



Community of Christ Lutheran Church
6th Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday, June 30, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Pastor Stephen C. Bond



THE GATHERING

Welcome

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Musical Prelude “wer nur den lieben gott lässt walten” by, J.S. Bach

Eric Dickey

WE REMEMBER OUR BAPTISM

“Confession and Forgiveness”

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider, **help us.**

It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God’s mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

Hymn Sing

“One Hymn Chosen by the Congregation”

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 and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise “Two - Three Hymn *Chosen by the Congregation*”

Childrens Sermon

THE READINGS

The First Reading: Lamentations 3:22-33

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;

²³they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

²⁷It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,

²⁸to sit alone in silence
when the Lord has imposed it,

²⁹to put one’s mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),

³⁰to give one’s cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.

³¹For the Lord will not
reject forever.

³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

³³for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

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

The Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

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



The Holy Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

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

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a

woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

Sermon

“After Too Late”

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Hymn Sing

“Two Hymns Chosen by the Congregation”

The Apostle’s Creed

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.

WE DEDICATE OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

P One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

AM God of abundance, you fill your church with a multitude of gifts. Sustain those among us who feel they are not valued. Open our hearts to the wondrous breadth of all who call upon your name. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

AM God of creation, your goodness abounds. Multiply the fruits of the earth and rescue it from our wastefulness. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

AM God of justice, you reign in steadfast love. Bring peace between nations ravaged by war or strife and illumine paths of justice and freedom for those who lead them. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

AM God of compassion, your touch brings healing and your word revives us for life. Hear our prayers for; **Tom Jennings, Sue & Jim Enk, Christal & Chad Pritchard, Frank O’Konski, Larry Geer, Troy Bernhard, Kevin Stiles, Susie Donnal, Fred Ortner, Debby Gomez, Tristan Kimmey, Shari Ludtke, Ron Hetherwick, Jim Bucher, Renee, Jack Miller...** all who are in need, and for doctors, nurses, health care workers who provide care and all others whom we remember in silence. Turn wailing into dancing and weeping into joy. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

AM God of community, you gather us at your table of plenty. Where there is hunger among us, open our hands. Where we are indifferent to the needs of others, open our hearts. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

AM God of the ages, great is your faithfulness. We remember in thanksgiving our beloved dead who with all the saints sing without ceasing in your realm of glory. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **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.

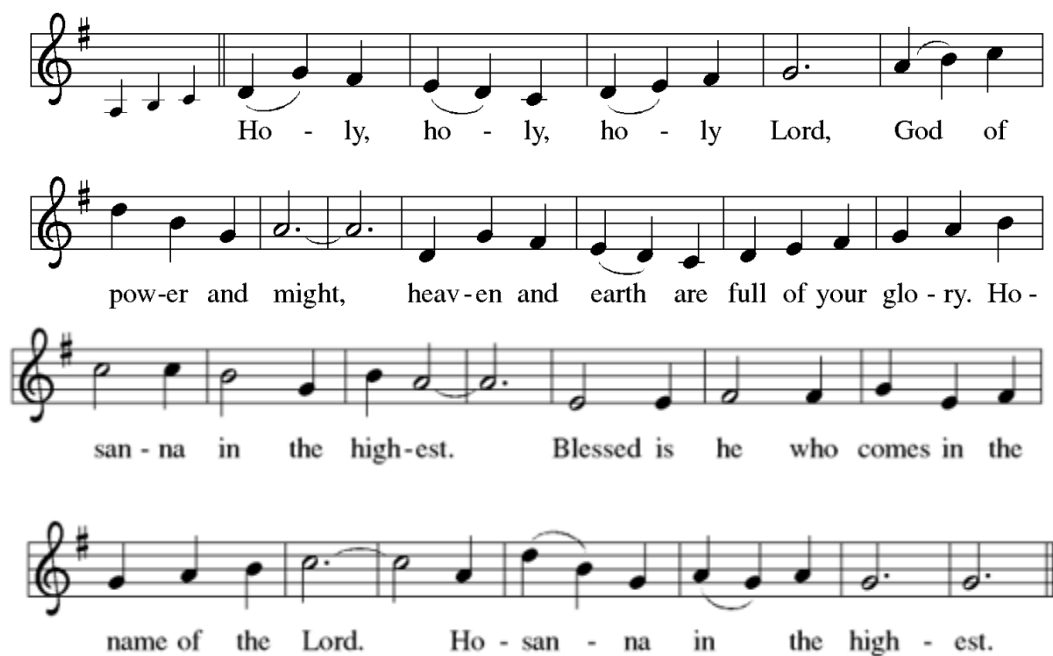
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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 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
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.

Hymn Sing

“Two Hymns Chosen by the Congregation”

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.**

Prayer at the Sending of Communion

O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and brothers who are *sick/homebound*. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

Hymn Sing

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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!



**Altar Flowers are given by Jeff & Tina Baden in
celebration of their 30th Wedding Anniversary**



*****If you have sponsored a weekend for Altar Flowers and have not turned in your envelope(s) please do so no later than the Sunday before that weekend so this can be shared in the bulletin.**
Thank you 😊

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!



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/>

During the week of June 30-July 6, Pastor Steve and family are on vacation. During these days, in case of pastoral care emergencies, you can reach Pastor Warren Clifton, of neighboring Hope United Methodist Church, at 318-655-2172.

Visitation Ministry
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.commofochrist.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 ☺



**Take Me Out to the Ballgame!
Join us for fellowship and baseball!**

Cheer on our Toledo Mudhens as they take on the Saint Paul Saints.

- **Sunday, July 21st at 4:05 p.m.**
- Tickets \$11 paid via online link
- **Add on food options for \$10 per ticket CASH ONLY**
(hotdog and chips, or pizza, and soft drink) **Cash for the food option needs to be turned into the office NO LATER than July 14th no cash will be accepted after this date**

****Sign up by July 14th using the link sent to your *email on June 21st* ****

Questions or help with tickets call or text Chad Ackerman at
419-350-4879