



Community of Christ Lutheran Church
18th Sunday after Pentecost, October 12, 2025
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Pastor Stephen C. Bond



THE GATHERING

Welcome

Pastor Stephen Bond

Musical Prelude

“Holy Spirit Ever Dwelling” by John Leavitt

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, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.
Amen.

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God, we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **Amen.**

Hymn

“Oh, Sing to the Lord”

ELW 822

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

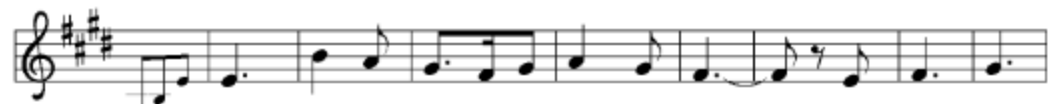
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



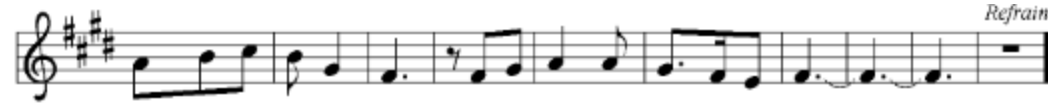
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



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



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



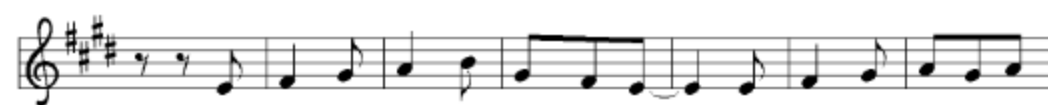
freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



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



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



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



God; to make all things new.

Prayer of the Day

P Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Childrens Sermon

Anthem (10:00 a.m.)

“Offertory” by John Ness Beck

Choir

THE READINGS

The First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman’s wife. ³ She said to her mistress, “If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease.”

⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.”

⁸ But when Elisha, the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.” ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha’s house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean.” ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, “I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, “Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, ‘Wash, and be clean’?” ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a, b, c} Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and

stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel.”

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

The Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore, I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening.

¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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 17:11-19

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

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

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

Sermon

“Everyday Healing Blessings”

Vicar Natalie Downs

Hymn

“Baptized and Set Free”

ELW 453

The Apostles’ 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 Renewed in God’s everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

AM Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

AM Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

AM Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to a right relationship with you and with one another. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

AM Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing; **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, David Reimer, Jacki Sutter, Bonnie Williams, Charlotte Pritchett, Linda Metcalf, Jody Pitchford, Lisa Pitchford, Jason Slowinski, Greg, Judy Carr, Albert Preston, Greg Ganelli....** and all others whom we remember in silence. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

AM Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

AM Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, 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 Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score is written for a President and a Congregation. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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 God thanks and praise." The President's part is indicated by "President:" and the Congregation's part by "Congregation:". The score includes a repeat sign for the phrase "Lift up your hearts.".

President: Congregation:

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****Eucharistic Prayer Continues**

HOLY

Congregation:

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are: 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: *Congregation or Assistant:*



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:



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

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Hymn

“Shepherd Me, O God”
 “Children of the Heavenly Father”

ELW 780

ELW 781

Post Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

AM O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need.

We ask this in Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

Milestones & Announcements:

The Blessing

P The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

ELW 858

Dismissal

AM Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **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: Who Is My Neighbor?

Our Adult Forum starts the fall season off with a new series we are calling, “Who Is My Neighbor?”, which is inspired, as you can imagine, from the question in the gospel that prompts the story we call the Good Samaritan, where Jesus shows us that anyone God sends across our path is a neighbor, and therefore someone for us to love and be loved by. During the weeks of this series, at 9:00 a.m. hour (between services), we will get the chance to hear from voices who can speak to the experience of neighbors near and far whose stories and needs might be quite like our own, or very different. We heard from Pastor Mike Hanck about the community being built by the “Norf-End Neighbors” in the Vistula neighborhood of Toledo. Today, October 12, Synod Staff member Calla Gilson will share about her time doing Young Adult Global Mission work in Israel and Palestine. We will also hear from others who can share about different communities of neighbors around us in the world that God loves. We hope you will join us for these conversations!

Thursday Afternoon Bible Study: “Faithful Rebels—Case Studies in Devout Defiance” Continuing into October, our Thursday Afternoon Bible Study is engaged in an original series we’re calling “Faithful Rebels,” looking at stories of holy troublemakers who went against the flow, spoke up against the powers of the day, or witnesses in countercultural ways in their own times and places. From the Hebrew midwives in Pharaoh’s Egypt who saved the babies that the king ordered to be killed to prophets like Elijah challenging their own leaders, to the men in the fiery furnace refusing to bow down to a golden statue of an arrogant king, the Bible is full of stories in which God worked through people who bravely stood up against the expectations (or official decrees!) of the day as part of their way of living out their faith, caring for those in danger, or pointing to the presence of God in the world. If you have been looking for a good jumping-on point to join a Bible study, this is a great chance to join us! We meet every Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the Bible Study/Council Room here at the church, and we’ll continue to share video summaries each week on the church Facebook page and on YouTube in case you can’t be with us in person. Join us this fall to explore stories of devout defiance from faithful rebels!

Help Us Plant Trees at Salem—TODAY, Sunday, Oct. 12 at 1:00 p.m.!

We will be helping to plant trees at the budding (no pun intended—well, maybe a little!) arboretum adjacent to Salem Lutheran Church as Pastor Mike Hanck and the Norf-End Neighbors organization continue to help improve their community in the Vistula neighborhood of downtown Toledo. If you can join us, we'd love your help and hands--bring a shovel, post-hole digger, work gloves, clothes you can get dirty and sweaty in, and/or any other tools you think might be helpful. It's not too late to sign up at the kiosk and see Pastor Steve with any questions!

October Ladies Lunch – Last One of 2025! Ladies, let's make the final lunch of the year a special one! Join us at Biaggi's Ristorante Italiano (Levi's Commons, Perrysburg, OH) on Friday, October 24, at 11:30 a.m. Bring a friend and enjoy good food and great company! Sign up at the kiosk so we can reserve your spot. Questions? Call Becky King at 419-349-7319. Don't miss out, it's the perfect way to catch up before the year ends!

Boo to Do – A Night of Fun! Thursday, October 23, 2025, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Downtown Waterville Put on your favorite costume and join us for Boo to Do in Downtown Waterville! Community of Christ members, along with local businesses, will be ready with candy, stickers, and small toys to make your evening extra sweet. When you're done filling up your treat bag, stop by the end of Farnsworth Road by River Road to enjoy tasty bites from four yummy food trucks: Detroit Mini Donut, Jimbo's Tasty Chili Dogs, Susie Lynne's Lemonade, and Toledo Chuck Wagon. Bring your family, bring your friends, and don't forget your candy bucket—it's going to be a joyful night for everyone!

BAKING, DECORATING & BAGGING COOKIES!!!! 🍪 🍪 🍪

The Visitation Ministry Team will be baking cookies on **Friday, October 17**. We will meet in the kitchen at 9:00 a.m. to bake, frost, and decorate cookies. Once they have cooled, we will bag them for the afternoon if needed. Come for the whole day, part of the day, or a couple of hours! We can use your help! If you would like to help, please sign up!

Cookie Sunday is fast approaching, October 19! As we have done in the past, there will be bags of 6 cookies each to hand out to those who would like to brighten someone's day, whether it be a friend, teacher, co-worker, grandparent, etc. These bags will be handed out after both the 8:00 and 10:00 services on the 19th.

Casseroles! We will be preparing casseroles on **Thursday, October 23, from 9:00 to noon**. If you can come the entire time, great! If you only have an hour to give, that is welcome too! There will be cards for donations of ingredients in the pocket chart located on the side of the refrigerator in the kitchen. Thank you to everyone who has donated either the ingredients for the casseroles, money to buy the ingredients, or their time to prepare the casseroles. We appreciate your help! Sign up at the kiosk for the 23rd.

Corn Maze Craze – October 19 Our next Anthony Wayne Area Youth Group event is right around the corner! On **Saturday, October 19**, we'll load up the buses at **Community of Christ at 2:15 p.m.** and head to **Gust Brothers Farm** for an afternoon of fall fun—complete with a corn maze, hayride, petting zoo, and fresh doughnuts. All youth in **grades 7–12** are welcome—so bring a friend and join us for this adventure! Please use the QR code below to sign up!



All Saints Day---November 2: We will remember in prayer our family and friends who rest with the Lord. Please include the name of your loved one on the list posted at the kiosk. The deadline for names is Sunday, October 26. Thank you.



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!



Dear Church Family,

The Personnel Committee is inviting you to complete a brief survey to help us provide thoughtful and constructive feedback to Pastor Steve. We piloted this process with a small group last year, and both Pastor Steve and the committee found it to be very helpful and encouraging.

Your insights will help us continue to support Pastor Steve in his ministry and leadership. The survey is simple and should only take a few minutes of your time.

The survey will close on October 22nd.

You can complete it online following the link below, or you can pick up a paper copy in the gathering space and return to the church office if you prefer to fill it out manually. Thank you for your participation and for being an important part of our church community.

In Christ,

The Personnel Committee

Survey Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/MgF9RGcJfm>



Church Office: Please note that the church office will be **closed on Monday, October 13**, in observance of Columbus Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, October 14, and look forward to assisting you then.

2025 Building Loan Fund			
	Income	Expense	Diff.
Sep	\$11,855	\$12,827	(\$972)
YTD	\$123,396	\$117,831	\$5,565
2025 General Fund			
	Income	Expense	Diff.
Sep	\$34,789	\$40,559	(\$5,770)
YTD	\$306,545	\$326,182	\$19,637)

What's Happening

Time, Talent, and Treasure Forms/Cards Due TODAY!
Sunday, October 12
Church Office Closed
Monday, October 13
Singing at Blue Creek
Tuesday, October 14, 10:00 a.m.
Church Council
Tuesday, October 14, 7:00 p.m..
Choir Practice
Wednesday, October 15, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday Bible Study
Thursday, October 16, 1:00 p.m.
NO Bell Choir
Thursday, October 16
Bake, Frost, and Bag Cookies
Friday, October 17, starting at 9:00 a.m.
Waterville Playshop
Saturday, October 18



**Altar Flowers given by Sandy Boehly in Celebration
of Sara's birthday! ❤️**



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!