Christ Lutheran Church
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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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Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 8, 2026

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***

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.
Pastor: 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.)
Pastor: 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
Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

Opening Hymn: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus Hymnal #551

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the Cross,
Lift high his royal banner, It must not suffer loss;
From victory unto victory His army he shall lead,
Till every foe is vanquished, And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict In this his glorious day:
Ye that are men, now serve him Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger, And strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own:
Put on the gospel armor, Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger, Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle, The next the victor's song:
To him that overcometh A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory Shall reign eternally.

******Psalm:*** **Psalm 70 (read responsively)**
Liturgist: Hasten, O God, to save me;
People: O Lord, come quickly to help me.
Liturgist: May those who seek my life be put to shame and confusion;
People: may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace.
Liturgist: May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!"
People: turn back because of their shame.
Liturgist: But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
People: may those who love your salvation always say, "Let God be exalted!"
Liturgist: Yet I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God. You are my help and my deliverer;
People: O Lord, do not delay.

******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: Absolve, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy people from their offences; that from the bonds of our sins which, by reason of our frailty, we have brought upon us, we may be delivered by the bountiful goodness; 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: Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light, 19 as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house
and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him. 20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and
not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? 21 "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in
your solemn assemblies. 22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will
not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. 23 Take
away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. 24 But let justice
roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may
not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even
so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you
by a word from the Lord,[a] that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not
precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of
command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in
Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in
the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage
one another with these words.

Liturgist: This is the word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

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

Liturgist: Lift up your hearts and hear the Holy Gospel as it is recorded in the twenty-fifth chapter of Saint Matthew beginning with the first verse.
*****People (sung)** Glory be to thee, O Lord

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13

1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet
the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their
lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom
was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the
bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the
foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise
answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy
for yourselves.' 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready
went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came
also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.'
13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Liturgist: This is the Gospel of our Lord.
*****People:** ***(sung)*** *Praise be to thee, O Christ*

Children's Sermon: ***Jeane Flesch***

Are You Ready?



Pulpit Hymn: ***O For a Faith that Will not Shrink*** ***Hymnal #395***

O for a faith that will not shrink, Though pressed by many a foe,
That will not tremble on the brink Of poverty or woe;

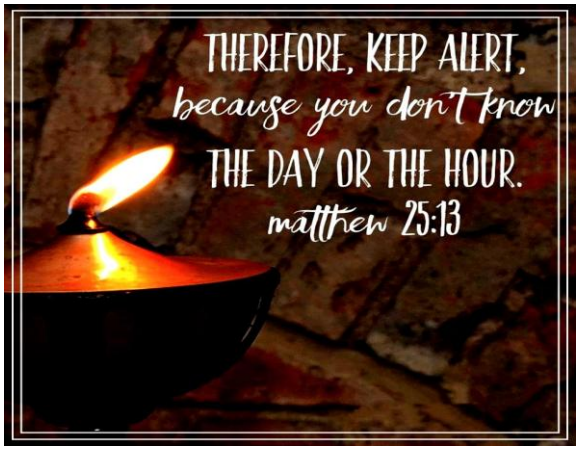
That will not murmur nor complain Beneath the chastening rod,
But in the hour of grief or pain Can lean upon its God;

A faith that shines more bright and clear When tempests rage without,
That when in danger knows no fear, In darkness feels no doubt;

A faith that keeps the narrow way Till life's last hour is fled,
And with a pure and heavenly ray Lights up a dying bed.

Lord, give me such a faith as this, And then, whate'er may come,
I taste e'en now the hallowed bliss Of an eternal home.

Sermon: ***Vicar Chris Clarke***



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)***

Liturgist: 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****:*

Pastor: 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.*

******Closing Hymn: The Church's One Foundation Hymn #149***

The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation By water and the word:
From heaven he came and sought her To be his holy bride,
With his own Blood he bought her, And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won,
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with thee.

******The Postlude***

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	Rev. Joe Christina
Rebecca Robinson	Bill Trall	Harvey Jester	Justin Serene
Fred Carlson	Norita Shipley	Jimmy Beall	The Shriver family
Ben Flynn	Carolyn Kelly	The Gray family	Paul Beall
Sharon Fraley	The Stapf family	The Fry family	

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, Ethan Stone, Wendy Ahern, Kris Johnson
For our Seminary Students: Chris Clarke, Kris Johnson
For a Region congregation: Pastor Joe Christina, Christus Victor Lutheran Church, Fayetteville, NC
For our missionary work: Care Net Frederick
For those being persecuted for their faith in Christ
For the congregations of our Germantown/Clarksburg/Damascus community: St. Anne's Episcopal Church
For the congregations of the American Association of Lutheran Churches
For our college students: Maddie Day, Jude Stapf, Paul Stapf, Jenna Perini, Gianna Clarke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Men's Bible Study: Monday – 11 AM at Joe's home.**
- **Women's Bible Study: Wednesday – 10 AM at Church in the Adult Sunday School room.**
- **Adult and Children's Sunday – Sunday morning at 9:30 AM**
- **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.**
- **We will be collecting flour and sugar for Damascus HELP during the month of November. There is a collection bin in the Narthex.**
- **There are many shoeboxes in the Narthex for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas. They are due by November 15th.**