



Community of Christ Lutheran Church

Reformation Sunday, October 26, 2025

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

Pastor Stephen C. Bond



THE GATHERING

Welcome

Pastor Stephen Bond

Musical Prelude (8:00 a.m.) “Hornpipe” by G.F. Handel
(10:00 a.m.) “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Eric Dickey
Bell Choir

Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

ELW 504

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!

I 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.

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 God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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

Anthem (10:00 a.m.)

“Grace” by Mark Hayes

Choir

THE READINGS

The First Reading: Psalm 46

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;
- ³ though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy habitation of the Most High.

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;

God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶ The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;

God speaks, and the earth melts away.

⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ Come now, regard the works of the Lord,

what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ “Be still, then, and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”

¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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

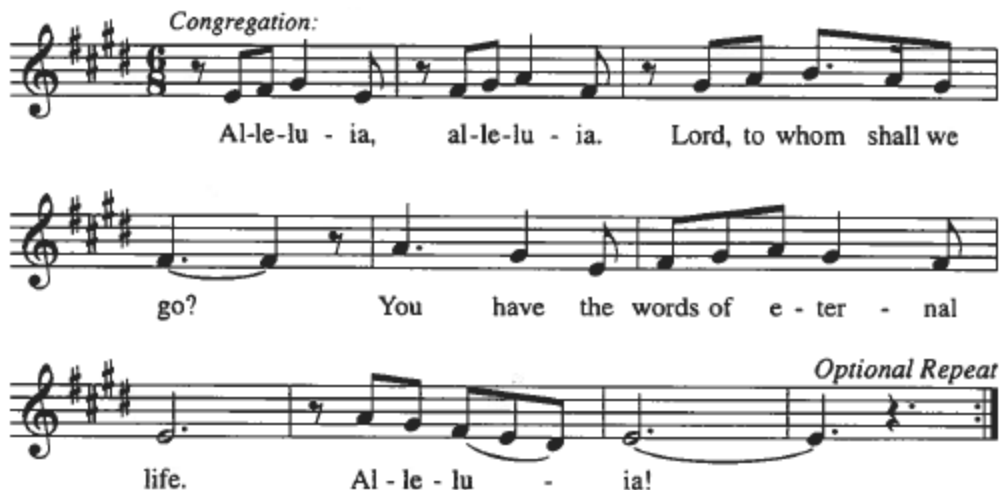
The Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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



The Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36

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

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³ They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴ Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

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

Sermon

“Don't Just Do Something--Sit There!” Pastor Stephen Bond

Hymn

“Listen, God Is Calling”

ELW 513

10:00 a.m.

***Holy Baptism* of Landon Stewart**

(Please refer to your hymnal, page 227)

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 Free your church, O God, with grace, mercy, and love to be transformed by your word. Direct your church to be united in word and deed so that all creation knows the uniting and transforming power of the gospel. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

AM Renew creation, O God, so that all living creatures thrive together. Guide those who work to restore and renew creation. Preserve and care for endangered species throughout the world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

AM O God who breaks the bow and shatters the spear, we pray for peace in all the world. In places where fragile cease-fires are in danger of breaking, strengthen the resolve of those who work for peace. We pray for the reconciliation of enemies in Israel, Gaza, and the West Bank, and for a peace that is lasting and just between Ukraine and Russia, as well as all places that are torn apart by war and violence. Give us your presence, and with it, your peace. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

AM Heal all who suffer, O God, and bring them peace. Draw near to people who are incarcerated. Give hope to people experiencing housing or employment insecurity, oppression, or discrimination. Heal those who are ill; **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, Greg Ganelli, Jessica Queen, Joshua Sanford, Nancy Englehardt, David Reimer, Marlene Cox....** and all others whom we remember in silence. Be our stronghold at all times. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

AM Forgive us our sins, O God, and grant us your grace. Move us to understanding and reconciliation between people of other faiths and other Christian traditions in our

community. Mend hurt feelings and heal wounds we have caused one another. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

AM We give you thanks, O God, for the life and witness of all your saints. Give us hope in your son's victory through the cross. 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 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 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 notation is written on two staves. The first staff is for the Presider and the second is for the Congregation. Both staves are in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Presider: The Lord be with you. **Congregation:** And al - so with

Presider: you. **Congregation:** 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.

**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.

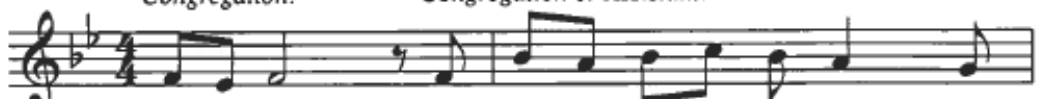
The Lord's Prayer

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"

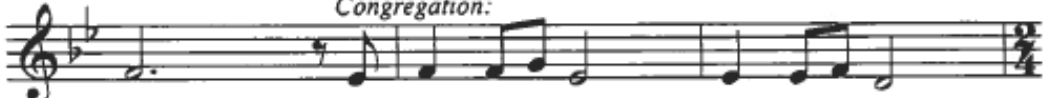
Congregation:



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:



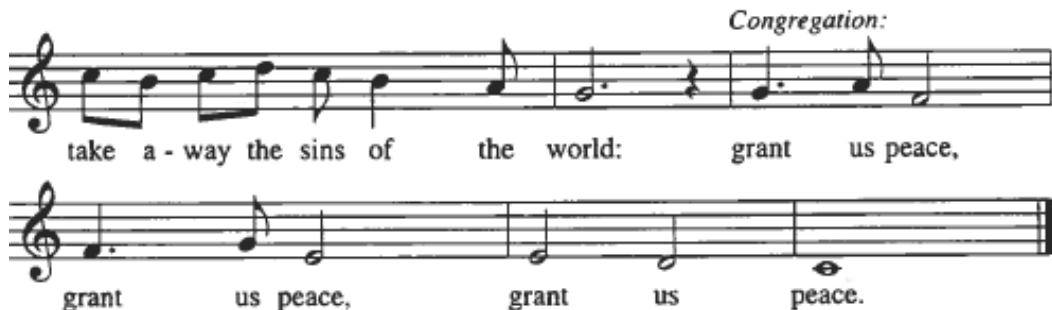
world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
fear:
peace:
love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



(10:00 a.m.)

“Just as I Am”

Bell Choir
Sarah Magoun, Violin

Hymn

“The Church of Christ, in Every Age”
“What Feast of Love”

ELW 729
ELW 487

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

“The Church’s One Foundation”

ELW 654

Anthem (10:00 a.m.)

“The Bless You and Keep You” by Peter Lutkin

Choir

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: 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 from October 26th through November 30th to learn about church music throughout the centuries and listen to various musical examples.

- Session 1 (Today, October 26th): Music of the Bible, Gregorian Chant, morality play, Lutheran Hymnody (Hildegard von Bingen, Martin Luther)
- Session 2 (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

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!

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. **Today is the last day to submit the names of your loved ones.** 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!

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 **Wednesday, November 19**. Let's share God's love by helping make Thanksgiving a little brighter for our neighbors!

*what's happening
this week*

Norma Stark Memorial Garden and Labyrinth Walk	Thursday Bible Study
TODAY, Sunday, October 26, 4:00 p.m.	Thursday, October 30, 1:00 p.m.
Conversations and More	Stewardship
Tuesday, October 28, 1:00 p.m.	Thursday, October 30, 6:00 p.m.
Concert Committee	Bell Choir
Tuesday, October 28, 6:30 p.m.	Thursday, October 30, 7:00 p.m.
Choir Practice	Confirmation Class - Art Museum
Wednesday, October 29, 7:00 p.m.	Saturday, November 1, 10:30 a.m.



**Altar Flowers given by Neil & Susan in celebration of their
32nd Wedding Anniversary! 🙏❤️**



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

Coming next month, 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. on Sunday, Nov. 9, at Community of Christ, where a free-will offering will benefit the Community of Christ building fund and mission partner Salem Lutheran Church, 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!