

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026 ~ 8:30 & 11:00

PRELUDE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Stand

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

HYMN: Immortal, invisible, God only wise

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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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: O for a heart to praise my God

1. O for a heart to praise my God, A heart from sin set free,
2. A heart in ev - ery thought re - newed, And full of love di - vine;
3. Thy na - ture, gra - cious Lord, im - part; Come quick - ly from a - bove,

A heart that al - ways feels Thy blood So free - ly shed for me!
Per - fect and right and pure and good, A cop - y, Lord, of Thine!
Write Thy new name up - on my heart, Thy new, best name of Love.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Sit

FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 19:9-18

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

A: The First Lesson is from the 19th chapter of 1 Kings.

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹¹ He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

A: Please join in saying the prayer for the call process:

Heavenly Father, help us to lean on you Lord, when the going gets tough. May we trust you to always provide for our needs. In Jesus precious name, Amen.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 10:5-15

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 10th chapter of Romans.

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.”

⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ 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), ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” ¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

A: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION/RESPONSE:



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 14:22-33

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON:

Pastor David Holtz

Stand

HYMN: Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult

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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:

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

P: Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE:

We follow Jesus' direction in Matthew chapter 5 and make peace with each other before coming to the altar: Jesus said, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister

has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."

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

C: And also with you.

*The ministers and congregation greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

Sit

OFFERING: *Collected as the pastor prepares the Lord's Table.*

Stand

OFFERTORY:



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.

OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Merciful Father,

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

RESPONSE:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P: 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.

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**

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.

COMMUNION: *(Please be seated)*

For those at home or taking communion at their seat, please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:

The body of Christ, given for you; and the blood of Christ, shed for you. *The communicant may say: "Amen."*

If you desire to receive communion up front, please come forward via the center aisle. As the pastor and communion assistant give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: "Amen."

Stand

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

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER:

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen

BLESSING:

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Sung Response: Amen, Amen, Amen

HYMN: How firm a foundation

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

Worship Attendance last Sunday: 8:30-37; 9:45-70; 11:00-18

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Offering Update

Offerings needed weekly \$ 5,538.00

Offerings collected last week \$ 7,385.64

Next Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH OF DUBOIS IS EMPOWERED BY
THE HOLY SPIRIT AND NOURISHED THROUGH WORD &
SACRAMENT TO HEAR, STUDY, AND PROCLAIM
THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.**

***The flowers in the chancel vases are presented to the
Glory of the Lord by Brad and Debbie Finalle on the
occasion of Nicole and Scott's Wedding August 8th.***

8:30: Ushers: Rick and Karen Fye

Lector: Art Keller

Communion Assistants: Art Keller, Jeff Kriner

11:00: Ushers: Bill and Debbie Fye

Lector: Tammy Ott

Communion Assistants: Tom Schott, Joyce Cramer

Acolyte: Finn Hanzley

+ *Calendar for this Week* +

Monday August 10

9:00 Quilters

6:00 Property Meeting

Tuesday August 11

2:00 Bible Study

6:00 Contemporary Team Instrumental

6:30 Vocal

+ Upcoming Events & Monthly Ministries +

Christ Lutheran Church Scholarship Fund—Students who are active participants at Christ Lutheran Church and are pursuing post high school education or training may apply for consideration. Applications are available in the narthex. Completed applications are to be submitted to the Church office no later than August 16, 2026.

Confirmation Class will kick off Sunday, August 16th from 6pm-8pm. Parents please join us for a parent and youth meeting from 6 - 6:30pm. All youth from 6th grade and above may register! Please contact Abbey with questions!

Blessing of Backpacks Sunday, August 23 at all services for preschool through 5th grade students!

ON SUNDAY, August 23 join your church family for an afternoon of fellowship, fun and great food on for the annual Church Picnic! Dinner is at 5:00. Please sign up as you are able—sign up sheets with all the details are on the bulletin board. Planning is underway for an awesome afternoon. We need lots of hands to help with shopping, setup, games, and in the kitchen!

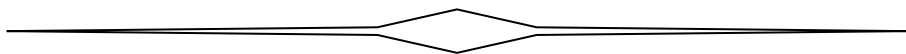
Mission of the Month - Pentz Run Youth Services is a residential program for at-risk and disadvantaged youth located in DuBois. They offer programs including a group home, emergency shelter, transitional and independent living, respite care, and family group decision making. If you would like to make a financial gift to Pentz Run, please use the pew envelopes, and write “Pentz Run” in the “other” line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you.

Food Pantry Items for August are sauerkraut and/or chicken broth.

REMINDER: Church office hours are Monday-Friday 9:00-2:00. Also, any additions or corrections to the bulletins must be submitted to the office by Wednesday 2:00 pm in order to have time to process requests. Thank you!!

REMINDER: Any council recommendations, committee reports or motions must be submitted by Wednesday 2:00pm the week prior to the council meeting. Thank you!!

Choir News-The traditional choir will start rehearsals for the season on Thursday, September 10 at 6:30 PM. Choir will begin at the 8:30 AM service on Sunday September 20. We sing at alternate traditional services; on September 27 we will sing at the 11:00 service. We support the worship and praise of God through hymn singing and special music. If you are interested in singing with the choir, please see Chris Luckenbill for more information.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ~ August 9, 2026

Shut-in & Nursing Home Members & Friends:

Linda Berry ~ Edie Brown ~ Karen Deasey ~ Carolyn Finalle-Miller ~ Gary Froelich ~ Jeannine Fye ~ Nora Gelnett ~ Robert George ~ Grace Griffith ~ George Kramer Sr. ~ Hazel Kriner ~ Nancy Lilja ~ George McCurdy ~ Jim Norwood ~ Geneva Roberts ~ Hazel Salada ~ Gary Salada ~ Emily Schindley ~ Betty Swanson ~ Shirley Williams

Those Serving in the Military:

Davey Aughenbaugh ~ Jake Bell ~ Luke Cardellino ~ Cory Good ~ Lyndsey Good ~ Abby Fritz ~ Josh Lanzoni ~ Tyler Lenkerd ~ Paul McCurdy ~ Justin Neeper ~ Mike O'Harrow ~ Wesley Russell ~ Caleb Shields ~ Colton Shields ~ Jacey Wells ~ Chuckie White

Long Term Prayer Requests:

Abby ~ Ron Abrams ~ Carla Adamson ~ Chuck Allen ~ Patti Allen ~ Tia Angeletti ~ Jim August ~ Austin Family ~ Sherri Ball ~ Stephanie Barnett ~ Julie Baun ~ Sandy Bender ~ Larry Bosco ~ Leo Brooks ~ Bryson ~ Little Eleanor Bundy ~ Ray Bush ~ Nicky Butler ~ Gary Campbell ~ Louise Cramer ~ Carol DeLarme ~ Jack Dennison ~ Cheryl DeSantis ~ Brad Dodd ~ Candy Douthit ~ Patrick Drodgy ~ Jamie Dungey ~ Mia Edwards ~ Emily ~ Krista Evans ~ Denise Faulkrod ~ Tim Fuller ~ Lee Gelnett ~ Leah Gelnett ~ Beth Giese ~ Bryson Gray ~ Arnold Gregory ~ Jim Haag ~ Mary Ann Haag ~ Krista Hallowell ~ Pat Hamlin ~ Dennis Harris ~ Jackie & Bill Hartman ~ Eric Hazuda ~ Larry Hickman ~ Bruce Hiles ~ Nancy Hoover ~ Little Carter Horn ~ Gabby Homer ~ Dick & Bev Hudson ~ Denny & Janie Hunter ~ Vicki Jacklin ~ Chris Jendrey ~ Ashlynn Johnson ~ Lincoln Johnston ~ Cheryl Jones ~ Lorraine Kakula ~ Jim Kearney ~ Tish Keen ~ Eli Keim ~ Scott Klingensmith ~ Dave Kness ~ Jim Kriner ~ Carol Lawson ~ Cindy & Tom Leete ~ Doug Leidl ~ David Leonard ~ Anne Lettrich ~ Rick Lieber ~ Brandon Lokesak ~ Mona Mandich ~ Mark M. ~ Karen Markievich ~ Mark Markievich ~ Emily Marshall ~ Marti ~ Mason Martin ~ Barbara Martini ~ Terie McBride ~ Rebecca McCartney ~ Keymo McKay ~ Shea McKinney ~ Walt Michalak ~ Steve Moore ~ Brenda & Brett Mortimer ~ Gail Nissley ~ Jim Nelles ~ Debbie Newell ~ Joy Norwood ~ Mary & Christian Olrich ~ Joyce Oppen ~ Francie Page ~ Stacy Park ~ Linda Peterson ~ Barb Phleger ~ Mary Ann Piccirillo ~ Kristin Plotner ~ Morgan Pope ~ Mike Poulliot ~ Deb & Bill Presnar ~ Liz Preston ~ Nancy R. ~ Cal Ratcliff ~ Scott Reinard ~ Heidi Riley & Family ~ Dan Rodgers ~ Elaine Russel ~ Brianne Sage ~ Sara ~ J.S. ~ Joe Shaffer ~ Molly Shaffer ~ Ann Simbeck ~ Greg Smeal ~ Terri Smouse ~ Ellen Sneddon ~ Tim Spencer ~ Little Faith Spicher ~ Sally Jo Spicher ~ Little Levi Spickler ~ Karen Sprague ~ Jessica Spuck ~ Ruth Sutphin ~ Dathan Swanson ~ Steven Sykes ~ Pat Teats ~ Diane Thomson ~ Virginia Traveny ~ Vickie Trisoline ~ Evelyn Vandervort ~ Eric Waldeck ~ Mary Lou Waldeck ~ Jean Waltenbaugh ~ Gail Walter ~ Laura Wascovich ~ Melissa Wayne ~ Chloe Welder ~ Donald Wells ~ Joyce Whaling ~ Sarah Williams ~ Tammy Winters ~ Art Whitmore ~ Will ~ Charles Yonushonis ~ Jerry Zimmerman

Short Term Prayer Requests:

Lindsey Bernardo
Lois Haag

To add/remove from this list, call the church office at 814-371-2470.