



Community of Christ Lutheran Church
26th Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 2024, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Pastor Stephen C. Bond



THE GATHERING

Welcome

Pastor Steve Bond

Musical Prelude
(10:00 a.m.)

“Rejoicing” From Fireworks Suite by G.F. Handel
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” Eric Dickey, Piano
Dave Chonko, Trumpet

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, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, **we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are ✝ forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again and rejoice in your salvation. **Amen.**

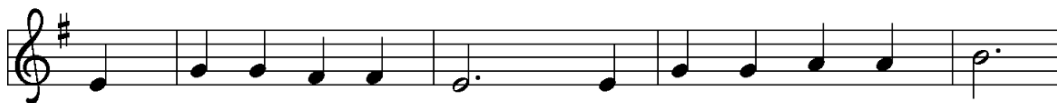
Gathering Hymn

“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.**



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **P Amen.**

Childrens Sermon

Anthem
(10:00 a.m.)

“Jesus Loves Me”

Dave Chonko, Trumpet

THE READINGS

The First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

¹“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

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

The Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25

¹¹Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” ¹³and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. [¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,”

¹⁷he also adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

¹⁹Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

²³Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

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

¹As [Jesus] came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” ²Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” ⁵Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

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

Sermon

"After the Chrysalis"

Pastor Stephen Bond

Hymn

“Through the Earth Shall Change”

ACS 1035



Though the earth shall change, though the moun-tains trem-ble,



though the wa-ters rage, you, God, are here.



Though the na-tions war, though the peo-ples bat-tle,



though the em-pire fal-ters, we will not fear.

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 Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

AM O God, in the washing of water you set us free from the power of sin and death. Unite all the baptized in the covenant you have made with us, as we strive for your justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

AM By your merciful might you sustain all creation. Stir us from complacency with the harm we inflict on the earth and urge us to adopt sustainable ways of life that protect and restore our planet. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

AM With a selfless power you protect all who take refuge in you. As nations rise against nations, defend all who are displaced or affected by war or violence. Empower all people and nations to pursue peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

AM In your presence you give fullness of joy. Care for all for whom joy feels distant. Be present with persons experiencing depression, anxiety, addiction, or any mental illness. Bring them healing and wholeness; **Tom Jennings, Sue & Jim Enk, Christal & Chad Pritchard, Frank O'Konski, Larry Geer, Luke Holtz, Susie Donnal, Ron Hetherwick, Martina Benton, Janet Dellinger, Jake Cope, Isaac Evans, Debbie Carman, Alexis, Eli & baby Bibler, Cory Kaczor, Carolyn, Denny Masters, Nate Yokum, Tori Wignall, Sheri Ludtke, Charlotte Prichett, Maria G., Alexa Ayres...** and all those we remember in silence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

AM Through the years you have gathered your church and this community for worship, fellowship, formation, and service. Enable us to look beyond the walls of our building to perceive where you are calling us forward. Merciful God, **receive our prayer**

AM With thanksgiving we remember the saints and angels who delight in your everlasting presence. As their lives inspire ours, provoke us always to love, holding fast to the confession of our hope in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **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.

The congregation continues to stand during Tithes and Offerings if you are able.

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 Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. **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'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, 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”



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Hymn

“When Peace Like a River”

ELW 785

“My Lord, What a Morning”

ELW 438

Post Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

AM Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

Milestones & Announcements:

The Blessing

P The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, ✚ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”
High Voices VS. 3, Low Voices VS. 4

ELW 632

Dismissal

AM Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

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

Postlude

(10:00 a.m.)

“Oh When the Saints”

Dave Chonko, Trumpet

GIVE THANKS

FAMILY • FRIENDS • GRATITUDE

“Making Jesus Known”

WORSHIP & GIVE THANKS WITH US!! We are pleased to **WELCOME** you on this weekend! We pray that the scriptures and Sacrament richly bless you today! If you are visiting Community of Christ, we want to extend a very warm welcome to you! We would ask our visitors to complete the visitor card in the friendship pad. If there is some way, we can serve you, please let us know!

We WELCOME YOU to worship with us at one of our **TWO** worship services. Join us at 8:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. in person or on Facebook Live. We look forward to seeing you and as always **BRING A FRIEND!!!!**

**Altar Flowers are given by David & Sharon Prueter in
Honor of their Wedding Anniversary ♥**

New Adult Sunday School Series: “*On the Other Hand...*” When the Bible Offers Multiple Perspectives What do we do when one Bible verse says one thing, and another verse seems to say another? When we die, are we waiting for a future resurrection, or are we immediately with God right away? How do we understand the times when Jesus takes a law from the Old Testament and then says, “But I say to you” and adds something different? Maybe you’ve found yourself asking questions like these, or others where you didn’t know what to do with the tension we sometimes hear within the different voices of the Bible. How do we know what to do, and how do we make sense of the Bible when we seem to be dealing with writers who say different things? And when I come across those in the Bible, should I be worried... confused... afraid... or relieved? Let’s explore some of these kinds of situations together in a new series for the late fall in our Adult Sunday School forum (meeting in the fellowship hall from about 9:10-9:50), which we’re calling, “*On the Other Hand...*” We’ll do some case study exploration of times when different Bible passages seem to point in different directions on the same subject, and different ways that we might understand what’s going on in them. The goal is not just to better understand these individual passages or issues, but to grow as Bible readers to become better at wrestling blessings from the texts where we are convinced God is speaking to us through ancient voices. Join us for this series, between our 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. services, running through November 24!

New Bible Study Series: "Freed... For Love" Explores Galatians!

We live in a culture where ads promise us great deals and promotions for "free," but they always come with fine print, conditions, or limits. What if the Good News of Jesus were different, and we really were freed without a catch--what if we were freed... FOR LOVE? That's the question at the heart of Paul's letter to the Galatians, and it's where our Thursday Bible Study series will take us. Starting right now, you can join us in person at 1:00 p.m. at Community of Christ for a deep dive into an important letter of the New Testament and the BIG questions like, "What puts me in the right relationship with God?" or "How does Jesus welcome outsiders?" and "What am I freed FOR in my life?" Everybody is welcome, and if you can't make a session in person, you can catch up online with our weekly video summary sessions which you can find on our Facebook page and YouTube. Come check out what it means to be freed... for love!

Community of Christ Lutheran Church Concert Committee Presents a Benefit Organ Recital November 24, 2024, 6517 Finzel Rd, Whitehouse, OH. We are thrilled to invite you to an Organ Recital featuring four talented performers on our piano and organ on Sunday, November 24, at 3:00 p.m. This benefit concert will support hurricane relief for Hurricanes Helene and Milton through Lutheran Disaster Relief, as well as contribute to our Building Fund as we work to pay down our loan for the addition that created our sanctuary, gathering space, and offices. Join us for an afternoon of beautiful music featuring Eric Dickey, Jacob Henry, Kate Philabaum, and Pam Stover. We would love for you to join us and bring a friend!

Social Action Ministry Seeks YOUR Help and Ideas in Loving Neighbors!

In the rest of this calendar year, there will be several ways you can help Community of Christ to serve and care for neighbors near and far (read more in these pages about our Angel Tree gifts for neighbors near Salem Lutheran in the North End and our return to adopting residents at Luther Home of Mercy for Christmas presents, too)! But along with these seasonal projects and partnerships like meals at Salem, collections for migrant workers, gardening help with Urban Wholistics, blood drives, and our school kits for Lutheran World Relief, we are looking at new projects and needs to help within our community. So, we would LOVE your help, ideas, and contributions as we reboot our Social Action Ministry here at Community of Christ. Join us for our next meeting on **Wednesday, November 20** at **10:00 a.m.**, or if you can't make that date and time, see Pastor Steve or Sarah Rockwell (sarahrockwell0822@gmail.com) to find out how you can plug into this important work to love our neighbors!

Why NOW is the right time to check out the choir

The holiday season is fast approaching. If you want to make Advent especially meaningful to you and your church, consider singing with the church choir just for November and December. The time commitment is minimal, and the reward of feeling connected to the true meaning of Christmas is maximum! Starting on Wednesday, Nov 20, from 7-8, we will rehearse for the holiday season and our singing schedule is as follows:

- Christ the King Sunday, Nov 24, 10:00 a.m.
- 2nd Sunday of Advent, Dec. 8, 10:00 a.m.
- 4th Sunday of Advent, Dec 22, 10:00 a.m.
- Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, 11:00 p.m. Sing for as many or as few of the above dates as you are available. We would love to have you join us in the choir loft when it works for you!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Mark Your Calendars! Our congregation will host an *annual meeting* on **Sunday, December 8**, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. We will receive the proposed budget for 2025 and elect four members for the church council. Please plan to attend this important meeting. Thank you!



****Adopt a Resident at the Lutheran Home of Mercy!****
This holiday season, many of our seniors who reside in nursing care centers may not have family nearby. You can help spread love and joy by adopting a resident! We currently have 20 seniors who would greatly appreciate your support through a Christmas gift. Would you consider bringing a smile to a resident's face this Christmas? Your thoughtful gift can make a significant difference in their lives.

****Important Details: ** Gift Submission Deadline: ** Sunday, December 8th
Please do NOT WRAP gifts as they need to be inventoried. Instead, please place it in a Christmas gift bag!**

****Shopping Lists: **** Keep your eye out for the list in the gathering area at the large tolling bulletin board. Thank you for showing love and kindness as Jesus teaches us! Let's make this holiday season special for our seniors.



SAVE THE DATE! Our 2nd Annual Christmas Caroling event will be on Saturday, December 14th. Please join us as we go out and spread Christmas joy to some of our shut-ins and community members. No experience required! No talent required! The words for the carols will be provided so no need to

worry about not knowing the words. Start time is currently being worked out and after spreading Christmas joy we'll share in some holiday cheer with pizza and snacks at the Swagler's home. Please look for the sign-up sheet on the kiosk.

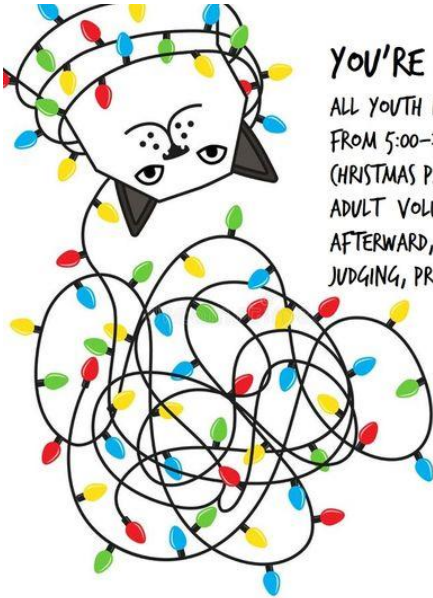


Community Thanksgiving
Service

November 24th at 7:00pm
Hope United Methodist Church
10610 Waterville St.
Whitehouse, Ohio

in partnership with
neighboring congregations
as we give thanks to God
together

Before the turkey is thawing and the table settings are placed, we want to invite you to join with neighbors from Hope United Methodist, Community of Christ, and the wider community for a service of Thanksgiving on Sunday, November 24, at 7:00 p.m. If you're already joining us for the Organ Recital at Community of Christ that afternoon, that still gives you plenty of time for a leisurely dinner and then to gather and join in worship, thanks, and praise in this joint venture between our congregations. This is another great event to invite a friend or bring your family members to, as we give thanks to God for all that we have in our lives!



YOU'RE INVITED... TO A CHRISTMAS SCAVENGER HUNT!

ALL YOUTH IN 5TH-12TH GRADES ARE INVITED TO JOIN US SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH FROM 5:00-7:00 P.M. FOR A FUN YOUTH EVENT INCLUDING A SCAVENGER HUNT AND CHRISTMAS PARTY. WE WILL MEET AT HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AT 5 P.M. AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS WILL DRIVE GROUPS AROUND FOR THE SCAVENGER HUNT. AFTERWARD, WE WILL MEET BACK AT COMMUNITY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR JUDGING, PRIZES, PIZZA, AND THE MAKING OF A GIANT ANDY SALAD!

What: Christmas Scavenger Hunt

Who: all youth in grades 5-12
friends are welcome!

When: Sunday, Dec. 12, 5:00-7:00pm

Where: **start** at Hope United Methodist
(10610 Waterville St., Whitehouse)
end at Community of Christ Lutheran
(6517 Finzel Road, Whitehouse)

How do I sign up? Use this QR code to RSVP
by Friday, Dec. 13!



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[Youth Christmas Scavenger Hunt](#)



Worship Services
Available on the net
at www.commofchrist.org
OR you can use your cell
phone camera to access our
website with our QR code!



What's Happening This Week?



LWR Quilt ministry
Tuesday, November 19, 10:00 a.m.
Book Club
Tuesday, November 19, 1:00 p.m.
Stewardship Meeting
Tuesday, November 19, 7:00 p.m.
Social Action
Wednesday, November 20, 10:00 a.m.
Choir Practice
Wednesday, November 20, 7:00 p.m.
Toledo Conference Pastor's Meeting
Thursday, November 21
Pastor's Bible Study
Thursday, November 21, 1:00 p.m.
Bell Choir
Thursday, November 21, 7:00 p.m.



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!