



Community of Christ Lutheran Church
21st Sunday after Pentecost
October 13, 2024, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Pastor Stephen C. Bond



THE GATHERING

Welcome

Pastor Steve Bond

Musical Prelude

“Largo” by Antonio Vivaldi

Eric Dickey

10:00 a.m.

“Alleluia Sing to Jesus”

Bell Choir

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

“Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

ELW 669

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 Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Childrens Sermon

Anthem 10:00 a.m.

“Breathe on Me Breath of God”

Choir

Duet by Doug Ackerman & Don Schroeder

THE READINGS

The First Reading: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live,

or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.
L The Word of the Lord C Thanks be to God!

The Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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: Mark 10:17-31

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

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

Sermon

"All That You Can't Leave Behind" Pastor Steve Bond

Hymn

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

ELW 655

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 Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

AM Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

AM Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

AM Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, so that all may live in peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

AM Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely; **Tom Jennings, Sue & Jim Enk, Christal & Chad Pritchard, Frank O'Konski, Larry Geer, Luke Holtz, Susie Donnal, Ron Hetherwick, Jack Miller, Martina Benton, Janet Dellinger, Kathy Reichenback, Karen Schroeder, Jake Cope, Isaac Evans, Tom Szor, Debbie Carman....** and all others whom we remember in silence. Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

AM Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land. We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

AM Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living. We especially give thanks to Troy Bernhard. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. **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.*

****Today, we are collecting your Time & Talent Forms and Commitment Cards. Please feel free to bring them forward and place them in the collection plate at this time. 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

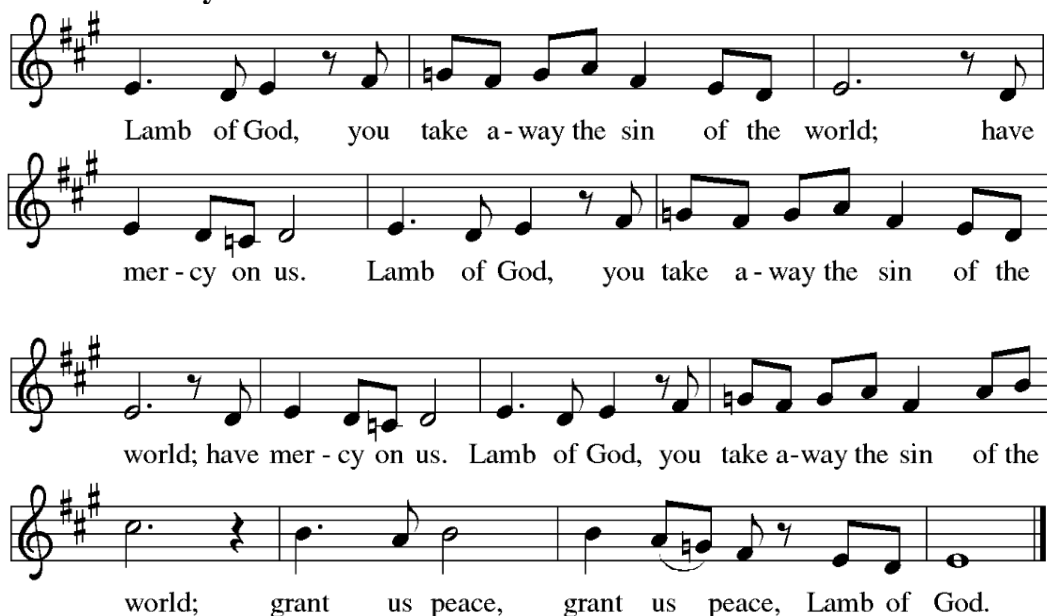
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Jesus said, Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,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



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.

Communion Anthem 10:00 a.m.

“Borning Cry”

Bell Choir

Hymn

“By Your Hand You Feed Your People”

ELW 469

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

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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.

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 Sandy Boehly in Honor of Sara's Birthday! ❤️

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 - 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 —*Stewards of Time: Making the Most of Each Day* and next week, *Oct. 20—Unexpected Gifts: Offering Our Weaknesses*.

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!

Ladies Bible Study starting November 5th, we will study Kristi McLelland's, "Luke in the Land". This seven-week video with a study guide allows us to explore the land of Israel based on the Gospel of Luke. We will explore Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee, Gethsemane, Jerusalem, and the road to Emmaus. Along the way, we'll see how Jesus brought His kingdom to earth for everybody. Please sign up at the kiosk. Plus be sure to order the study guide 'Luke in the Land'. The class will start @ 8:30 a.m. and go on until 10:00 a.m. Any questions? Call Becky King @ 419-349-7319

We will be wrapping up the Ladies Lunch for 2024 at Carrabba's Italian Grill on Friday, Oct. 25th @ 11:30 a.m. located at 3405 Briarfield Blvd Maumee, OH. **Please note Carrabba's does not take reservations but call-ahead seating so I will be calling in @ 11:00 a.m. Please keep me updated about your attendance so I can have as accurate of a count as possible. Sign up at the kiosk! Questions?? Call me @ 419-349-7319. see you then- Becky King

Lutheran Disaster Response: As we witness the impact of Hurricane Helene and Milton, we can accompany our prayers with support for the critical work of Lutheran Disaster Response which is on the ground with the communities most deeply affected. Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to Hurricane Helene and other disasters, whenever and wherever they strike. Your

gifts help our church provide immediate relief, such as water, clothing, gift cards, tarps, and other needs. Since many hurricanes also require a long-term response, Lutheran Disaster Response supports the long road to recovery with disaster case management, construction management, unmet needs, and emotional and spiritual care. If you wish to donate, please make checks payable to Community of Christ and place your designation in the memo line or if this is a gift of cash, please place your name, the amount, and designation on the envelope. Thank you and Christ's Blessings to you.

Curious about the choir?

Come check out the choir on Wednesday nights from 7 to 8 as we prepare to sing during the services on 10.27, 11.24, 12.8, and 12.22. There is more information on the kiosk.

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?



Youth and Education
Monday, October 14, 6:30 p.m.
Ladies Bible Study
Tuesday, October 15, 8:30 p.m.
LWR Quilt Ministry
Tuesday, October 15, 10:00 a.m.
Book Club
Tuesday, October 15, 1:00 p.m.
Stewardship Meeting
Tuesday, October 15, 7:00 p.m.

Choir Practice
Wednesday, October 16, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday Bible Study
Thursday, October 17, 1:00 p.m.
Bell Choir
Thursday, October 17, 7:30 p.m.
Time, Talent, and Treasure Forms/Cards Due TODAY!
Sunday, October 13