

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 8, 2024



Christ Lutheran Church

29 S. George Street, York, Pa. 17401

Our Mission:

Reflect God's love in the heart of York

Our Vision:

To be a vibrant congregation in the heart of York praising God,
connecting people to Christ,
and serving the people of York and the world

*Companions with the Itete Hospital of the
Konde Diocese,
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania*

The Entrance Rite

Prelude

Prelude on “Christus der ist mein”

(J. Coe)

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing. Gracious God

C: **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.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn “Earth and All Stars”

LBW 558



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
3	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
4	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	



Sing	to	the	Lord	a	new	song!
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Oh, vic - to - ry! Loud shout - ing ar - my!
Flow - ers and trees! Loud rus - tling dry leaves!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
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He has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too will praise him with a new song!

Apostolic 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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray...Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. **Amen.**

Announcements

Installation of Sunday school teachers and presentation of Bibles to the children

The Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146 (Sung in unison)

¹Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the LORD, | O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

³Put not your | trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there | is no help.

⁴When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,
and in that day | their thoughts perish. R

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;
who keeps promis- | es forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.
The LORD sets the | captive free.

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed
down;
the LORD | loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares | for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wick-
ed.

¹⁰The LORD shall | reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!

Second Lesson: James 2:1-17

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse



The Holy Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark, the seventh chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon



1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the wan - d'ers
 3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -
 4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on
 5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,



those es - tranged from you, and bring them to your home a -
 lost in er - ror's maze. En - light - en those whose se - cret
 way the child - ish fears of those who trem - ble to ex -
 oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed
 ev - er to re - joice with wond - 'ring grat - i - tude and



gain, where their de - light shall nev - er end.
 minds some deep de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
 press the faith their se - cret hearts con - fess.
 sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.
 praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. composite
 Music: O JESU CHRISTE, WAHRES LICHT, *Gesang-Buch*, Nürnberg, 1676

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Prayers

A: 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

A: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

The Prayers conclude:

A: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

The Eucharistic Meal

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offertory

Meditation

(R. Vaughan Williams)

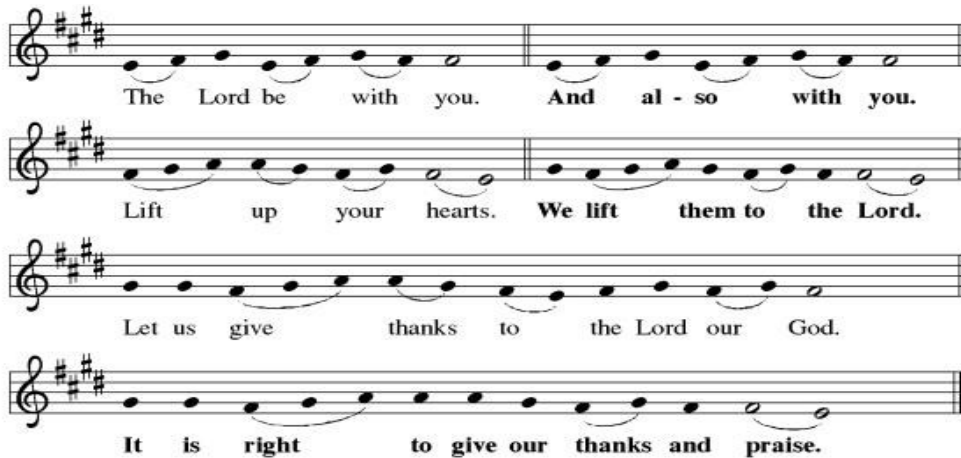
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -
it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the
joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray,

C: 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.

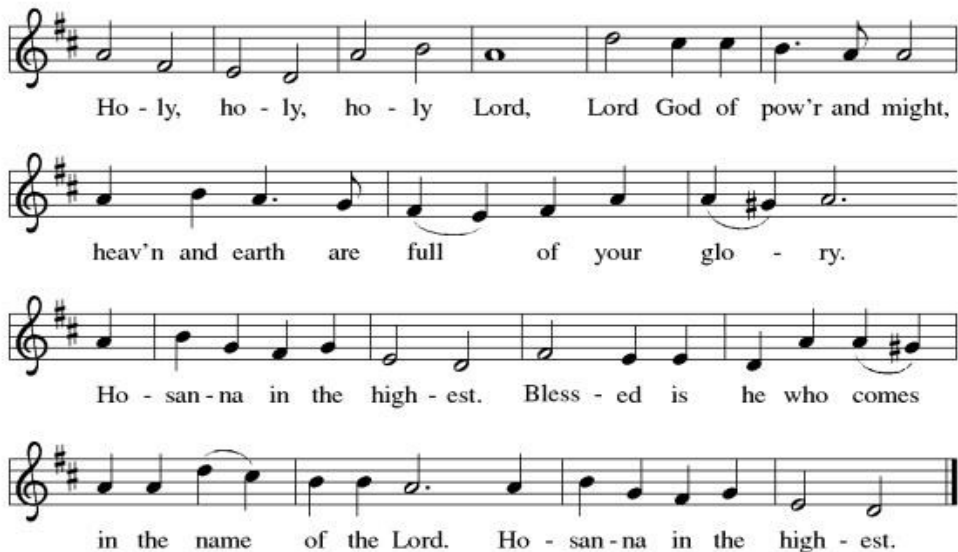
Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface and Sanctus

P: It is indeed right and salutary. . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn



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

Eucharistic Prayer

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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. 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. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

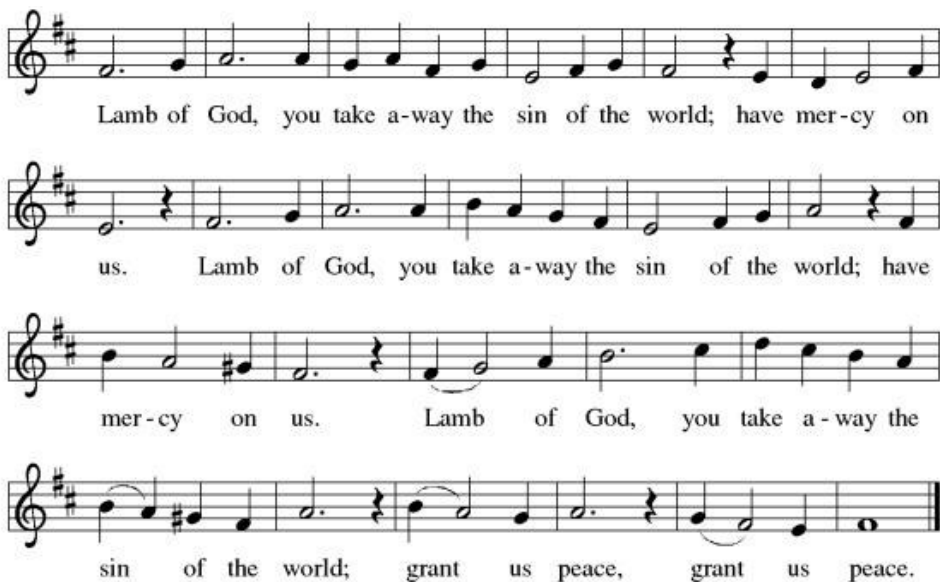
C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

Fraction and Agnus Dei

P: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

C: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**



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.

*All who are baptized are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Worshipers have the choice of intinction (dipping the wafer into the intinction chalice) or using individual cups to receive the wine. Please use the side aisles to come forward, beginning in the rear of the nave. Hand-sanitize, and pick up a communion cup **before** coming to the rail, if choosing to receive individually. Worshipers may stand or kneel at the communion rail to receive the sacrament. Return to your pew by way of the center aisle. Place used cup in basket and sanitize hands. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

Hymns during Distribution “Healer of Our Every Ill”

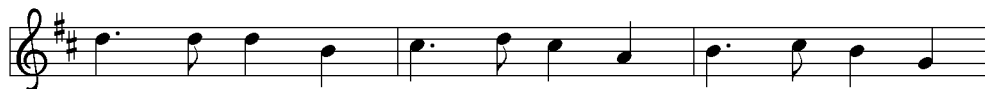
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Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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“Christ Be Our Light”

ELW 715



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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The Dismissal

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

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

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: God Almighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Recessional Hymn “Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

LBW 559



1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He breaks the pow'r of can-celed sin; he sets the pris-'ner free.
5 To God all glor-y, praise, and love be now and ev-er giv'n



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
His blood can make the foul-est clean; his blood a-vails for me.
by saints be-low and saints a-bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Dantzen und Springen

(H.L. Hassler)

Please join us for coffee hour after the service.



Prayer List

We strive to keep the prayer list current, especially in these uncertain times. Please notify us whether there are additions to this list or whether a name should be taken off.

Members

Beverly Bowers, Beth Boyd, Sondra Boyd, Betsy Buckingham, Shirley Cook, Mel Dick, Naomi Duncan, Rodney Flinchbaugh, Barbara Geesey, Tom Gross, Barbara Gruver, Ron Heilman, Daniel Helwig, Bill Hullman, Pat Kronk, Linda Lightner, John Long, Jr., Patricia Lowe, Rev. Ron Mease, Richard Meckley, Adrian Patches, Joyce Paules, Sonia Paules, Jen Risser, Doris Ritter, Mary Shepp, Sally Smith, Natalie Steir and Caroline Olson and families, Susan Thomas, Doris Weaver, Robert Weikert.

Others

Robert Appleton, Anees Ayay, Greg Beck, Kelly Bell, Edward Bender, Jr., Roman Bondarevskyi, Audrey Brubaker, Duane Caouette, Don Chamberlin, Michelle Conway, Bill Crowley, Andy Doss, Susan Ellison, Carl Fetterman, Terry Flinchbaugh, Richard Fox, Gus Frank, Lee Geesey, Lynda Godfrey, Julie Hadaszy, Pat Hall, Daniel Hertig, Bishop Penrose Hoover, Kristin Klinedinst, Ellen Meyers, Jeff Miller, Dottie Morris, Lois Olson, Dale Parker, April Paske, Herbert Poe and family, Leo Pufall, Cindy Schroeder, Robert Settee, Sophia Shearer, Michael Stabley, Selina Strine, Denny and Jan Stroshane, Dan Sutton, Robert Wagaman, Rev. Allan S. and Bonnie Wysocki.

Serving in Worship

Assisting Ministers	Adrienne Brenner Marlene Coval
Acolyte	Tipton Brenner
Reader	Phyllis March
Lower Narthex	Andy Waltersdorf
Back Door	Dave Barkdoll
Altar Guild	Marlene Coval, Susan Lease, Barbara Shepp, Phyllis March, Marsha Linden
Ushers	Melissa Cook, Deb Sheaffer, Richard and Kathy Heilman

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of the emergency workers who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, by Chief Tom Gross.

Coffee hour hosted by Sunday school parents.



Guys Night Out

Tuesday, October 8, at 6:00 pm
RSVP to Chaplain Steinhilber at
717-881-2578 or call the church office.



September 8-Noodles and hamburger return
September 15-Baked goods due.



Community Meal
September 29 at 12:00



Date: Saturday, September 14

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Cones and Clubs, formerly - Jim Mack's Ice Cream

Located on PA Rt 462 east of York, between

Hellam & Wrightsville, PA

5745 Lincoln Hwy, York, PA 17406

Visit jimmacksicecream.com or call 717-252-2013.

Event: Miniature Golfing and Ice Cream Eating

Cost: \$6 for adults 3.75 for kids under 6

RSVP: September 7

Rain date: Sunday, September 15 @ 3:00

Mark your calendar!

Come Join us for Oktoberfest, Sunday, September 22nd after our Anniversary worship service in the Parish Hall.

Bring your Beer Steins and a healthy appetite for German Food!

Also come to enjoy the Dockenspeilers playing some great German Music (and maybe dance a polka or two)!

Look for a sign-up sheet in the lower narthex or sign up on the back of your attendance cards!





Trunk or Treat Sign up

Sunday, October 27, 2024

12:00-1:00

(please respond by October 1)



Name _____

Best way to contact (please circle)

Call Text email

- I'd love to decorate my car and participate in Trunk or Treat!
 - Check this box if you would like help with decorations
- I am unable to help this year but I'd love to send in a bag of candy (please place candy bags in bin outside the Nave)

Please contact Amy Stoltzfus for more information:

215-896-4144 or amyebuckner16@gmail.com

Christ Lutheran Church

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Welcome!

So we can know you better, please complete an attendance card found in the pew and place it in an offering plate. If you have no church home, we invite you to membership at Christ Lutheran Church. We hope you return to worship and participate in our life in Christ!

The Liturgy

Our worship is the historic liturgy of the Christian Church - a celebration of Word and Sacrament, the means through which God gives forgiveness, life and salvation. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated in accordance with the understanding of the Lutheran Confessions that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Blessed Sacrament.

Children are always welcome at worship!

We value the participation of our children in worship! As members of the church, children participate in the worship service. They listen to God's Word, gather at the Lord's table, serve as readers, acolytes, choir members, and more. Feel free to take children in and out as necessary.

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Founded in 1733 with the baptism of Maria Catharina Beyer, Christ Church was the first Lutheran congregation west of the Susquehanna River. Christ Church remains an active and vibrant congregation carrying on the mission of Christ and approaches the future with confidence and hope. Christ Church strives to minister in faithfulness to Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. Its ministry centers in the weekly liturgy of Word and Sacrament and pursues particular Lutheran emphases in art and music, fellowship, education, and pastoral care. Three buildings have been used for worship. A log building was erected in 1744; a stone building replaced it in 1760. Two bells from the 1760 stone building still call people to worship in the present building, built in 1812. Three Lutheran congregations in York are descendants of Christ Church.