## The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

## August 6, 2023

**As We Gather -** Without explaining Himself and to the surprise of those He chose, God decided to use the people who eventually became the nation of Israel to save all people. Likewise, He has graciously invited us and all people to join them, solely because we trust His promises. Recognizing that faith, not physical descent, is the factor that includes one in God's promises, Paul laments that most of his Jewish friends have rejected God's Son, Jesus Christ. To those who follow our Lord, the disciples learn in today's Gospel, God's grace even invites them to serve as His instruments in caring for the people around them. Today we rejoice in God's invitation to us, and we ask His blessings as we seek to extend His gracious invitation to those who do not yet know Christ as their Savior.

**Offering and Registry of Worship Cards:** Please fill out a Registry of Worship Card found in the pew racks. We ask that you print the names of every person in your family, indicating if they take communion. One side of the card is for members and the other side for guests. As the offering is collected, pass the cards to the center aisle so our ushers can gather them.

**Saturday Worship:** Offerings and Worship Cards will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

**About Protecting the Healthy:** To protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms of an infectious illness are highly encouraged to stay home. Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God's gifts in worship.

# **GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.**

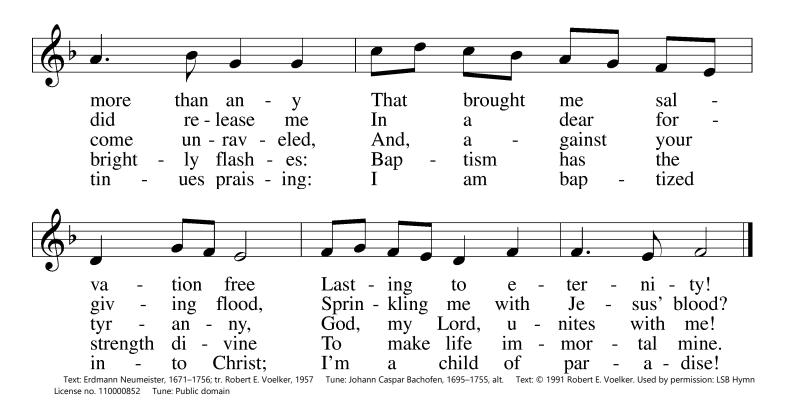
**Prelude and Meditation:** Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

## Prelude:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS The Greeting and Sharing of Peace (stand)

#### **Confession and Absolution**





#### Stand The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

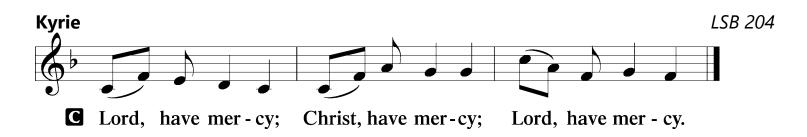
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

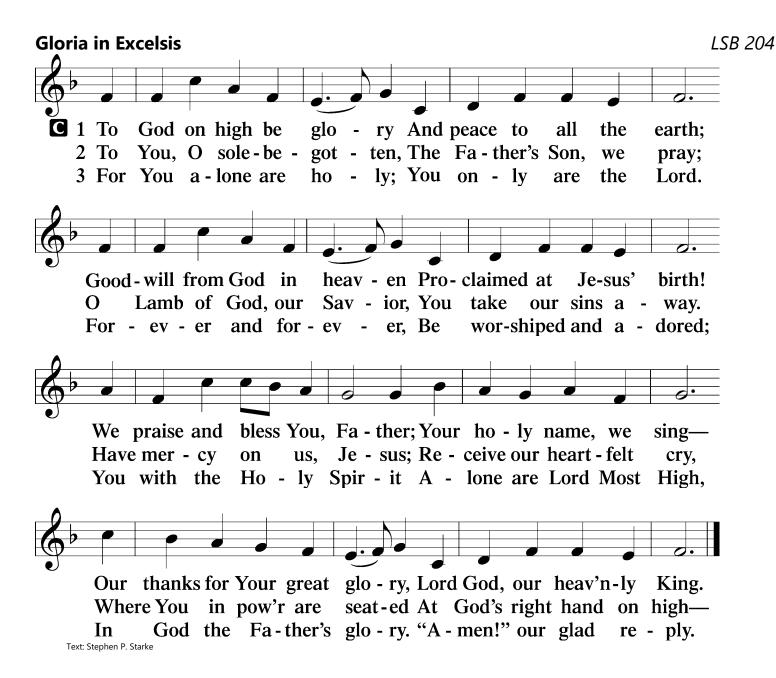
## Service of the Word

## Introit

 Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!
 He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.

- They asked, and he brought quail, and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.
   He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.
- For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant.
   So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
  as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
  Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!





#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

## **G** And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### **Old Testament Reading**

<sup>1</sup>"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

#### **G** Thanks be to God.

#### **Epistle**

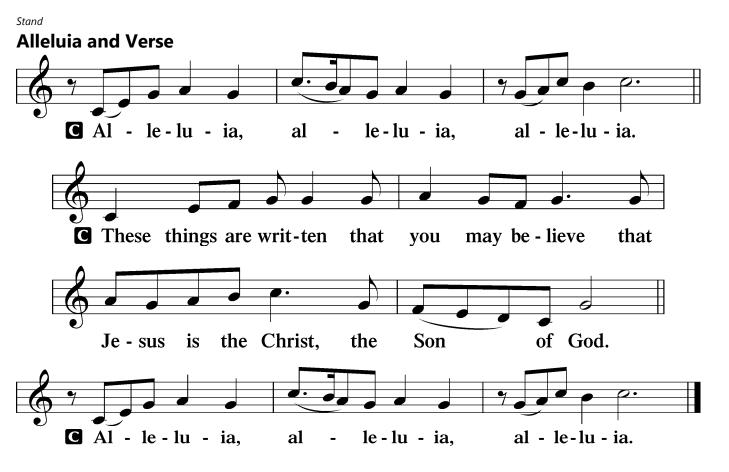
#### Romans 9:1–13

<sup>1</sup>I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— <sup>2</sup>that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. <sup>5</sup>To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

<sup>6</sup>But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, <sup>7</sup>and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." <sup>8</sup>This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. <sup>9</sup>For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son." <sup>10</sup>And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, <sup>11</sup>though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call—<sup>12</sup>she was told, "The older will serve the younger." <sup>13</sup>As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Sit



#### **Holy Gospel**

Matthew 14:13-21

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

# Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup>Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

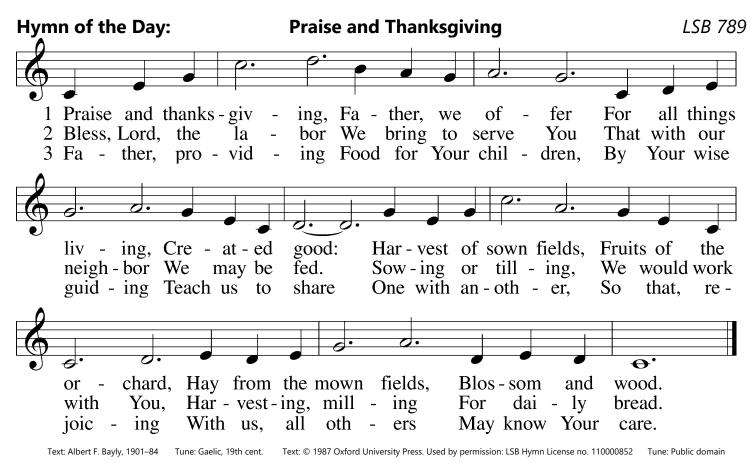
**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all С things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

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#### Stand Prayer of the Church

#### Sit Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings (Sunday Only) Registry of Worship Cards (Sunday Only) – Please pass your completed cards to the

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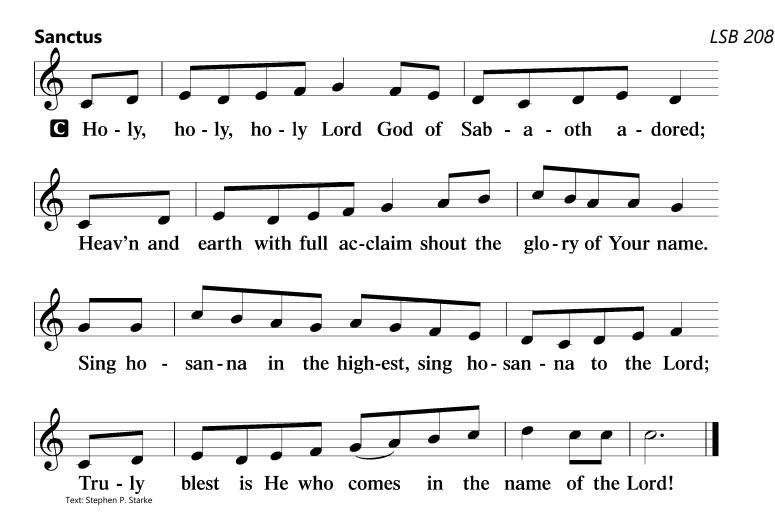
## Service of the Sacrament

#### Stand

#### Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

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## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

#### 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 forever and ever. Amen.

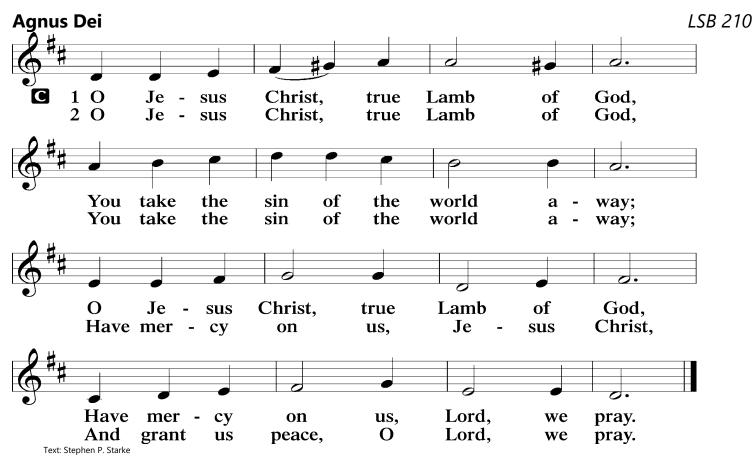
#### The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

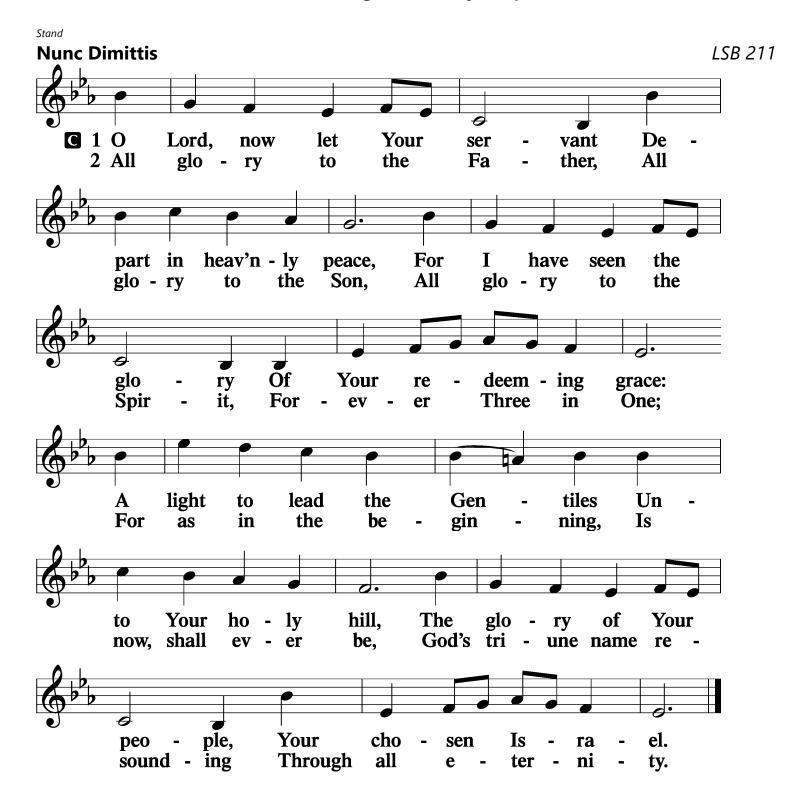
#### Pax Domini

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** Amen.



#### Distribution Hymns (Sunday Only)

LSB 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table LSB 709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is



**Distribution:** 

#### **Post-Communion Collect**

## (Saturday)

**P** Let us pray together.

☑ I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

# (Sunday)

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

# Benedicamus

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- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

# Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C** Amen.



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## **Postlude:**

#### Acknowledgments

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#### LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist	Pat Calhoon

#### Saturday

Elder	Lee Crapo
Lector	•
Audio	Lee Crapo/Robin Fox

## Sunday

Elder	Carlos Orellana
Lector	George Czanko
Greeter	
Audio	Kyle Welch
Video	
	GFX/ Stream: Robin Fox/Steve Klement
Altar Guild	Kim Kaniecki and Dawn Peters

## LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP <u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist	Elena Miraztchiyska
Elder	Lee Crapo
Lector	Carlos Orellana
Greeter	Dave and Lora Wacker
Audio	Maria Hazzard
Video	Video TD: Josiah Hazzard
	GFX: / Stream: Andrea Hazzard/Rita Czanko
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# ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship Attendance	28
Sunday Worship Attendance	
Envelope and Loose Plate Offerings	
Simply Giving/Vanco	
Paypal Offerings	
Website (ShareFaith)	
Total of Offerings Received	\$0
Misc. Income, Memorials and Special Gifts	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH- Pentecost X** – Why should anxiety over expenses darken a terminal diagnosis? Why should panic about poverty affect a surprise pregnancy? He who sends mouths also sends meat, even conjuring necessities out of thin air (Matthew 14:19). Our gracious Savior bestows in abundance, and the Body of Christ knows how to share. If God spends His riches on relationships, how can we do any better?

**FLOWER SPONSOR**– Robert and Cheryl Langanke, in celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**BULLETIN SPONSOR** – No Bulletin Sponsor this week.

**IN CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** – Please keep Jo Ann Ditton and family in your prayers as they mourn the passing of her husband, Kenny Ditton. Funeral services will be Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, at 11 AM at Heath Funeral Home in Lakeland.

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION** – There will be a 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday celebration for Al Cahman at Lake Gibson Village on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 pm.

**WREATH MAKING CLASS** – There will be a class on how to make a wreath from musical note sheets in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, from 1 – 4pm. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Items needed for the class are glue gun, glue sticks, cardboard box, small clamps, and items for decorating the wreath. For more information, see Belinda Freer or Connie Timmons.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup>, after service. If you would like a copy of the minutes from the last meeting emailed to you, please call the church office at 863-682-7802 or email clcsecretary@gmail.com.

**FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE – CLC COUNCIL –** The Nominating Committee is currently searching for CLC members to prayerfully consider volunteering or accepting a position when asked, whether it be a one year or two year position. The officers needed are President, Vice President, Financial Treasurer, Christian Education, Youth, and Elders. Election will be in November at the Congregational meeting. The new officers will begin serving in January, 2024. For more information, please contact Pastor Thomas Block (863-853-9792) or Carol Ceaglske (863-660-2426). This is a wonderful opportunity to use your talents for helping with God's work.

**VOLUNTEER READERS** – We are looking for a couple of volunteers who would be willing to serve as readers at the Saturday night services. If you can help, please contact Debbie Smith at 863-399-2411 or at <u>des1954@gmail.com</u>. Thank you in advance.

**CLC BAZAAR & CRAFT PREPARATIONS** – It's time again to reserve a space for the Christ Lutheran Church Bazaar & Craft Sale. This year the sale will be on Saturday, November 11, 2023, from 9am – 1pm, and will cover two holidays – Thanksgiving and Christmas. The non-refundable fee for inside the Fellowship Hall is still just \$25.00 which includes two chairs and an approx. 8X6 space which is air conditioned or if you would rather be outside in the courtyard a space is \$20. Both options have electricity available,

you will need to supply your own extension cord. You can bring your own table but it must fit in the 8X6 space or you can rent a table from Christ Lutheran Church (CLC) for \$10.00, please let me know if you want a table when you reserve your space. Space is first come first serve. Make checks payable to CLC Church with "Bazaar" written in the memo line. Each vendor is ask to donate one item from their table for the Door Prize table. For more information or questions, please contact Belinda Freer at johnjuke2@aol.com or call 863-602-5159. Proceeds will be given to a local non-profit.

**MARY MARTHA COLLECTION** - Mary Martha is collecting baby items to take to the LWML District retreat in St Augustine in September. These "gifts from the heart," will go to the not-for-profit St Gerard Maternity Home whose mission is to serve pregnant young women who are in need of support. The services there are free and available to all women in the community. There is a box in the narthex to collect needed donation items: Diapers, all sizes, wipes, formula, burp cloths, diaper cream, pacifiers, swaddling blankets and toiletries for the mommies! Please contact Charlotte Mantz (863-409-6270) or Joyce Munz (863-430-1130.) Pick up is available for those who cannot bring to Church!

**UNDIES SUNDAY'S** - August will be our collection month for "Undie Sunday's." We will be collecting new undies for all sizes - children through adult, however, an urgent need has been given to us by both the Talbot House and Central American Missions for toddler sizes - boys and girls- undies and socks as well. A box is available in the narthex. These can be brought in at any time, but August will be our drive!

**DREAM CENTER VOLUNTEERS** – Volunteers are needed to help check- in and sort items here at Christ Lutheran for the Dream Center. Please see or contact Robin Fox at 863-513-4774 to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

**RECIPES WANTED** - Mary Martha is collecting favorite recipes for the Church Cookbook. If you have a favorite recipe and would be willing to share it, please write it legibly, sign your name on it and put it in the box located in the Narthex. There is no limit to number of recipes you can submit.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** – For those that are not aware, our church member directory is now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the narthex for more information or email Kim Kaniecki at stewardship@clclakeland.org.

**TRUSTEE VOLUNTEER DAY** – Every Tuesday from 9 am – 1 pm. If you would like to help with the various needs of the church, come join us. A job, whether large or small can be found to help with. If you notice something you think needs attention, come let us know. Thanks for helping.

**GREETERS NEEDED** – Volunteers are needed to be Greeters in the Narthex to welcome guest and members as they enter for service. If you are interested, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board.

**NAMETAGS** – We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Matthew 14:17–18 – "They said to him, 'We have only five loaves here and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.'"** The five loaves and two fish were all that the disciples had. But when they handed them over to the Lord, the multitudes were fed. Apart from Jesus, all we do and all we have comes to nothing. But in Jesus, the Lord blesses all we do and all we have for His gracious work.

#### THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Trustee Workday @ 9 am
Service for Kenny Ditton @ Heath Funeral Home @ 11 am
Dream Center @ Christ Lutheran
Bible Study @ Noon
Private Communion @ 1:30 – 2:30 pm
Choir Vision Meeting @ 7 pm
Wreath Making Class @ 1pm
Church Office closed, Pastor's Day Off
Bible Study @ 4 pm
Worship @ 5:30 pm
Bible Study @ 8:30 am
Worship Service @ 10 am
Bible Study @ 11:15 am

