



Community of Christ Lutheran Church
9th Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday, July 21, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Pastor Stephen C. Bond



THE GATHERING

Welcome

Pastor Steve Bond

Musical Prelude

“This Little Light of Mine” by, Charles Callahan

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.**

Gathering Hymn

“The Church’s One Foundation”

ELW 654

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

Refrain

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 -



Prayer of the Day

PO God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Childrens Sermon

Anthem

Amanda Worthington

THE READINGS

The First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

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

The Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being

aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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



The Holy Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed

about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

Sermon

“Like A Moth to The Flame”

Pastor Steve Bond

Hymn

“Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”

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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 For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land: Through the One who is the cornerstone of a firm foundation, join us together and build us up as a temple of mercy and peace. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

AM For the creation: Cause new trees to be planted. Restrain the melting of polar ice caps. Save land from destruction. Like a shepherd tends her sheep, raise up from among us caretakers of all you have made. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

AM For the leaders of nations and heads of tribes: Where peace seems far off, bring it near. Where justice seems fleeting, bring it to light. Where discord seems relentless, bring harmony. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

AM For the health and well-being of family, friends, and neighbors: Heal those who are sick; **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 & Terry....** and all others whom we remember in silence. Give courage to all who struggle with addiction. Touch with your tender care all who reach out to you in pain. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

AM For Nate Yokum, and all other young participants who attended the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans. That dividing walls were broken down and a spirit of collaboration and unity was among them through their experiences and the people they met. May the connections they formed and lessons learned continue in our communities and beyond. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

AM In thanksgiving for those who have died especially Marie Panning, Gary Paulsen, and Margeruite Meyer: Make us certain that in Christ we are no longer strangers and aliens but citizens with the saints in the household of God. 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

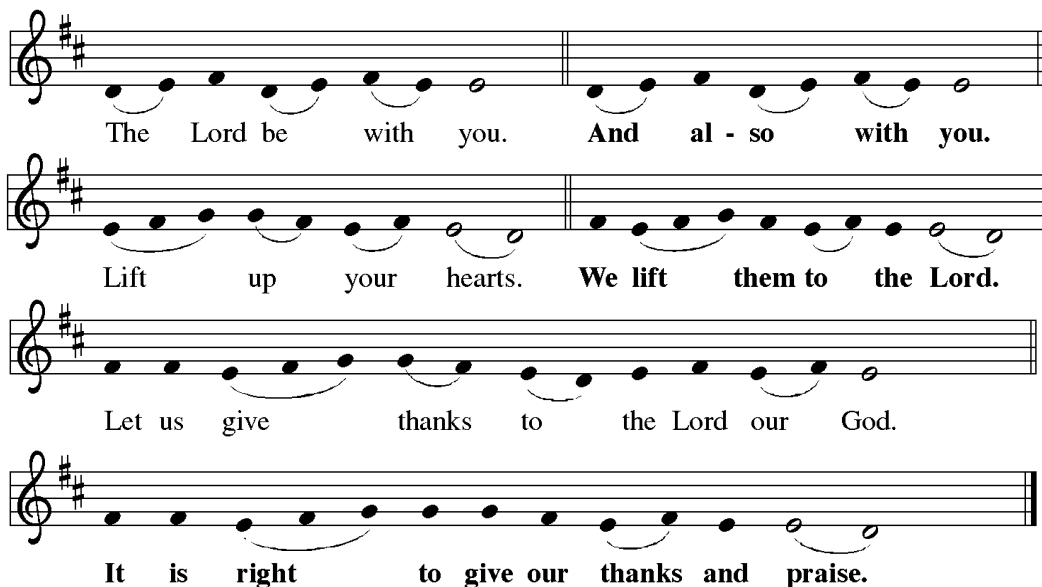
P The Peace of the Lord be with you all! **C And also with you!**
Share an expression of peace with your neighbor, please.

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.



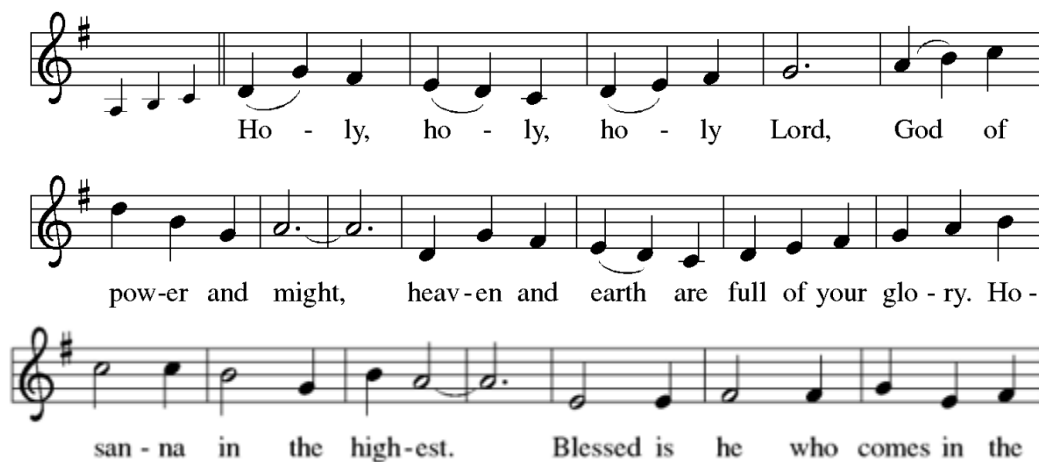
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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** **O**ur 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.

Refrain — All



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re -



veal your - self to us. There is a long-ing in our



hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.

Leader or All



1 For jus - tice,	for free - dom,	for mer - cy:
2 For wis - dom,	for cour - age,	for com - fort:
3 For heal - ing,	for whole - ness,	for new life:
4 Lord, save us,	take pit - y,	light in our



hear our prayer.	In sor - row,	in grief:
hear our prayer.	In weak - ness,	in fear:
hear our prayer.	In sick - ness,	in death:
deep - est night.	We call you;	we wait:



Refrain

be near; hear our prayer, O God.

Text: Anne Quigley, b. 1955

Music: LONGING, Anne Quigley

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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

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

ELW 883

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 Pastor Steve in Honor of
Sarah's visiting Family Members ❤️

*****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!



**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.



For those who bought your tickets...TODAY is the DAY to get "Out with the Crowd" and "Buy some Peanuts and Crackerjacks"! AND ROOT, ROOT, ROOT for the HOME TEAM!!!! As our Muds Hens take on the Saint Paul Saints @ 4:05!!

The Ladies' Lunch IS GOING TO Miss Lily's, 24174 Front St, Grand Rapids Oh on Friday, July 26th @ 11:30 am. If you wish to stay and shop in Grand Rapids all are welcome to do so. Please sign up at the kiosk so reservations can be made. Question?? call Becky King @ 419-349-7319.

Community of Christ Lutheran Church

4th Annual Campout

Friday, August 4 at 6pm

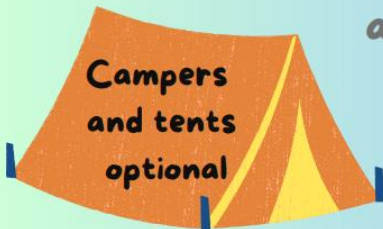
Potluck Dinner

Cornhole Tournament & Games

Kids Movie

Campfire & S'mores

Fun and
fellowship for
all ages!



Please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4EAEAA2AA0F8C34-first> for details and to sign up. Remember, it is not mandatory for you to camp overnight to join the festivities. You may still come to enjoy a potluck dinner, s'mores, games, and fellowship. All ages are welcome. Questions may be directed to Lainie Davis @ lainiedavis22@gmail.com



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

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, and if you're interested, you can use these QR codes to sign up to join the walk in the parade or to order a shirt thanks to friends at Zoar Lutheran Church in Perrysburg, who are coordinating the joint venture (orders close in just a couple of weeks!). You can also see this same information and QR codes at the kiosk in the gathering place!



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

Sign up to walk in the parade with other faith communities at the kiosk in the Gathering Space at CoC!

Order your shirt here by July 22:



"Next Sunday is Hymn Sing!"

Come One! Come All!! Next Sunday YOU
pick the HYMNS! Come prepared with a few
of your favorites and call'em out!

July 28th @ 9:00 a.m.

Church Office Hours

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

(Monday through Friday)

Please note.....

Hours may vary with vacations,
please call ahead ☺

Worship Services

Available on the net
at

www.commofchrist.org

Toledo Mud Hens
TODAY! Sunday, July 21
Bible Study
Thursday, July 25