



Community of Christ Lutheran Church

All Saints Sunday, November 2, 2025

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Pastor Stephen C. Bond



THE GATHERING

Welcome

Pastor Stephen Bond

Musical Prelude

“Overture” Fr. Fireworks Suite by G.F. Handel

Eric Dickey

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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God, **you have shown us the ways of your heart, yet we stray from your paths. We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression and do not embrace the freedom of your faithful promises. We ignore our neighbors. We exploit the earth. We reject your abundance, trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love. Repair our relationships, restore what we have broken, renew our hearts, and bring us to new life. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you, ☩ in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, you are set free. **Amen.**

Hymn

“For All the Saints”

ELW 422

VS's 1-4

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

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



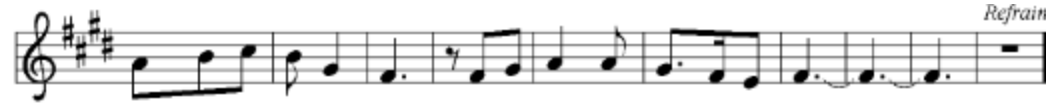
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



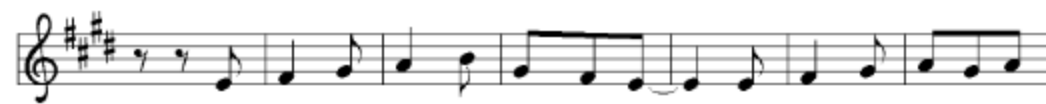
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Childrens Sermon

THE READINGS

The First Reading: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

¹ In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ² I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³ and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵ As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶ I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷ “As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth.

¹⁸ But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

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

The Second Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23

¹¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will,

¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called

you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

Congregation:

Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we

go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

life. Al - le - lu - ia! *Optional Repeat*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 6:20-31

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

²⁰ Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

²⁷ “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

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

Sermon

Vicar Natalie Downs

Hymn

“Shall We Gather at the River”

ELW 423

Nicene Creed

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him, all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

WE DEDICATE OUR HEARTS IN PRAYER

P Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

AM God of all that is, delight in the praises of your people and revive the spirit of your church. Move through us with boldness so that we proclaim the gospel of Christ throughout the world. Renew and revive pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

AM God of the beginning, give us the courage to advocate for environmental policy that will ensure a viable future for generations to come. Restore desolate places to health and flourishing. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

AM God of all our days, guide the leaders of governments, nations, municipalities, and all those seeking office. Accompany election officials and volunteers. Dismantle injustice and oppression wherever it is found. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

AM God of comfort in troubled times, we pray for those in need of protection and care; **Tom Jennings, Sue & Jim Enk, Christal & Chad Pritchard, Frank O’Konski, Luke Holtz, Ron Hetherwick, Jake Cope, Virginia Dillon, Staci, Martina Benton, Laura Reimer, Greg Urbanski, Matt Jurrus, Sally, Tom Druschel, Cindy Hartbarger, Tom Thorne, Phyllis Sturgeon, Albert Preston, Paul Ladd, Greg Ganelli, Nancy Englehardt, David Reimer, Marlene Cox, Stacy Huffman, Carol Borkowski, Rita Dusseau, Pamela....** and all others whom we remember in silence. Trusting that you are constant in mercy, protect those who seek safety and solace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

AM God of what is yet to come, encourage and inspire those who give their time, talent, and treasure in service to your church. By their commitment, further the work of ministry in this place and uplift your gospel. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

AM God of time and space, we give thanks for the faithful departed: **Barb Atkinson, Jerry Reed, Karen Schroeder, Carl Gottwald, Marie Sheets, Iris Rockwell, Susanne Donnal, Lois Wise, Amelia Hartbarger,** *(additional names are read that the congregation has lifted up)*. Sustain us in hope of our eternal unity in Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love, through Jesus Christ, our 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.

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 Offering *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 God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these, your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with
 you. Lift up your hearts. We
 lift them to the Lord. Let us give



****Eucharistic Prayer Continues**

HOLY

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. 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.

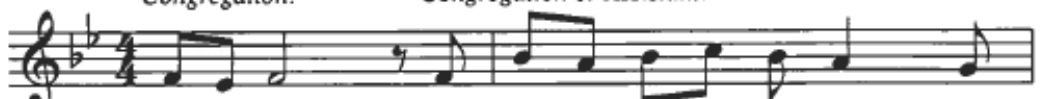
The Lord's Prayer

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"

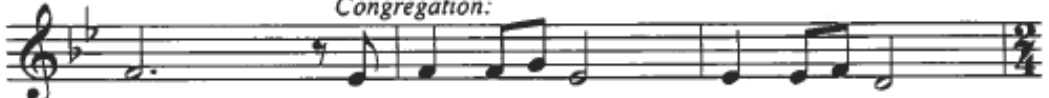
Congregation:



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
you break the chains of ha - tred and
you are the way of jus - tice and
you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation or Assistant:

Congregation:



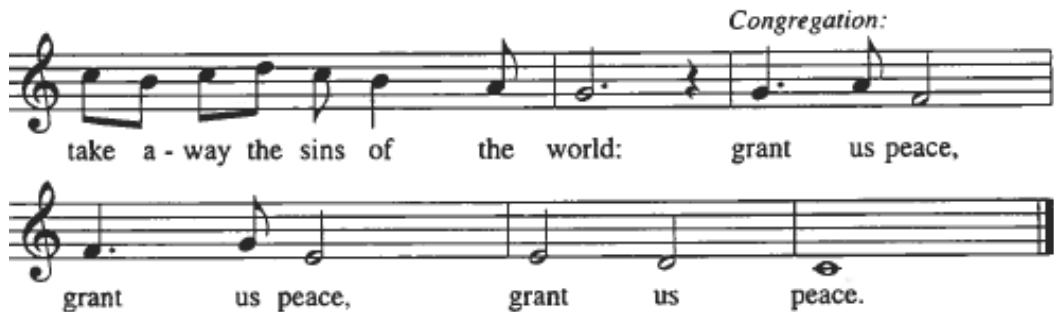
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



Hymn

“Come to the Table”
(Sung twice)

ELW 481

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

ELW 490

Post Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

AM God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ’s name. **Amen.**

Prayer at the Sending of Communion

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick/homebound*. May these gifts be signs of our love and prayers, that through the sharing of the body and blood of Christ, all may know your grace and healing revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE SENDING

Milestones & Announcements:

The Blessing

P The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ✝ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“For All the Saints”
VS’s 5-7

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Dismissal

AM Go in peace. Share the harvest. **Thanks be to God.**

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

Postlude

“Making Jesus Known”

Welcome to Community of Christ! 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!!!!**

New for Fall Adult Forum: The Church’s Song: Music that shaped the church and faith traditions: Music has been used as a spiritual practice throughout the life of the church as a way to praise God, but also to communicate who God is, what has been accomplished in the cross of Jesus Christ, and the mission of the church. Throughout the years, that message has been communicated and shared through various musical styles, techniques, and genres. Join us on Sundays during Faith Formation time, which began on October 26th and will run through November 30th, to learn about church music throughout the centuries and listen to various musical examples.

- In the first session, we learned of the Music of the Bible, Gregorian Chant, morality play, and Lutheran Hymnody (Hildegard von Bingen, Martin Luther)
- Session 2 (Today, November 2nd): Chorale, Cantata, and Oratorio (Buxtehude, Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn)
- Session 3 (November 9th): Mass Settings (G. Machaut, J. Haydn, W.A. Mozart, G. Fauré, L. Bernstein)
- Session 4 (November 16th): American Church Music (Bay Psalm Book, Spirituals, Shaker Music, Gospel)
- Session 5 (November 23rd): 20th Century Voices (Samuel Barber and Duke Ellington)
- Session 6 (November 30th): 21st century hymnody and contemporary music



This month in our Sunday School classrooms, children will begin a new series called *God Speaks*. Together, we’ll discover stories from Scripture where God spoke to His people and learn that He still speaks to us today! Through the experiences of Samuel, David, and Elijah, kids will explore how God’s voice can come in many ways: through His Word, through wise guidance, and even in a gentle whisper. Our hope is that each child will come to recognize that God knows them, loves them, and is always ready to speak with them. “Come near to God, and he will come near to you.” James 4:8

New Thursday Bible Study Looks at Wisdom Literature

Our next Thursday Afternoon Bible Study series starts on October 30 at 1:00 p.m., as Pastor Steve and Vicar Natalie delve into the Wisdom Literature in the Bible. These are a set of writings in the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament that offer perspectives for daily living and the meaning of life, community, work, and goodness. They can be as short as a fortune-cookie fortune (like the Proverbs), as expansive as a philosophical treatise and memoir (like Ecclesiastes), as dramatic as the saga of Job, and as romantic as the poetry of Song of Songs. So, think of this series like a charcuterie board—a sampling of the different flavors and textures of all these kinds of wisdom literature in your Bible, which you might be led to study and read more in depth on your own. Join us on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in the Bible Study/Council room, with weekly video summaries up online on our church Facebook and YouTube as well. See you around the table!

It's that wonderful time of year again! We know it seems early, but to meet our required deadline, we're inviting you and your family to dedicate a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. Please fill out your envelope (available on the table in the gathering space or at the back of the church) and submit your payment today! You may pick up your flowers after our 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.

Poinsettia Order: \$10.00 per plant. **Color Options:** Pink, Red, or White. **Deadline:** **Sunday, November 9th** (orders cannot be accepted after this date). Thank you for helping make our worship space beautiful this Christmas season!



Help Fill Thanksgiving Boxes for Local Families



We've been invited to partner with the Anthony Wayne Community Food Ministry as they prepare Thanksgiving food boxes for families in need. Last year, over 200 households received groceries and a Thanksgiving meal through this effort!

We're collecting the following items to help again this year: **Instant potatoes (box) • Stuffing mix (box) • Gravy (can or jar) • Canned pumpkin.** Please bring your donations to the church by **Sunday, November 16th**, so we can get them to AWCFCM by Wednesday, November 19. Let's share God's love by helping make Thanksgiving a little brighter for our neighbors!



First Communion!

Today at our 10:00 a.m. Worship Service we will celebrate with Valerie Hartbarger as she receives First Communion and receives the gifts of Christ's body and blood in the bread and cup **FOR YOU!** At this time, Valerie and her family will first receive Holy Communion, and after that, we invite all Christians to gather around our Altar with our normal flow.



*A note
from the pastor*

Pastoral Note: In addition to when people are hospitalized or homebound, sometimes folks would just like a visit from the pastor for no special reason at all other than to catch up or share what's on their heart. If you would ever want Pastor Steve to set up

a visit with you, whether at your home or at the church, during the daytime or on an evening, please just let us know at the church office, and we can get that scheduled! Feel free to call the church office at 419-877-0607 or email Pastor Steve directly at pscbond@gmail.com. He'll be glad to arrange a time to visit!



Altar Flowers

**Altar Flowers given by the Gebhart family in celebration of
Autumn's 25th and Kevin's 55th Birthday! ❤️ ❤️**

*what's happening
this week*

<i>Event</i>	<i>Day and Time</i>
New Member Lunch	Today, Sunday, November 2, 11:15 a.m.
Confirmation	Today, Sunday, November 2, 12:30 p.m.
Youth Group @ Providence	Today, Sunday, November 2, 7:00 p.m.
Visitation Ministry	Monday, November 3, 10:30 a.m.
Care Givers Meeting	Monday, November 3, 6:30 p.m.
Ladies Bible Study	Tuesday, November 4, 8:30 a.m.
LWR Quilt Ministry	Tuesday, November 4, 10:00 a.m.
Choir Practice	Wednesday, November 5, 7:00 p.m.
Social Action	Thursday, November 6, 9:00 a.m.
Worship & Music	Thursday, November 6, 10:00 a.m.
Thursday Bible Study	Thursday, November 6, 1:00 p.m.
Bell Choir	Thursday, November 6, 7:00 p.m.
Confirmation Field Trip, Temple Shomer Emunim – CoC youth will meet in our parking lot	Friday, November 7, 5:15 p.m.



Amanda Worthington Releases Heartwarming Holiday Album: *Christmas with Amanda Worthington*—Next Sunday, November 9, at 3:00 p.m. at Community of Christ

Coming next week, our own Amanda Worthington is delighted to share her love of music and the spirit of the season with a special concert at Community of Christ to mark the release of her second album, *Christmas with Amanda Worthington*. A lifelong member of Community of Christ Lutheran Church, Amanda's musical journey began early, singing in her first choir at the age of 4 with the Community of Christ's Kids of the Kingdom choir. She credits her church family for nurturing her passion for music and faith throughout her life.

A graduate of Anthony Wayne High School and Bowling Green State University (Class of 2009 and 2014), Amanda brings both warmth and professionalism to her performances. Outside of music, she is a dedicated 2nd-grade teacher at Frank Elementary for Perrysburg Schools, where her students inspire her every day. An avid performer, Amanda, has appeared in more than 35 community theatre productions since 1999, showcasing her talent and love for the stage. When she's not singing, teaching, or performing, she enjoys reading, playing cards, snuggling with her beloved poodle, and traveling with her wonderful husband.

With *Christmas with Amanda Worthington*, listeners can expect a joyful blend of classic carols and heartfelt favorites—perfect for celebrating the season. Join us for a free concert at 3:00 p.m. next Sunday, Nov. 9, at Community of Christ, where a free-will offering will benefit the Community of Christ building fund and the Anthony Wayne Community Food Ministry, and where you will also be able to get a copy of Amanda's new album, featuring songs she will have shared with us that day!



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!