

Christ Lutheran Church
23425 Davis Mill Road
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A Congregation of the American Association of Lutheran Churches



Our Mission Statement

We strive to be worthy witnesses to the world.

**At Christ Lutheran, we strive to lead lives worthy of our calling as witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ in God's world.
(Ephesians 4:1)**

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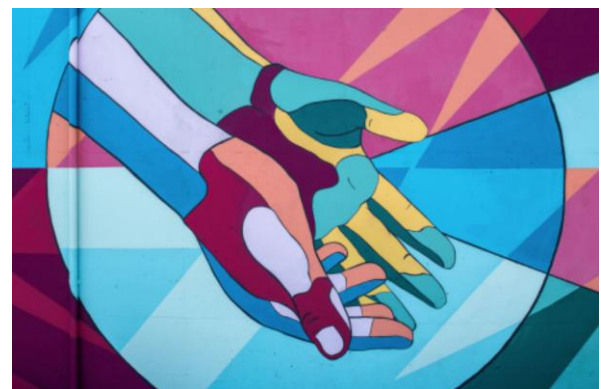
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<p>Fifth Sunday After Pentecost July 13, 2025</p>

During the music before the service let us join in a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare our hearts for worship.

*Please stand as you are able where marked****

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude

******The Confession and Absolution***

Vicar: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Vicar: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(A time of silent reflection and self-examination.)

Vicar: Most merciful God.

People: We confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Vicar: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ, He gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God

******Opening Hymn:***

Let the Whole Creation Cry

Hymn #414

Let the whole creation cry, 'Glory to the Lord on high!'
Heaven and earth, awake and sing, 'God is good and therefore King!'
Praise him, all ye hosts above, Ever bright and fair in love;
Sun and moon, uplift your voice, Night and start, in God rejoice!

Warriors fighting for the Lord, Prophets burning with his word,
Those to whom the arts belong, Add their voices to the song.
Kings of knowledge and of law, To the glorious circle draw;
All who work and all who wait, Sing, 'The Lord is good and great!'

Men and women, young and old, Raise the anthem manifold,
And let children's happy hearts In this worship bear their parts;
From the north to southern pole Let the mighty chorus roll:
'Holy, holy, holy One, Glory be to God alone!'

*****Psalm: Psalm 41 (read responsively)**

Liturgist: ¹ Blessed is he who has regard for the weak;

People: the Lord delivers him in times of trouble.

Liturgist: ² The Lord will protect him and preserve his life;

People: he will bless him in the land and not surrender him to the desires of his foes.

Liturgist: ³ The Lord will sustain him on his sickbed

People: and restore him from his bed of illness.

Liturgist: ⁴ I said, "O Lord, have mercy on me;

People: heal me, for I have sinned against you."

Liturgist: ⁵ My enemies say of me in malice,

People: "When will he die and his name perish?"

Liturgist: ⁶ Whenever one comes to see me, he speaks falsely, while his heart gathers slander;

People: then he goes out and spreads it abroad.

Liturgist: ⁷ All my enemies whisper together against me;

People: they imagine the worst for me, saying,

Liturgist: ⁸ "A vile disease has beset him,

People: he will never get up from the place where he lies."

Liturgist: ⁹ Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread,

People: has lifted up his heel against me.

Liturgist: ¹⁰ But you, O Lord, have mercy on me;

People: raise me up, that I may repay them.

Liturgist: ¹¹ I know that you are pleased with me,

People: for my enemy does not triumph over me.

Liturgist: ¹² In my integrity you uphold me and set me

People: and set me in your presence forever.

Liturgist: ¹³ Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,

People: from everlasting to everlasting. Amen and Amen.

*****The Gloria Patri: (sung)** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*****The Kyrie: (responses are sung)**

Liturgist: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Liturgist: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Liturgist: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Liturgist: Glory be to God on high!

*****Gloria in Excelsis: (sung)** And on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen

*****Collect:**

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Liturgist: Let us pray.

People: Grant, O Lord, we beseech thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by thy governance, that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness; through thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The Scripture Lessons:

First Reading: Leviticus 19:9-18

⁹ “When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰ Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God.

¹¹ “Do not steal. “Do not lie. “Do not deceive one another.

¹² “Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.

¹³ “Do not defraud or rob your neighbor. “Do not hold back the wages of a hired worker overnight.

¹⁴ “Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the LORD.

¹⁵ “Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly.

¹⁶ “Do not go about spreading slander among your people. “Do not do anything that endangers your neighbor’s life. I am the LORD.

¹⁷ “Do not hate a fellow Israelite in your heart. Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in their guilt.

¹⁸ “Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson: Colossians 1:1-14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To God’s holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people— ⁵ the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace. ⁷ You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.



⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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People: Thanks be to God.

The Alleluia: (sung) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Vicar: Lift up your hearts and hear the Holy Gospel as it is recorded in the tenth chapter of Saint Luke, beginning with the twenty-fifth verse.

*****People (sung)** Glory be to thee, O Lord

Gospel Lesson: Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶ “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

²⁷ He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

²⁸ “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

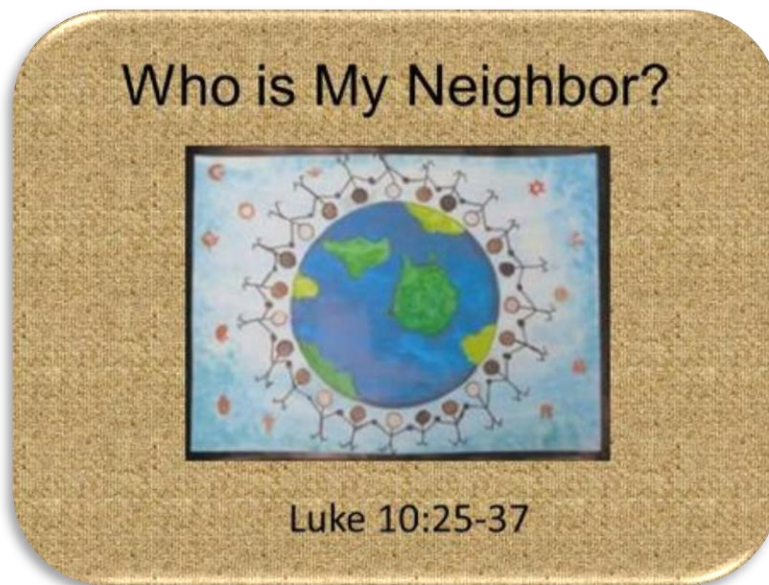
³⁰ In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

³⁶ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

Vicar: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

*****People: (sung)** Praise be to thee, O Christ



Pulpit Hymn:

Make Me A Captive, Lord

Hymn #508

Make me a captive, Lord, And then I shall be free;
Force me to render up my sword, And I shall conqueror be.
I sink in life's alarms When by myself I stand;
Imprison me within thine arms, And strong shall be my hand.

My heart is weak and poor Until it master find;
It has no spring of action sure, It varies with the wind.
It cannot freely move Till thou hast wrought its chain;
Enslave it with thy matchless love, And deathless it shall reign.

My power is faint and low Till I have learned to serve;
It wants the needed fire to glow, It wants the breeze to nerve;
It cannot drive the world Until itself be driven;
Its flag can only be unfurled When thou shalt breathe from heaven.

My will is not my own Till thou hast made it thine;
If it would reach a monarch's throne It must its crown resign;
It only stands unbent Amid the clashing strife,
When on thy bosom it has leant And found in thee its life.



The Sermon Response: (sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation and uphold me with thy free spirit.

******Passing of the Peace***

******The Apostles' Creed:***

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

******The General Prayer: (after each petition)***

Vicar: Lord in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

******The Lord's Prayer:***

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, For ever and ever. Amen.

******The Prayer Response: (sung)***

Hear our prayer, O Lord. Hear our prayer, O Lord. Incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace. Amen.

******The Benediction:***

Vicar: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: (sung) A-men, A-men, A----men.

On our way rejoicing Gladly let us go;
Conquered hath our Leader, Vanquished is the foe.
Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;
Who, if we be faithful, Can our hope destroy? (*Chorus*)

*On our way rejoicing As we forward move,
Hearken to our praises, O thou God of love!*

If with honest hearted Love for God and man,
Day by day thou find us Doing what we can,
Thou who giv'st the seedtime Wilt give large increase,
Crown the head with blessings, Fill the heart with peace. (*Chorus*)

Unto God the Father Joyful songs we sing,
Unto God the Saviour Thankful hearts we bring,
Unto God the Spirit Bow we and adore,
On our way rejoicing Now and evermore. (*Chorus*)

Prayers and Praises:

For our church leaders:

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Dr. Carey G. Larson
Assistant Presiding Pastor: Rev. Roger Twito
AALC Administrator: Rev. Dean Stoner
Secretary Pastor: Rev. Joe Marsh
Home Mission Developer: Rev. Joe Christina
National Office Manager: Bonnie Ohlrich
Seminary President: Rev. Dr. Jordan Cooper
Seminary Administrator: Duane Kleven

Robin Nicholson	Hope Johnston	Dorothy Foster	Paul Beall
Rebecca Robinson	Bill Trall	Harvey Jester	Justin Serene
Fred Carlson	Bob Petersen	Norita Shipley	Audrey & Irv Stapf
Debbie Stapf	Danny Beall	Caroline Riewertz	Ben Flynn
Terri & Mike Taylor	Bob & Mike Wolfgang	Art Delagrange	Janice Delagrange
Helen Gibson	Rodney Perini	Mary Neighly	Nelly Estrada

For those that have suffered loss, due to hurricanes, fires, and other natural disasters

For the President and the leaders of our nation

For those in the armed Services: Grace Gorevin, Zach Gorevin, Christopher Clarke,
Bethany Hueter, Cameron Donk, Ethan Stone, Wendy Ahern, Kris Johnson

For our Seminary Students: Chris Clarke, Kris Johnson

For a Region congregation: Pastor Chuck Sandison, Christ the King Lutheran Church, Chesterfield, MI

For our missionary work: Damascus HELP

For those being persecuted for their faith in Christ

For the congregations of our Germantown/Clarksburg/Damascus community: Saint Anne's Episcopal Church

For the congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches

For our college students: Maddie Day, Joseph Flesch, Jude Stapf, Paul Stapf

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Men's Bible Study: Tuesday - 1:30 PM at Joe Flesch's home.**
- **Women's Bible Study: Wednesday - Will resume July 16th.**
- **Adult Sunday School: Will resume in the fall.**
- **Children's Sunday School: Will resume in the fall.**
- **You may continue to watch the Sunday services (10:30 AM) via Livestream on Facebook – Christ Lutheran Church AALC. The Bulletins for the services are on our website: clcmd.org or christlutheranofgermantown.org. The video of every livestream is on our Facebook page. You can access the livestream by clicking the link at the bottom of the first page of our website or by visiting the Facebook page directly. Be sure to click on the 'videos' tab.**
- **Our Annual Church Picnic will be held at Bruce's house, on Saturday, August 16th, with a rain date of Sunday, August 17th. More details to come.**
- **We are collecting supplies for Faith in Action's Annual School Supply Drive. A bin is located by the water fountain. The last day for collection will be Sunday, August 10th.**
- **Church Council will meet next Sunday, July 20th. Reports are due to Carrie by Tuesday, July 15th.**

Name: _____

Date: _____

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and love your neighbour as yourself." Luke 10:27

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