



Community of Christ Lutheran Church
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
October 20, 2024, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Pastor Stephen C. Bond



THE GATHERING

Welcome

Pastor Steve Bond

Musical Prelude

“Horn Pipe” by Fr. Water Music by G.F. Handel

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

“Thine the Amen”

ELW 826

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

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the people on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **P Amen.**

Childrens Sermon

THE READINGS

The First Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;

yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,

he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

The Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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 10:35-45

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

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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

Sermon

" Serving Downward"

Vicar Natalie Downs

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 Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless bishops, pastors, and deacons with humble wisdom and ground them in your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

AM Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

AM Empowering One, fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions, and immigration status. May economic equity be achieved for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

AM Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who are injured or ill. Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with your comfort and peace; **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, Jake Cope, Isaac Evans, Tom Szor, Debbie Carman, Alexis, Eli & baby Bibler, Cory Kaczor, Marion Buffington....** and all others whom we remember in silence. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

AM Abiding One, you call pastors to shepherd the congregation toward faithful living as servants and followers of Jesus. Inspire all ordained ministers and seminarians, Pastor Steve and Vicar Natalie to ministry that challenges, engages, and comforts those in their care. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

AM Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John and all saints who have faithfully served you. We rejoice in a promised place at the feast of victory that we receive by your grace alone. 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.*

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.

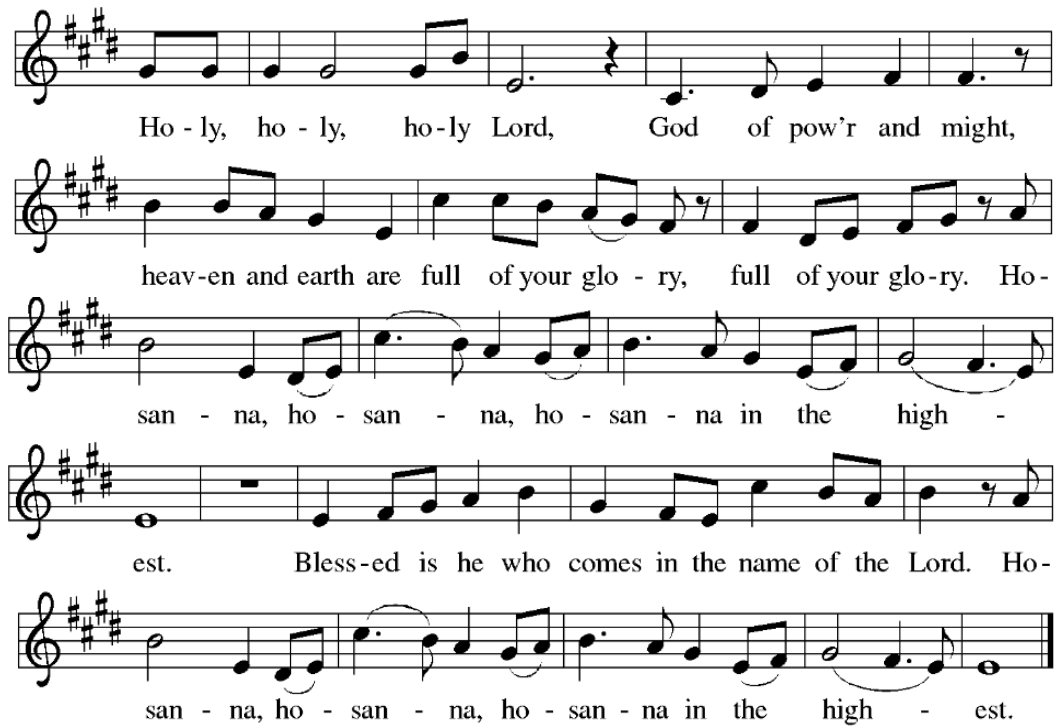
P Lift up your hearts.

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

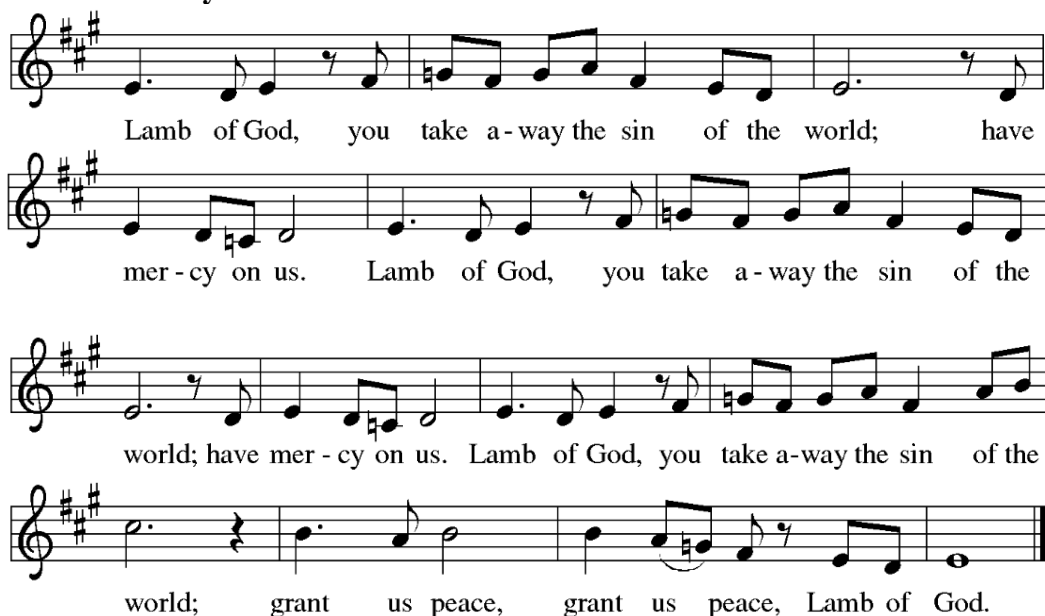
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Jesus said, Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,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

Hymn

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

ELW 708

“On Eagles Wings”

ELW 787

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

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

ELW 551

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!!



Altar Flowers are given by Doris Disher in memory of
Leslie's Birthday and 63rd Anniversary ❤️

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 *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!

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 at the kiosk.

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 wrap 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.



****All Saints Day – November 3****

On this special day, 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.

****Deadline for names: Sunday, October 27.****

Thank you for joining us in this remembrance.



It's that wonderful time of year! We invite you and your family to dedicate a poinsettia in honor 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 can pick up your flowers after our 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. Thank you!
Poinsettia Order: \$10.00 per plant. You can choose from Pink, Red, or White.

**** Orders must be received by Sunday, November 10, 2024. ****

Benefit Organ Concert - Join us on Sunday, November 24, at 3:00 p.m. for an organ recital featuring four talented NWO organists: Eric Dickey, Jacob Henry, Kate Philabaum, and Pam Stover. A freewill offering will be collected, with proceeds supporting Hurricane Relief and the Community of Christ Building Fund. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy beautiful music while making a difference!

Urban Wholistics, an urban garden where several members have volunteered downtown doing weeding and harvesting these past 2 summers, is hosting its Golden Hour Gala on Friday, October 25th, at the Crosby Conference Center in the Toledo Botanical Gardens. Cost - \$30 per adult. All youth are welcome to attend for FREE with an adult ticket purchase.

Link to the Urban Wholistics website:

<https://www.urbanwholistics.org/gala>

Join us for Boo-To-Do DT Waterville Hey kids! Bring your parents and stop by our spooky booth in Downtown Waterville during the WACC Boo-to-Do event on Thursday, October 24 from 5 to 7 p.m. We'll have some Halloween goodies and fun games! See you there and bring a friend!!!

AW Youth Ministry - Friends from several area congregations will be meeting again on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 6:30 p.m. to collaborate on more Anthony Wayne area joint youth ministry ventures, building on the success of our Fall Kick-off event at the start of the school year. We would love your ideas, input, and presence if you would like to help us create and plan new events for junior and senior high school youth! Join us on Oct. 29 here at CoC!



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

What's Happening This Week?



Social Action Meeting
Tuesday, October 22, 7:00 p.m.
Choir Practice
Wednesday, October 23, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday Bible Study
Thursday, October 24, 1:00 p.m.
Boo-To-Do DT Waterville
Thursday, October 24, 5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.
Bell Choir
Thursday, October 24, 7:00 p.m.
Ladies Lunch
Friday, October 25, 11:30 p.m.
AW Youth Ministry Meeting
Tuesday, October 29, 6:30 p.m.



Did one of our Bible readings capture your attention today? Was there a story you could picture in your mind? Did a phrase from a hymn or a thought from the sermon start some new ideas or inspire some reflection? Did a Scripture passage spark a question for you to think about? Use this space here as an open canvas for your faithful imagination: you can draw a picture of something you pictured, write a question, take

notes from the message or scriptures, or doodle your faith into a visible form here. Then, either take it with you or leave your thoughts and images here to be shared in an ongoing collection here at Community of Christ!