Panty". If you need food, "Take what you need". If you have extra food to share, "Leave what you can". Please share our story, so no one goes hungry. **A container has been put in the narthex for your donations. If you have food to donate, please feel free to put it into the pantry at any time.** The Pantry is in our lower parking lot.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 7, 2022 – August 14, 2022

Sunday 8/7

10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship

7:30 pm

NA Meeting

Monday 8/8

8:00 pm

AA Meeting

Tuesday 8/9

9:00 am

Sewing Group

9:30 am

Kindermusik

10:00 am

Congregational Life Team Meeting

6:30 pm

Girls Scout

6:30 pm

Worship and Music Meeting

Wednesday 8/10

10:30 am & 5:30 pm

Kindermusik

6:00 pm

Girls Scouts

Thursday 8/11

9:00 am

Kindermusik

Friday 8/12

Saturday 8/13

6:00 pm

Saturday Evening Worship

Sunday 8/14

10:00 am

Sunday Morning Worship

7:30 pm

Narcotics Anonymous Meeting