



Community of Christ Lutheran Church
10th Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday, July 28, 2024
9:00 a.m.

Pastor Stephen C. Bond



THE GATHERING

Welcome

Pastor Lee Ann Pomrenke

Musical Prelude “Christ lag in Todesbanden” ” 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.**

Hymn Sing

“Two Hymns Chosen by the Congregation”

Prayer of the Day

P Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Childrens Sermon**THE READINGS****The First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44**

⁴²A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, “Give it to the people and let them eat.” ⁴³But his servant said, “How can I set this before a hundred people?” So he repeated, “Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, ‘They shall eat and have some left.’” ⁴⁴He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

The Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, ¹⁷and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. ¹⁸I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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



The Holy Gospel: John 6:14-29

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

¹Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid."

²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

Sermon

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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 generations, you work in us far more than we can ask or imagine. Bless the church you have called into being across time and space and fill it with the power of the Spirit for loving service. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

AM God of field and forest, streams and seas, you are the fullness of all things. As grains of wheat grow upon the earth and fish swim in the waters, sustain your creation. Protect harvests and give every person food in due season. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

AM God beyond borders, you rule all in all. Bless the work of humanitarians and peacekeepers, shield those who live, work, or serve in harm’s way, and bring an end to war and conflict. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

AM God of healing, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. We remember any who are sick or suffering; **Tom Jennings, Sue & Jim**

Enk, Christal & Chad Pritchard, Frank O’Konski, Larry Geer, Troy Bernhard, Kevin Stiles, Susie Donnal, Fred Ortner, Ron Hetherwick, Jack Miller, Janet Dellinger, Denny Masters, Joanne, Nancy Meyer... for the families in our community who endure hunger, those who seek asylum or citizenship, our beloved for whom death is near, and all others whom we remember in silence. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

AM God of grace, you root us and ground us in love. As you inspired our ancestors in this place in their ministry, sustain us also in new endeavors, that your glory may be made known, and your loving kindness shared anew. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

AM God of all, your love in Christ surpasses all knowledge. We give thanks for the departed who have come to know the fullness of your grace. Join our voices with theirs and all the saints in singing your praises. 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 Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be 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 Him 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

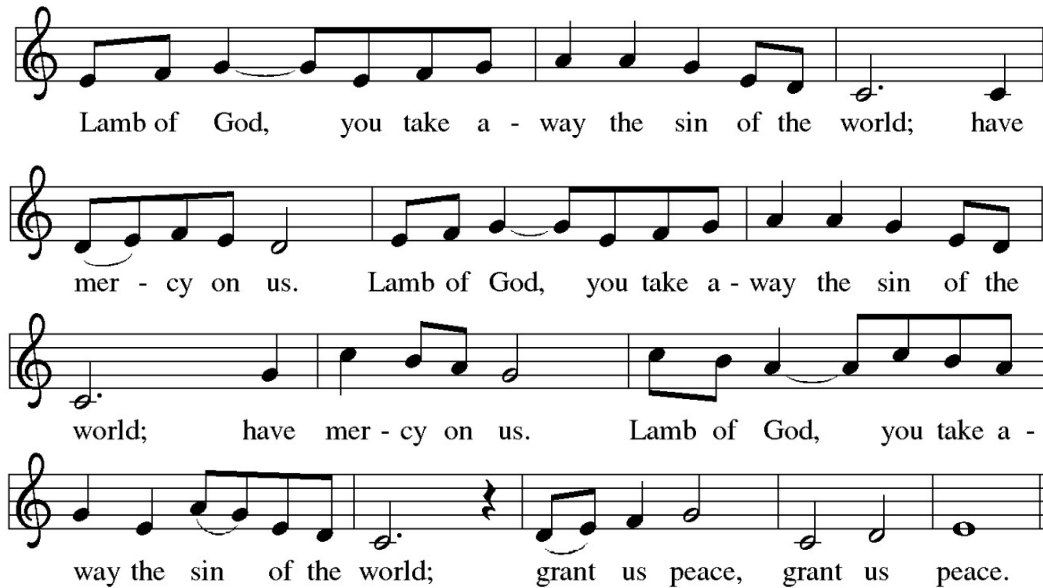
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Jesus said, Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,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

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

“One Hymn *Chosen by the Congregation*”

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!

**Our Last Summer Spirituality Saturday will be on Saturday, August 17! –
Please sign up at the kiosk!**

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.

4th Annual Church Campout

All are welcome! If you would prefer not to camp overnight, no worries, join us for the evening of festivities. Please sign up and let us know what you'll bring to share for the potluck or other items to donate. Bring your own drink and lawn chair. www.signupgenius.com



We are very excited to collaborate with other faith communities this summer and stand together in the name of love and justice for the LGBTQ+ community!

JOIN US!

Toledo Pride Parade: August 24th

Get your walking shoes back on, friends! Community of Christ has been asked to join a multi-faith initiative and walk in support at the Toledo Pride parade on Saturday, August 24th. By joining other local faith communities, we will be highlighting a message bigger than we can do individually – we all Love Out Loud and we are Better Together. Please consider joining the Outreach Committee and walk to promote inclusion for all in the world that God loves. Folks from many congregations and faith communities across the Toledo area will be walking together as a sign of God's love for all people. You can also see this same information on the church kiosk in the gathering place!



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

School Kits

It's that time of year again! We are collecting school supplies for **"Project Promise - Build Kits of Care"** through Lutheran World Relief. These kits allow students of all ages in third-world countries to attend school. Donations will be collected through September.

With Back-To-School Sales getting started now is a great time to pick up the items needed to fill our backpacks.

We would like to fill 50-60 backpacks again this year. Each backpack requires the following items: *(New Items Only Please)*

- (4) 70 sheet notebooks - (Wide or College Ruled) No loose-leaf paper.**
- (1) 30-centimeter ruler or one with both centimeters and inches on it.**
- (1) pencil sharpener**
- (1) pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors)**
- (5) unsharpened pencils**
- (5) black or blue ballpoint pens (No gel ink please)**
- (1) box of 16 or 24 count box of crayons**
- (1) Eraser (approx. 2.5" in size)**

Please do not donate anything with the American Flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage

**IMPORTANT AS SPONSORED WEEKENDS HAVE NOT BEEN
TURNED IN***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 😊**

During the week of July 29-August 3 Pastor Steve and family are on vacation.
During these days, in case of pastoral care emergencies, you can reach Pastor
LeeAnn Pomrenke, at 612-715-4619.

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



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!