



Community of Christ Lutheran Church
5th Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday, June 23, 2024
9:00 a.m.
Pastor Stephen C. Bond



THE GATHERING

Welcome

Pastor Steve Bond

Musical Prelude

“Trumpet Tune” by John Stanley

Eric Dickey

WE REMEMBER OUR BAPTISM

Gathering Hymn

“We Praise You, O God”

ELW 870

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.**

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

PO God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Childrens Sermon

THE READINGS

The First Reading: Job 38:1-11

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone

⁷when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb?—

⁹when I made the clouds its garment,
and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped?’”

L The Word of the Lord C Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you.

¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

L The Word of the Lord C Thanks be to God!



The Holy Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

P The Holy Gospel according to... **C** Glory to you, O Lord!

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

P The Gospel of the Lord! **C** Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

“The One Who Speaks to the Storm”

Pastor Steve Bond

Speak to Me—a song for Oaklyn Jane
drawn from Mark 4:35-41

Verse 1:

You're the One who sets the ocean's bounds
Who tells the tide to rise and when to fall
At your word, the thunder heeds the sound
The sun and rain they answer to your call.
So raise your voice, Creator God,
and bid us to rejoice.

Refrain:

Speak to me like the crashing waves
Call to me, “Peace, be still.”

The troubled sea is inside my chest
I am in distress
You're the One who saves...
Tell me here so that I will know
Come be near, calm this storm.
Take my fear while I'm on the brink
You won't let me sink
You will not let go... of me.

Verse 2:

Jesus set a course across the lake
And in the dark, a sudden storm arose
The swirling sea was more than they could take
So Jesus woke while scared disciples froze.
"Don't be afraid," he told his friends,
as wind and waves obeyed.

Verse 3:

So here again we're at the water's edge
Gathered for your word to make us new
We will trust the power of your pledge
When you promise we belong to you.
Our hearts are hushed, because we trust
You're in the boat with us.

Hymn

“My Life Flows On in Endless Song”

ELW 763

HOLY BAPTISM

The baptismal party gathers around the font, as the congregation faces them.

Presentation

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *Oaklyn Jane* baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

P: As you bring *Oaklyn* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with *her* among God's faithful people,
bring *her* to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach *her* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in *her* hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture *her* in faith and prayer,
so that *Oaklyn* may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

P: Do you promise to help *Oaklyn* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

P: People of God, do you promise to support *Oaklyn* and pray for *her* in *her* new life in Christ?

C: We do.

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning, your Spirit moved over the waters, and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood, you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea, you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river, your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection, you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that this child who is washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Baptism

P: *Oaklyn Jane*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

C: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

P: Let us pray.

C: We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

P: Sustain *Oaklyn* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

P: *Oaklyn*, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Welcome

AM: (*presenting lit candle*) Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

P: (*presenting baptismal blanket*) *Oaklyn*, you have been clothed with Christ and enfolded in the embrace of God's love, which will not let you go. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

WE DEDICATE OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

P We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

AM Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

AM You spoke creation into order from the chaos of the swirling deep. May your name be praised by rivers and seas, wetlands, and waterfalls. Secure clean water for all people and protect water sources from contamination or exploitation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

AM Amid whirlwinds of division, violence, and conflict, remind us again that you are as steadfast as the foundations of the earth. Rejuvenate peacemakers, advocates, and community organizers when they feel weary in their work . Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

AM Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling; **Tom Jennings, Sue & Jim Enk, Christal & Chad Pritchard, Frank O’Konski, Larry Geer, Troy Bernhard, Kevin Stiles, Susie Donnal, Sue Brown, Iris Rockwell, Jeanette Druschel, Barb Atkinson, Lisa Pitchford, Fred Ortner, Janet Dellinger, Debby Gomez, Tristan Kimmey, Shari Ludtke...** and all others whom we remember in silence. Grant consolation and peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In times of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

AM Enfold all travelers with your protection. Bless the comings and goings of this assembly as we travel for leisure or for work. Let all journeys be met with hospitality on the way, and let community members return to us with celebration. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

AM Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation for all the redeemed of the Lord. Joined together with the great cloud of witnesses, we give thanks for your steadfast love and your wonderful works. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. **Amen**

THE MEAL

All Christians are welcome to commune at our Altar. You do not have to be a member of this congregation to receive Communion. Grape juice is available in the inner ring of glasses for those desiring it. A “gluten-free” host option is available upon request as well.

Sharing of the Peace

P The Peace of the Lord be with you all! **C** **And also with you!**

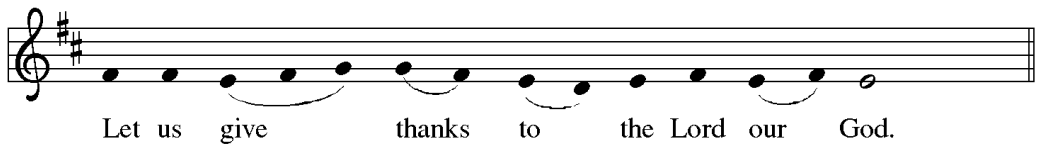
Share an expression of peace with your neighbor, please.

Our Tithes and Offerings *Bring your gifts to the Altar or you may offer gifts in the tray located at the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you.*

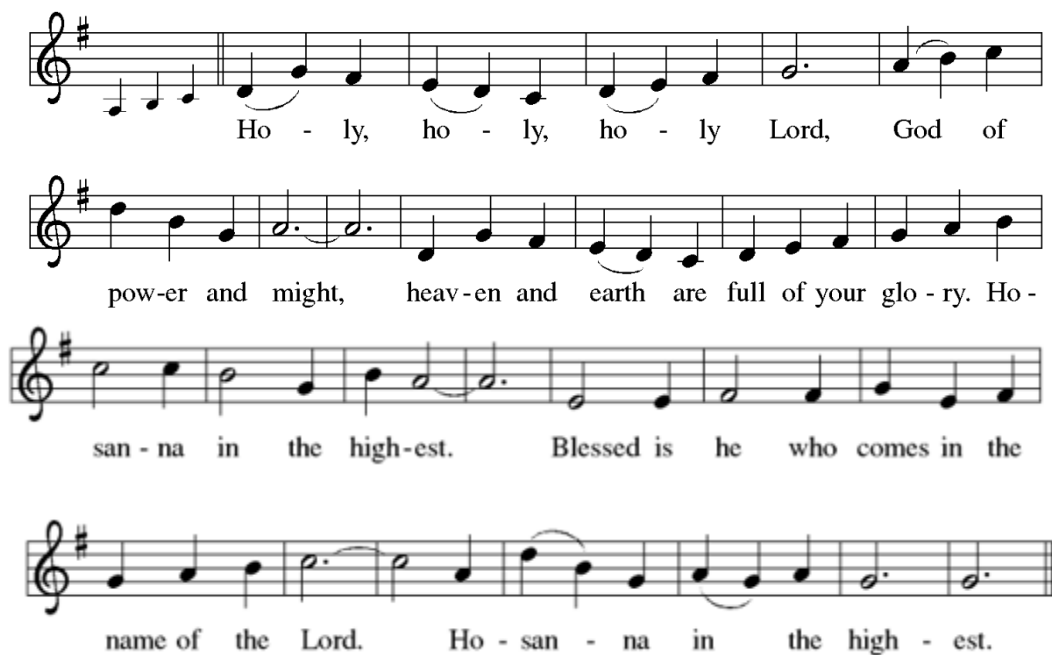
Offering Prayer

AM Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

Amen.



****The Eucharistic Prayer Continues.....**



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 Words of Institution

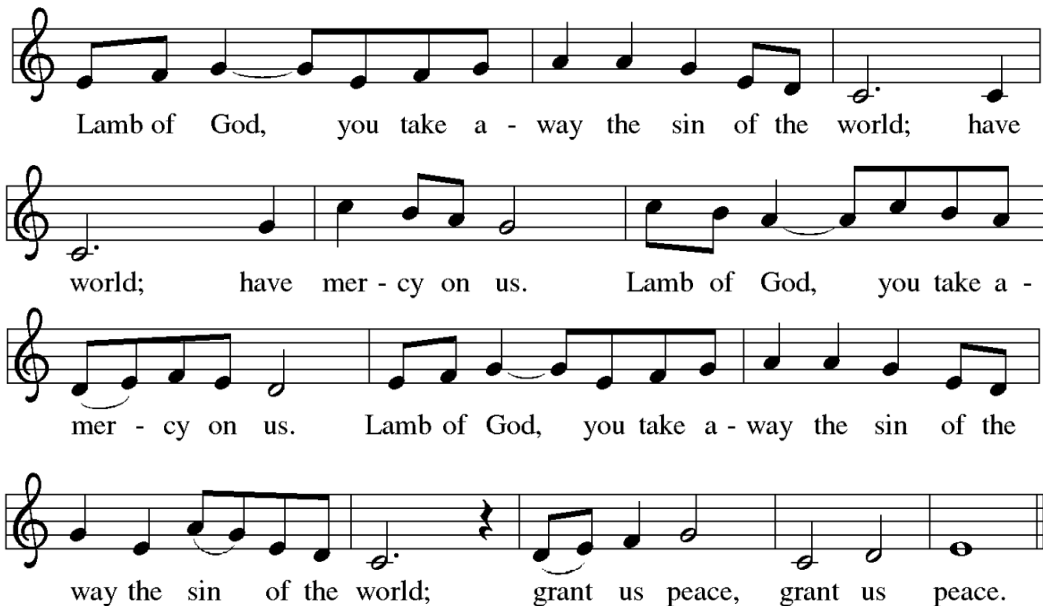
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Jesus said, Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Jesus said, Do this for the remembrance of me.

The Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray... **C** **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.**

Communion Hymns

“Lamb of God”



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

Hymn

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

ELW 767

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand ”

ELW 773

Post Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

AM Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name, we pray. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

Milestones & Announcements:

The Blessing

P The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

ELW 756

Dismissal

AM Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

AM And next week, **C Bring a friend!**

Making Jesus Known”

Welcome to Community of Christ! Thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning! We have moved to our summer worship hours. We will worship on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. through Sunday, September 8. Join us in person or on Facebook Live!!! Welcome to all who are visiting with us this morning! You are always welcome here!

Sacrament of Holy Baptism We are celebrating Holy Baptism this weekend. We celebrate with the family of Oaklyn Jane Franklin. May the Lord bless His children in water and His Word!



Altar Flowers are given by Vince & Laurie Mauro in
Celebration of our 40th Wedding Anniversary



Community of Christ Altar Flowers

An altar flower arrangement at our Sunday service is placed in a dedicated space to the right of our altar. These flowers are given to the glory of God first and foremost, and then in honor of, in memory of or in thanksgiving for a person or occasion.

If you would like to dedicate flowers, please see the available tags on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Choose your special date, complete the tag and special "Altar Flower" payment envelope, and return it to the church office or collection plate no later than the Monday before the dedication date. Once we receive the dedication information and a payment, your dedication will be added to that Sunday's bulletin. Or if you would like to bless the "Altar Flower" fund with a donation, there is a "Donation" envelope.

We are grateful for your blessings!



The Ladies Lunch is Friday, June 28th @ 11:30 a.m. We will be going to the Urban Pine Winery 3415 Briarfield Blvd Maumee Oh. They have wonderful food!! Please sign up on the kiosk so reservations can be made. Questions? Call Becky King @ 419-349-7319. As always- bring a friend!



Save the date! The 4th Annual Campout is on the evening of August 9th. Everyone is welcome! More details to come.



“Next Sunday, June 30th Hymn Sing!”

Come One! Come All!! This next Sunday is the last Sunday of the month so that means YOU pick the HYMNS! So come prepared with a few of your favorites and call'em out!

See you then!

Summer Spirituality Saturdays – Please sign up at the kiosk!

Worlds Within Words: Poetry as a Spiritual Practice—There is often a fine line between poets and saints—both have a way of helping us to see the world through new eyes and to be oriented in light of their insights. This session will be an introduction to a variety of poets and poems, a chance to explore how poetry touches our souls in a way that novels or lectures don't, and to experiment with our own poetic engagement with the world. This session will be mostly indoors, but with a bit of inspiration from a walk around our little corner of the world that God loves (so comfortable shoes would be good), and we'll have some great resources to share with all who come. This session will be on July 20, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. again here at Community of Christ!

The Practice of Creativity: Visual Arts and Faith—If we have been made in God's image, and God is a joyful creator who delights in beauty, design, variety, and playfulness, then there will be connections between visual arts and spirituality, too. This session is an invitation for beginners and advanced art students, and everyone in between, to explore how the *act* of being creative puts us in touch with God, regardless of whether your final product goes on a refrigerator with a magnet or gets framed for a gallery. We'll have some hands-on art activities to try, but we'll

also focus on the joy in the act of creating itself, whether you're doodling in marker or pencil, painting with watercolors, or making abstract patterns with color. This event will be great for kids and adults alike, and it will be held in the fellowship hall on August 17, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Come for some fun and help a community at the same time!

Are you a gardener? Do you like to socialize while helping others? Want to spend some time with kids learning about gardening and eating healthy?

Join us for a few hours on a Saturday with a non-profit, Urban Wholistics, working in an urban garden. It's light work, some easy weeding and harvesting when the vegetables are ripe.

Dates are still to be determined. We will meet in the church parking lot for anyone who wants to carpool. We leave around 10:30 and stay until we're done, usually just a couple of hours. You can also drive yourself and depart at a time of your choosing. Bring the kids and/or grandkids. All are welcome. Once we have dates firmed up, there will be a sign-up sheet on the kiosk.

For more info contact Sarah Rockwell at 419.261.2843 or sarahrockwell0822@gmail.com (new email address for Sarah) To find information on this organization, visit <https://www.urbanwholistics.org/>

Thursday Bible Study
June 27, 1:00 p.m.
Ladies Lunch
Friday, June 28
Visitation Ministry
Monday, July 1
Youth & Education
Monday, July 1
LWR Quilt Ministry
Tuesday, July 2
Church Office Closed
Thursday, July 4, and Friday, July 5

Worship Services Available on the net at www.commofchrist.org

Church Office Hours
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
(Monday through Friday)
Please note.....

Hours may vary with vacations,
please call ahead ☺



Did one of our Bible readings capture your attention today? Was there a story you could picture in your mind? Did a phrase from a hymn or a thought from the sermon start some new ideas or inspire some reflection? Did a Scripture passage spark a question for you to think about? Use this space here as an open canvas for your faithful imagination: you can draw a picture of something you pictured, write a question,

take notes from the message or scriptures, or doodle your faith into a visible form here. Then, either take it with you or leave your thoughts and images here to be shared in an ongoing collection here at Community of Christ!