



Community of Christ Lutheran Church
Michael and All Angels, Sunday
September 29, 2024, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Pastor Stephen C. Bond



THE GATHERING

Welcome

Pastor Steve Bond

Musical Prelude

“Sonata Pathétique” by Beethoven

Eric Dickey

WE REMEMBER OUR BAPTISM

“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 and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first, we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace, you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

“Jesus Shall Reign”

ELW 434

VS 3 high voices – VS 4 low voices

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.**

The congregation will sing the refrain only

Refrain

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

The Pastor will sing the verses

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus-tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

P Everlasting God, you have wonderfully established the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as Michael and the angels contend against the cosmic forces of evil, so by your direction, they may help and defend us here on earth, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God whom we worship and praise with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, now and forever. **Amen.**

Childrens Sermon

THE READINGS

The First Reading: Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

¹⁰A hand touched me and roused me to my hands and knees. ¹¹He said to me, “Daniel, greatly beloved, pay attention to the words that I am going to speak to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you.” So while he was speaking this word to me, I stood up trembling. ¹²He said to me, “Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your mind to gain understanding and to humble yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words. ¹³But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me twenty-one days. So Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, and I left him there with the prince of the kingdom of Persia, ¹⁴and have come to help you understand what is to happen to your people at the end of days. For there is a further vision for those days.

^{12:1}“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

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

The Second Reading: Revelation 12:7-12

⁷War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, ⁸but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. ⁹The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

¹⁰Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

“Now have come the salvation and the power
 and the kingdom of our God
 and the authority of his Messiah,
 for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,
 who accuses them day and night before our God.
¹¹But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
 and by the word of their testimony,
 for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.
¹²Rejoice then, you heavens
 and those who dwell in them!
 But woe to the earth and the sea,
 for the devil has come down to you
 with great wrath,
 because he knows that his time is short!”

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

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 10:17-20

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

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” ¹⁸He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not

rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

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

Sermon

"Who is like God?"

Vicar Natalie Downs

Hymn

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

ELW 424

The Apostle’s 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 Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God’s good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

AM We pray for the church and its leaders: for council members and music ministers, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Make us faithful messengers of your love in a world hungry for good news. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

AM We pray for the flourishing of all that you have made, for birds and squirrels, spiders and whales, oak trees, and humble grasses. Renew prairies and forests, tundra and wetlands, that they sustain all who make their home there. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

AM We pray for the peoples of the world and for their leaders. Where conflict and violence reign, bring peace; wherever there is oppression or discrimination, bring liberation. Guide all in power to protect those who are most vulnerable. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

AM We pray for all who are suffering this day; **Tom Jennings, Sue & Jim Enk, Christal & Chad Pritchard, Frank O’Konski, Larry Geer, Troy Bernhard, Susie Donnal, Ron Hetherwick, Jack Miller, Martina Benton, Andy Mehl, Tom Szor, Flo Hannum, Debbie Carman, Phyllis Sturgeon, Janet Dellinger, Fred Kyle, Bob Preston....** and all others whom we remember in silence. Accompany people fleeing from danger and encourage all who help them on their journeys. Abide with all who are in prison or detention centers. Reassure them of your steadfast love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

AM We pray for all who question their faith. Fill our dry wells with your living water and reassure all who doubt of your boundless grace. Let us accompany all in discernment with open hearts and tender care. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

AM We offer thanksgiving for our beloved dead. At the close of our earthly pilgrimage, gather us with Michael and all the saints and angels into everlasting life in you. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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. A “gluten-free” host option is available upon request as well.

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.

The congregation continues to stand during Tithes and Offerings if you are able.

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 Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, and Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

****The Eucharistic Prayer Continues.....**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Institution

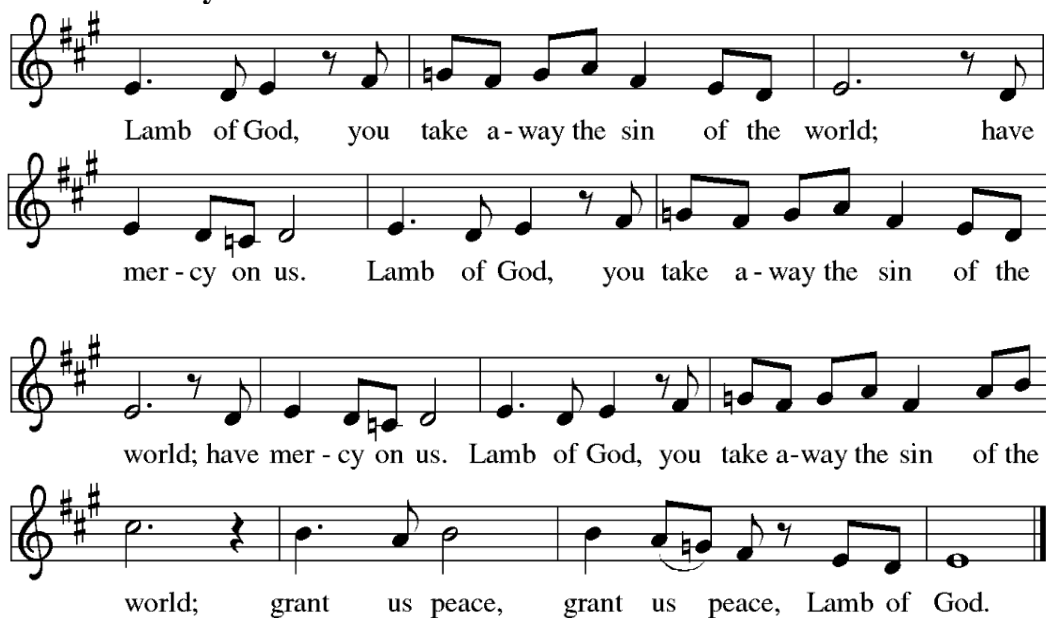
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Jesus said, Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, 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** **O**ur 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”



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Hymn

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence!”

ELW 490

“Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

ELW 752

Post Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

AM Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SENDING

Milestones & Announcements:

The Blessing

P God all mighty, God most merciful ✝ bless you, keep you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ELW 834

Dismissal

AM Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

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

Worship SERVICES

“Making Jesus Known”

Welcome to Community of Christ! Thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning! **TODAY** we are back with our **TWO** Worship Services, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. with Facebook Live at

10:00 a.m. *Join us in between for Sunday School!* Classes will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 9:50 a.m., for adults and kids of all ages. Join us as we resume our regular rhythm! See you next week and don't forget to Bring a Friend!!



*****ATTENTION Members and Friends*****
SPONSORED WEEKENDS HAVE NOT
BEEN TURNED IN***

If you have sponsored a weekend for Altar Flowers and have not turned in your envelope(s) please do so no later than the Sunday before that weekend so this can be shared in the bulletin. Thank you ✝

**Altar Flowers are given by Barb Thober in memory of
John Thober on the 20th Anniversary of his death ❤️**

Sunday Morning Adult Forum Series

Join US for our Adult Bible Series, "Held in Trust," intended to help us see our whole lives in response to God's goodness. We will meet between services (from about 9:15 to 9:45 a.m.) in the library. This is a six-part series looking at everything as a gift of God, and our role as stewards of those gifts. Beyond just thinking about "how we raise money to pay the church's bills," we'll be exploring a whole-life perspective that sees our time, our talents, our treasures, and creation itself as gifts held in trust, for which we are caregivers. Over these weeks, we'll gain a new perspective on everything in our lives, with a look at both biblical ideas of stewardship and practical connections for our daily lives. In today's session, we will discuss "*For the Sake of the Body*": Tapping Our Talents. Upcoming sessions to include *Oct. 6—Where Our Treasure Is: Rethinking Money and Faith*, *Oct. 13—Stewards of Time: Making the Most of Each Day* *Oct. 20—Unexpected Gifts: Offering Our Weaknesses*

New Bible Study Series: "Freed... For Love" Explores Galatians!

We live in a culture where ads promise us great deals and promotions for "free," but they always come with fine print, conditions, or limits. What if the Good News of Jesus were different, and we really were freed without a catch--what if we were freed... FOR LOVE? That's the question at the heart of Paul's letter to the Galatians, and it's where our Thursday Bible Study series will take us. Starting right now, you can join us in person at 1:00 p.m. at Community of Christ for a deep dive into an important letter of the New Testament and the BIG questions like, "What puts me in the right relationship with God?" or "How does Jesus welcome outsiders?" and "What am I freed FOR in my life?" Everybody is welcome, and if you can't make a session in person, you can catch up online with our weekly video summary sessions which you can find on our Facebook page and YouTube. Come check out what it means to be freed... for love!

Welcome Table Wednesdays Continues

This fall, we've invited children, families, and adults to a weekly gathering on Wednesday evenings with food, fellowship, and faith activities for all ages. Our Welcome Table Wednesdays kicked off on Wednesday, September 4th with dinner from 6:00-7:00 p.m., activities that were especially geared for kids and families, but also open to everyone at 7:00. We invited those who were planning to be in the

choir this fall to bring their kids along to church, as a great way for them to do fun and faithful activities with music, art, stories, and games while parents join the choir! If you haven't been able to join but would like to, it's not too late! Join us, on October 2 and 9 for fellowship, dinner, and fun! *Sign up at the kiosk* in the church gathering space today! You can see more FUN pictures in our newsletter or on our Facebook page!

Curious about the choir?

Come check out the choir on Wednesday nights from 7-8 as we prepare for singing during the services on 10.13, 10.27, 11.24, 12.8, and 12.22. More information on the kiosk.

Community of Christ Hosts Blessing of the Animals--October 5th, 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. Animals are one of the wonders of God's creation, and our pets are especially dear to us as members of our households and families. So, this fall, Community of Christ is offering a chance to participate in the tradition of having a Blessing of the Animals as a way of offering specific thanks to God for our pets and asking for God's blessing on them. If you would like to bring your pet for this experience, we'll be offering a window of time when you can come to the front door of the church building (the doors with the benches) and Pastor Steve will offer prayers of blessing, as well as a special tag that can go on a leash or collar as a reminder of God's love and care for all creatures. The blessing of individual pets doesn't take long (pets tend not to like to sit through long sermons), but you can come anytime between 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m. outside the main entrance to the church. Bring your dog, cat, rabbit, turtle, or whatever other creatures you like, and we'll have a one-on-one chance to give thanks to God for them and to ask God's blessing on them as well, any time during that hour. We hope you'll take a moment to bring your pets and give thanks to God for the companionship and love they bring into our lives!

Property Announcement - Dear Members and Friends, The Property Committee has recently faced a few challenges. We've had to replace the air conditioner in the Fellowship Hall and repair a leak in the roof. These unexpected expenses have significantly reduced our Capital Improvement Fund. To help replenish our fund, we kindly ask that you consider directing any extra offerings to the Capital Improvement Fund. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated as we work to maintain and improve our beautiful church. Thank you for your continued support and contributions. Blessings, the Property Committee

Concert Committee Community of Christ has a long and rich tradition of hosting musical events like concerts, recitals, and other performances. Our current worship space was designed with concert acoustics in mind as well as our Sunday services, and our 50th anniversary events last year included several special concerts that many had the chance to enjoy. Moving forward, we are rebooting our Concert Committee in the hopes of continuing to host special events and musical performances for the wider community, and we already have some ideas in the works for this fall. We would LOVE your help to bring special events like this to Community of Christ, so if you are excited about the idea of hosting more concerts and special performances here, join us for an organizational meeting on Tuesday, October 8, at 6:00 p.m. (in the hour before council) to help us get the rejuvenated Concert Committee off the ground!

Worship Services
 Available on the net
 at www.commofchrist.org
 OR you can use your cell
 phone camera to access our
 website with our QR code!



What's Happening This Week?



Ladies Bible Study
Tuesday, October 1
LWR Quilt Ministry
Tuesday, October 1
Welcome Table Wednesday
Wednesday, September 25
Choir Practice
Wednesday, September 25
Thursday Bible Study
Thursday, September 26
Bell Choir
Thursday, September 26
Last Day for our Festival of Talents
Today, September 29

**Time, Talent, and
Treasure Forms Due**
 Sunday, October 13