## The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 13, 2023

**As We Gather** - When children cannot understand why they can't do something, the answer is often, "Because I said so." As they grow up, they may get the answers they seek. Job did not get an answer, but he kept his faith in his Creator. In the Gospel, the disciples cannot understand Jesus' walking on the sea, but when He is in the boat with them, they confess, "Truly You are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33). Though we may ask God, "Why?" and Paul in the Epistle says we cannot understand God's reasons, we can confess with our mouths and believe in Christ's resurrection. It is an exercise of the faith God has so graciously given us. Why did He come to earth? He came to save us. In great might He destroyed death itself so that we might live with Him forever. That's why!

**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.

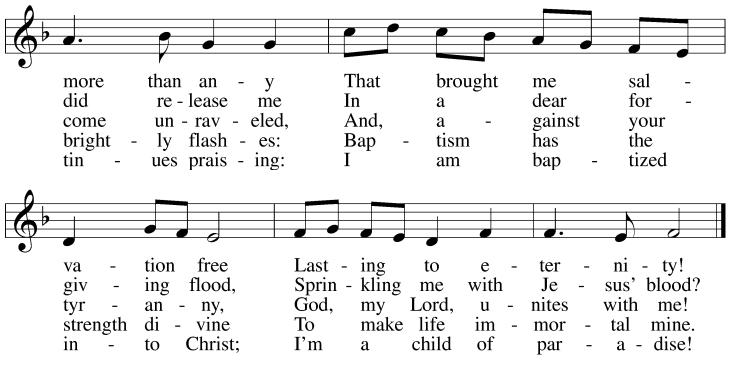
**Prelude and Meditation:** Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

Prelude:

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

#### **Confession and Absolution**





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#### 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

 I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

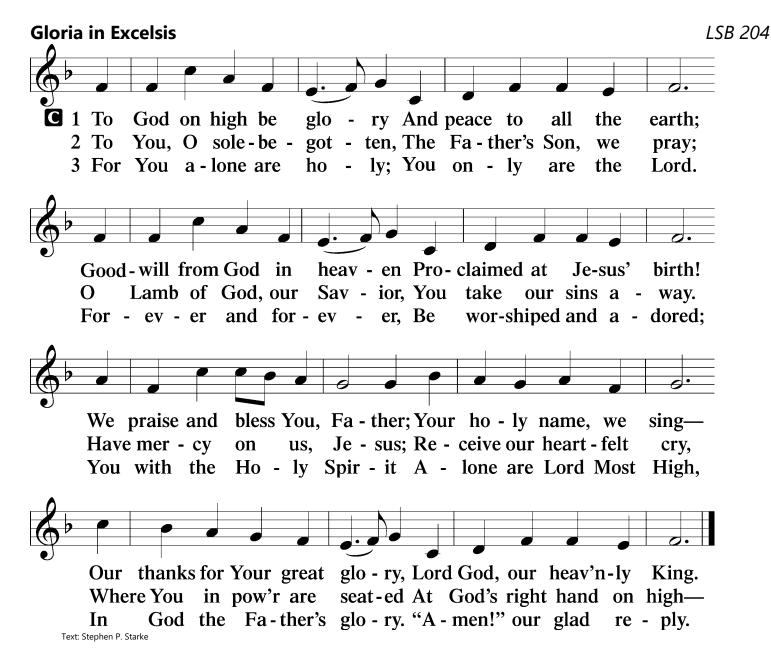
## C Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!

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.
I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.





#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; 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>4</sup>[The Lord said to Job:] "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid know! its cornerstone, <sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup>"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, <sup>9</sup>when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, <sup>10</sup>and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, <sup>11</sup>and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed'? <sup>12</sup>"Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, <sup>13</sup>that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? <sup>14</sup>It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. <sup>15</sup>From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. <sup>16</sup>"Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? <sup>17</sup>Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? <sup>18</sup>Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### Epistle

#### Romans 10:5–17

<sup>5</sup>Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>or "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. <sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

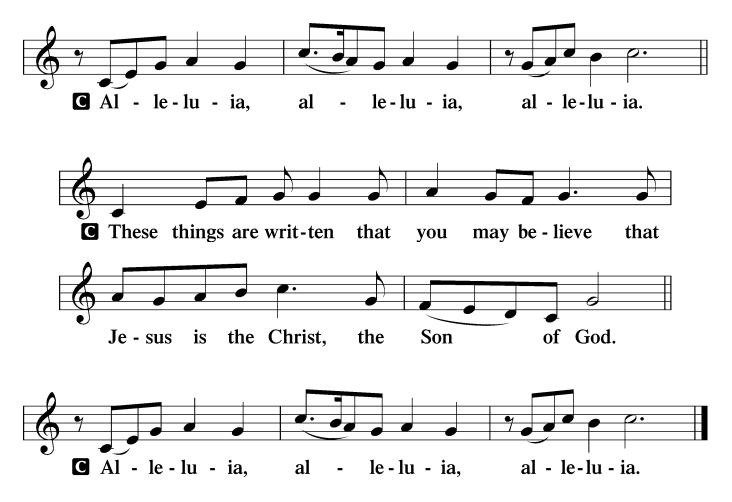
<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" <sup>16</sup>But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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



Stand





#### **Holy Gospel**

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

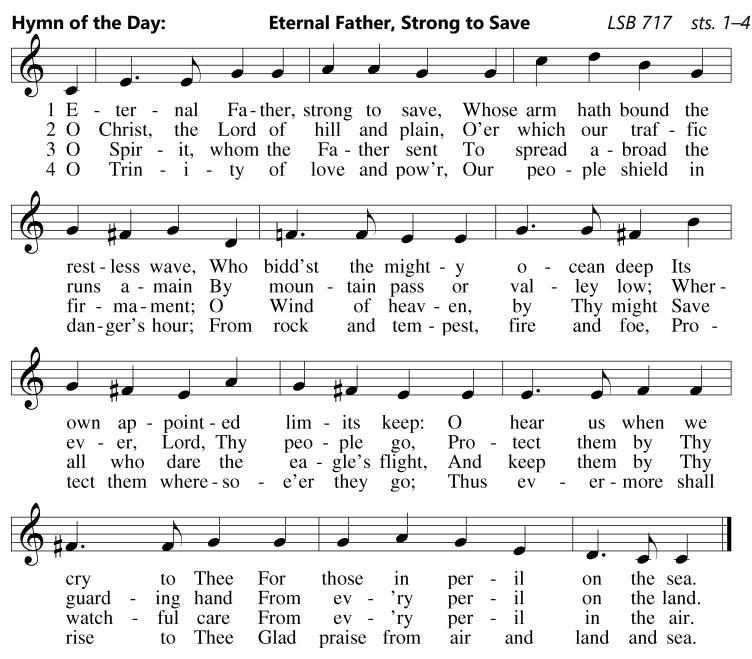
<sup>28</sup>And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **O** Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **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, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living 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.

Sit



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#### Sermon:

## "Caught in the Grip of Grace" Matthew 14:23-33

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#### **Prayer of the Church**

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# Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings (Sunday Only)

## Registry of Worship Cards (Sunday Only) – Please pass your completed cards to the

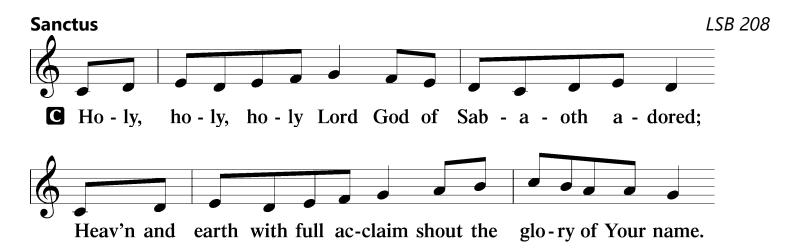
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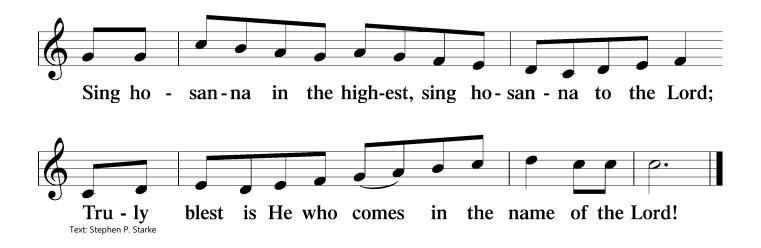
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#### Preface

LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- 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 saying:





## **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.

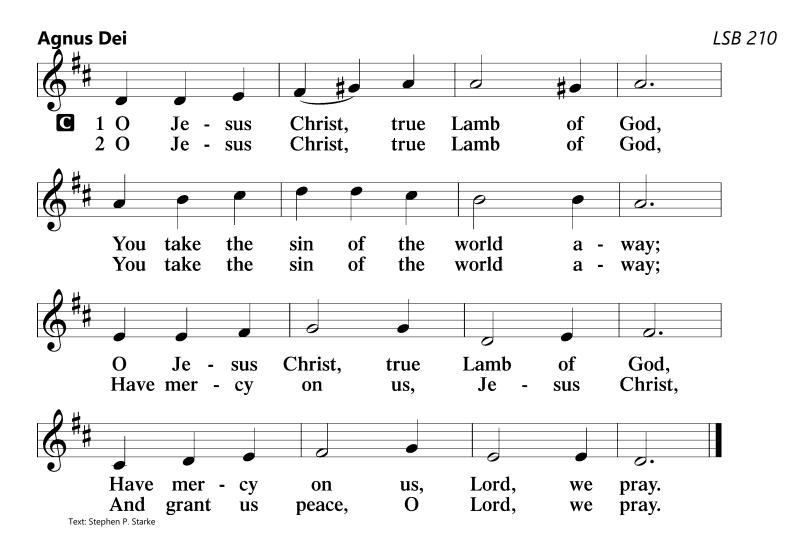
#### The Words of Our Lord

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

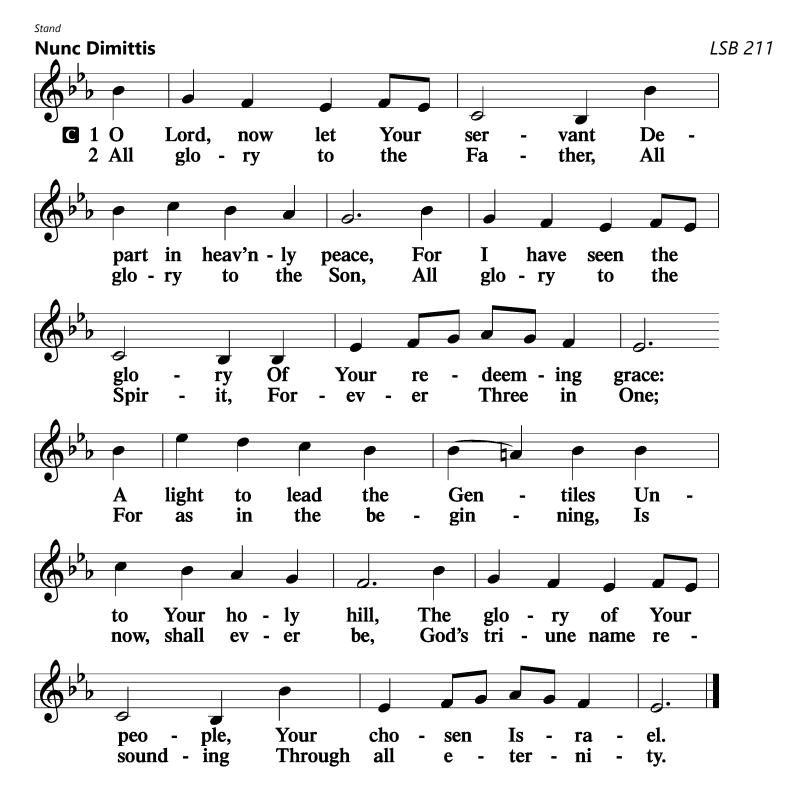
- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



#### **Distribution:**

#### **Distribution Hymns (Sunday Only)**

LSB 715 Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me LSB 763 When Peace, like a River LSB 739 Precious Lord, Take My Hand



Sit

### **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

LSB 212

- **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:**

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## LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist	Elena Miraztchiyska

Saturday	
Elder	Steve Rosane
Lector	Rick Smith/Gerie Slaten
Audio	Lee Crapo/Robin Fox

# Sunday

Elder	Lee Crapo
	Carlos Orellana
Greeter	Dave and Lora Wacker
Audio	Maria Hazzard
Video	Video TD: Josiah Hazzard
	GFX/ Stream: Andrea Hazzard/Rita Czanko
Altar Guild	Kim Kaniecki and Dawn Peters

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

Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Elena Miraztchiyska
Carlos Orellana
Steve Rosane
Kyle Welch
Video TD:Kris Welch
GFX: / Stream: Robin Fox/Charles Henning
Kim Kaniecki and Dawn Peters
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# ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship Attendance	30
Sunday Worship Attendance	
Envelope and Loose Plate Offerings	
Simply Giving/Vanco	
Paypal Offerings	
Website (ShareFaith)	
Total of Offerings Received	
Misc. Income, Memorials and Special Gifts	

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH- Pentecost XI** – Contrary to the logic of abortion and assisted suicide, human worth doesn't come from age, appearance, or ability. God's grace in creating, redeeming, and calling makes every life precious. No one else's labor or lack thereof can improve or impair it. We declare and demonstrate a righteousness based on this faith and not based instead on works of the law (Romans 10:5-6).

FLOWER SPONSOR- Rick and Debbie Smith, in celebration of Rick's birthday (Aug. 6).

**BULLETIN SPONSOR –** Dave and Lora Wacker are the Bulletin Sponsors this week.

**SERVICE FOR CONNIE TIMMONS** – The funeral service for Connie Timmons will be tomorrow, Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, at 11 AM. Please keep the family in your prayers.

**REFORMATION MEAL TASK FORCE** – The Reformation Meal Task Force will meet this Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in helping with the meal after the Reformation Service on October 29<sup>th</sup>, is welcome to attend.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** – There will be a congregational meeting next Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, after service.

**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.

**UNDIES SUNDAY'S** - August is 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 is our drive!

**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!

**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 14:30 – "But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, 'Lord, save me.'"** The world really is a scary place, with natural disasters, disease, terrorism and a hundred other things. But where do we place our hope, our trust, our *vision?* Where do we look for aid and comfort? When Peter's eyes were on the Lord, he had confidence. When he turned to look at his problems and took his eyes off the Lord, he fell apart. Sometimes God's call to support the work of His church with our offerings makes us nervous. But put your eyes back on your Lord, trust Him, follow His Word and all really will be well.

#### THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Monday	Funeral Service for Connie Timmons @ 11 am
	Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Tuesday	Trustee Workday @ 9 am
	Reformation Meal Task Force Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Wednesday	Dream Center @ Christ Lutheran
	Bible Study @ Noon
	Private Communion @ 1:30 – 2:30 pm
	Youth Group @ 6:30 pm
	Church Office closed, Pastor's Day Off
Saturday	Bible Study @ 4 pm
	Worship @ 5:30 pm
Sunday	Bible Study @ 8:30 am
	Worship Service @ 10 am
	Bible Study @ 11:15 am
	Congregational Meeting

