



**Community of Christ Lutheran Church**  
 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday, August 11, 2024  
 9:00 a.m.  
 Pastor Stephen C. Bond



**THE GATHERING**

**Welcome**

Pastor Steve Bond

Musical Prelude

“Ashokan”

The Band

**Gathering Hymn**

“Baptized in Water”

**ELW 456**

**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

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### Childrens Sermon

Anthem

“The Truth I’m Standing On”

The Band

## THE READINGS

### The First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

<sup>4</sup> [Elijah] went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.”<sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.”<sup>6</sup> He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and

a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. <sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” <sup>8</sup> He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

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

### **The Second Reading: Ephesians 4:25--5:2**

<sup>25</sup> So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup> Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup> Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup> Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup> and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. <sup>5:1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup> and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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



### **The Holy Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51**

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

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

<sup>41</sup> Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup> They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come

down from heaven'?"<sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves.<sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day.<sup>45</sup> It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me.<sup>46</sup> Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father.<sup>47</sup> Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.<sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life.<sup>49</sup> Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died.<sup>50</sup> This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die.<sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

**Sermon**

*"Bread for the Journey"*

*Pastor Steve Bond*

*The Storied Water (Clara's Song)*

**You've drawn me in  
Mercy begins to make me new  
Along the way, I hear you say,  
"Here is bread for the journey,  
You will never be alone. No...  
Child, you are my own."**

**Refrain**

*Plunge me in the storied water  
Feed me with the life you give  
Call us your sons and daughters,  
Raise us up and make us live.  
Claim us to be what we have received—  
The Body of Christ for the world.*

**Just look around**

**You have been found and welcomed home.  
Within God's grace, you have a place.  
Feel the pull of the Spirit,  
You can hear it, like a voice. Oh...  
"Child, you are God's choice." (Refrain)**

**We're made for love,  
There's room enough for all of us  
You raise the dead, and all are fed  
With a seat at the table!  
You are able; it's all true. Oh...  
We belong to you. (Refrain)**

**Hymn**

“O Living Bread from Heaven”

**ELW 542**

## **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 *Clara* baptized into Christ?

*Response:* I do.

P: As you bring *Clara* 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 *Clara* 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 *Clara* 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 *Clara* 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:** *Clara 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 *Clara* 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:** *Clara*, 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*) *Clara*, 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** Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

**AM** Reignite the prayer of the church. By your Spirit, root your church around the globe in prayer and spiritual practices. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

**AM** We rely on the goodness of your creation in everything we do. We pray for trees that offer shade and for our fellow creatures that depend on the trees for shelter and food. Sustain the work of all who advocate for forests and wilderness areas. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

**AM** Guide our leaders and nations with a spirit of justice and mercy. Let no evil come out of our mouths, but rather let us extend grace. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God, receive our prayer.



**AM** Sustain feeding ministries and organizations such as ELCA World Hunger and our local food pantries *especially the Anthony Wayne food pantry and Salem Lutheran Church*. We work and pray for a day when hunger is no more. Heal those who are sick; **Tom Jennings, Sue & Jim Enk, Christal & Chad Pritchard, Frank O’Konski, Larry Geer, Troy Bernhard, Susie Donnal, Fred Ortner, Ron Hetherwick, Jack Miller, Janet Dellinger, Denny Masters, Joanne & Terry, Nancy Meyer, Bill Lenz, Bev Crampton, Connie Weaver....** and all others whom we remember in silence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**AM** We pray for this congregation and for all who are gathered. Be present among anyone who cannot be with us today. Be with all who are hurting, grieving, or ill. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**AM** We remember the saints who have gone before us in faith. Trusting in the promise of the resurrection, we find hope in your communion of saints of all times and all places. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

**P** We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping. **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

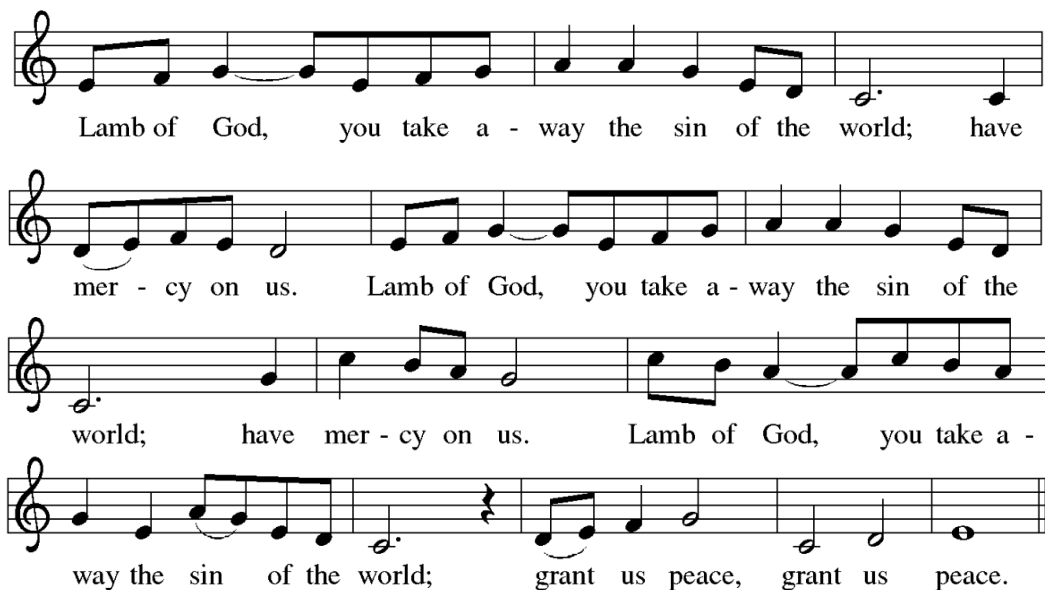
*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Jesus said, Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,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

“I Am the Bread of Life”

ELW 485

“As We Gather at Your Table”

ELW 522

## 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

“You Are Holy”

ELW 525

#### Dismissal

**AM** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**  
**AM** And next week, **C Bring a friend!**

#### Postlude

The Band

## 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 Richard & Marilyn Pratt in  
The honor of our 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!!! ♡♡

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\* 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 †**

**Altar Flower Sponsor is needed for Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, October 27, November 24, and December 15. Thank you!**

**Thank you to our Band, Jill Kohntopp, Josh Kohntopp, Mark Winkleman, Amanda Worthington, and Eric Dickey! It is always a blessing to listen to the beauty of your talent!**

**\*\*Today is the last day to collect School Supplies for Salem's TPS Students – if you have items for this collection drive, please place them on the appropriate table in the gathering space. Thank you!\*\***

**Welcoming a new Saint among us †** Today we celebrate the baptism of Clara Bucher, daughter of returning members Kyle and Janessa, who are transferring their membership back to Community of Christ where they already have family roots and connections in our congregation. Thank you for being us for this special event as God's love claims a new sister in Christ to belong in the family of Jesus through the power of the Spirit, the promises of God, and the sign of water!

**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.

Join us for a  
**Blessing of the  
Backpacks!**

**Sunday, August 18  
at 9:00 a.m.**

All students, teachers,  
and educators are  
encouraged to bring  
your backpacks to be  
blessed for the new  
school year.



**Community of  
Christ family and  
friends**, as we  
prepare for the new  
school year, please  
join us on *Sunday,  
August 18 at 9:00  
a.m.* for a Blessing of  
the Backpacks!

**Food (And Drink) for Thought—Next Gathering on August 22**

Something new is brewing this summer, and you're invited to join us for it! After our first "Food (and Drink) for Thought" gathering in June, we're preparing for a second gathering at Shawn's Irish Tavern in Waterville (105 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street) coming up on Thursday, August 22, once again from 6:00-8:00 p.m. This kind of gathering is envisioned as a causal gathering over food and drink where the conversation can flow from the friendly and light-hearted to the deep and profound, and everywhere in between. Our older brother in the faith, Martin Luther, was famous for something similar that they used to call "table talk," where friends and guests would gather for conversations that ranged from BIG questions about life, faith, God, and meaning, to small talk and laughter (often over mugs of whatever Katie Luther had been brewing herself), and we're trying to tap into that spirit of playfulness, faithful conversation, and fellowship. It's not a Bible study, but you can bring a question or a thought you want to bounce off of other minds. And it's not a church service, although it's certainly the kind of gathering you are welcome to bring a friend to, just like on Sundays. We'll have a room reserved for us, so sign up at the kiosk and plan on joining us for *Food for Thought* on August 22 and see what it's all about!

**The Ladies lunch** will be going to Chowder N Moor on August 23rd @ 11:30 a.m. 312 South St. Please sign up at the kiosk so reservations can be made. Questions?? Call Becky King @ 49-349-7319 and as always bring a friend.

**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!). See information and QR codes at the kiosk in the gathering place!

**Join us after worship on Sunday, August 25,** for an open breakfast for the whole congregation, hosted by Council and Outreach, as we both gear up for a new school year and also welcome our new seminary intern, Vicar Natalie Downs! Everybody is welcome, right after the 9:00 a.m. service in the fellowship hall!

### **Friends and Faith Fall Kick-Off**

Community of Christ parents, grandparents, and friends would you like an opportunity for the youth in your life from grades 7-12 to make memories, start new friendships, and get energized for what's ahead this school year? If so, the Anthony Wayne Area Friends and Faith Fall Kick-off invites you to have a fantastic time by joining us on Sunday, August 25, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. here at Community of Christ Lutheran Church! Scan the QR code at the kiosk to register!! As always be sure to invite a FRIEND!!!

### **Let's Get This Party Started!**

The choir will be kicking off our new season with a party at Doug and Rose Ackerman's home, 9454 Rockingham Dr., Whitehouse on August 28 at 6:00-? The main dish will be provided. Please bring a side or dessert. BYOB if you want something other than water or pop. Please sign up at the kiosk. New members or potential members are welcome!

**The Tuesday Morning Ladies bible study** This new study begins Sept.17th @ 8:30 am. This fall we will learn about the prophet Hosea and his prostitute wife who leave, and Gomer continues under God's direction to buy back and bring home. This study shows how God kept loving the Jewish nation even when they had turned from him, he kept loving them just as Gomer loved his wife. We have

much to learn about so great a love. You will need to purchase your study guide entitled 'Hosea'. Please sign up at the kiosk if you will be attending. Questions? call Becky King @ 419-349-7319

**Lutheran World Relief School Kits** we are still in need of school supplies for the LWR School Kit drive. Our goal this year is to fill 50 – 60 bags! Here is a list of items needed; however, you can find a copy of them in the gathering space. If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Tuohy @ 419-574-2297. Thank you!

**(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)**

<b>Church Council</b>
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