

Welcome to Worship!



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026 ~ 9:45 a.m.

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*(Restrooms are in the back hall behind the lobby; a family restroom is at the far end of the education wing. An **unstaffed nursery** is available off the lobby during worship, with services heard through overhead speakers.)*

THE SERVICE

BOLD lettering indicates a spoken response

* Please stand as you are able

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

* Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen

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This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

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.

P: God is our light and our salvation,

C: our refuge and our stronghold.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

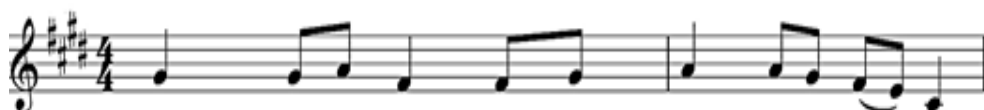
C: we praise your name, O God.

P: For with you is the fountain of life,

C: and in your light we see light.

* Opening Song – Here I am to worship

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1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness,
2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed,



o - pened my eyes, let me see. Beau - ty that made this
glo - rious in heav - en a - bove. Hum - bly You came to the



heart a - dore You, hope of a life spent with You.
earth You cre - a - ted, all for love's sake be - came poor.



So, here I am to wor-ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to



say that You're my God. And You're al-to-geth-er love-ly, al-to-geth-er



wor-thy, al-to-geth-er won-der-ful to me.

Prayer of the Day

P: O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings



FIRST LESSON: Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob's death the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives.

A: The First Lesson is from the 50th chapter of Genesis.

¹⁵ Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶ So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰ Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹ So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

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

Dear God, sometimes we need reminding of how richly blessed we really are. Help us to be thankful for our freedom to come together and worship You! In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 14:1-12

This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 14th chapter of Romans.

¹ Welcome those who are weak in faith but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ² Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³ Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on slaves of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵ Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶ Those who observe the day, observe it for the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷ For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹ For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

¹² So then, each one of us will be held accountable.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

***Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.



1 Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] “Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?”

²² Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³ “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared

to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was

brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions

and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you

everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But that same slave, as he

went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what

you owe.’ ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ But he refused; then

he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were

greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him,

‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as

I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵ So my heavenly

Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

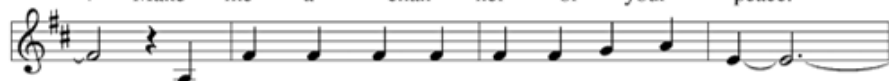
OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Song – Make me a channel of Your peace

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1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.



Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;
Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;
It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,



where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;
where there is dark - ness, on - ly light;
in giv - ing of our - selves that we re



and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.



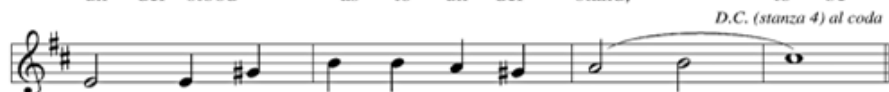
3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so



much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be



un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be



loved as to love with all my soul.



ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

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.

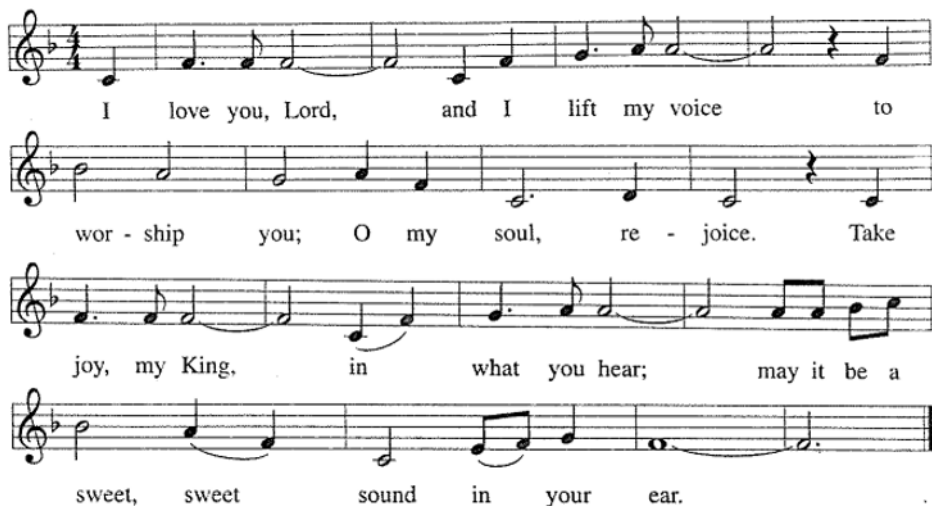
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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.



The Pastor will offer prayers for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and special concerns.

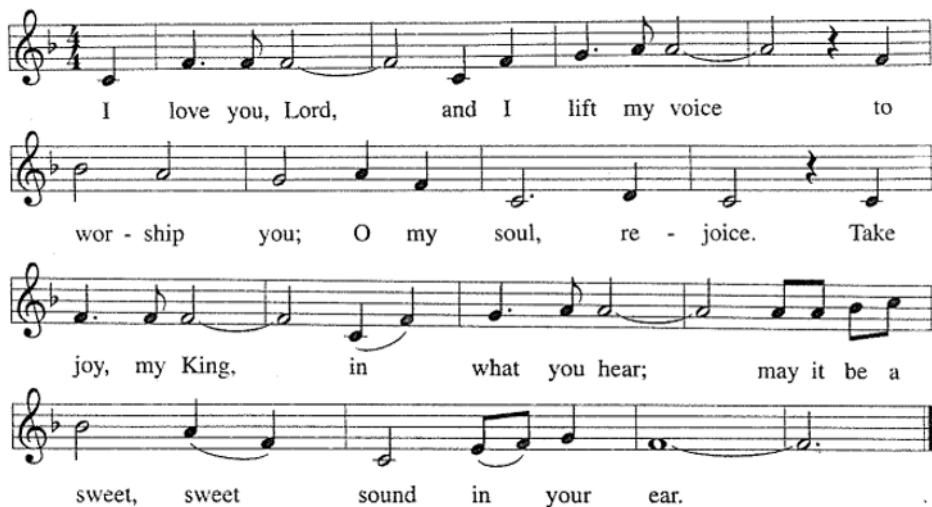
Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

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.***

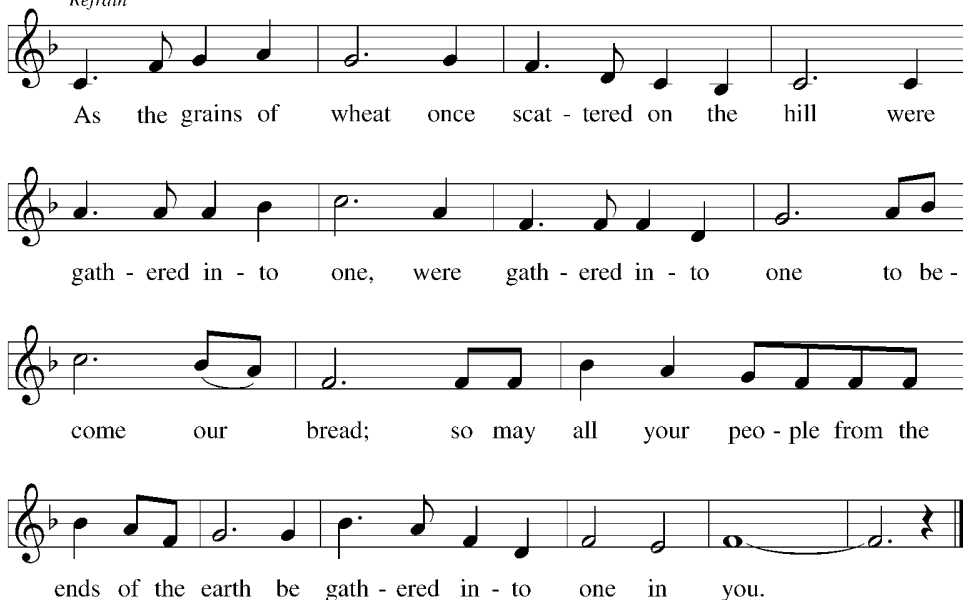
***Offering**

Contemporary Worship Team

* Offertory – As the grains of wheat

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Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were
gath - ered in - to one, were gath - ered in - to one to be -
come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from the
ends of the earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.

* Offertory Prayer

P: God, our Creator,

C: you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

* Communion Prayer

P: Come, all you beloved of the Lord, come and eat the food that He gives freely. Be filled again with the goodness of God.

C: Lord God, giver of all good things, we hear Your invitation, we see Your gifts of life and grace.

P: Come to the table of the Lord.

C: We come with our wounds and faults ready to eat and to drink. Our hearts are glad.

*** Words of Institution**

P: Yes, dear Lord our God, our hearts are truly glad.
We are filled with thankfulness, because in Your great love You
did not abandon us to sin and death, but in Jesus, You came to
us, to rescue us, to restore us, and to give us new life.

We remember the way that Jesus showed us this love:
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.

*** The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as it is 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**

* One bread, one body

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Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

The Meal (*Please be seated*)

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

The body of Christ, given for you. 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.

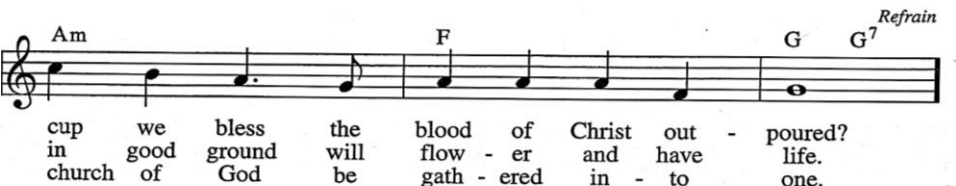
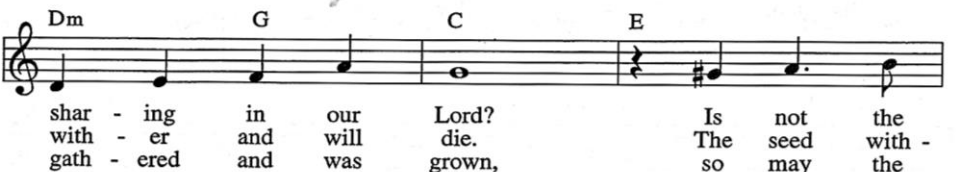
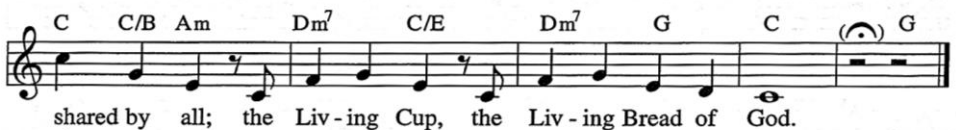
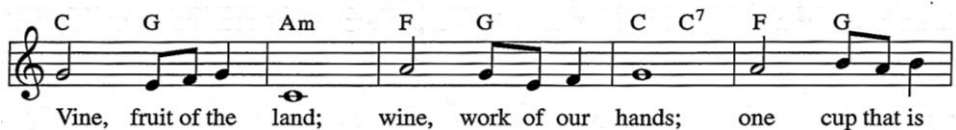
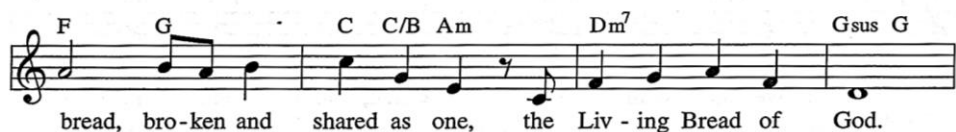
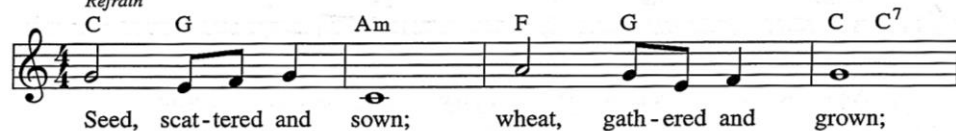
The communicant may say: "Amen."

MUSIC AS WE SHARE COMMUNION

Seed scattered and sown

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Refrain



Refrain

Amazing love

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System 1:

Chords: C, Dm⁷, Gsus, G

1 My Lord, what love is this that pays so
 2 And so they watched him die, de - spised, re -
 3 And now this love of Christ shall flow like

System 2:

Chords: C^{sus}, C, G, C, Dm⁷, F/G, G, C

dear - ly, that I, the guilt - y one, may go free?
 ject - ed; but, oh, the blood he shed flowed for me.
 riv - ers; come, wash your guilt a - way, live a - gain.

System 3 (Refrain):

Chords: Gm⁷, C, Eb

A - maz - ing love, oh, what sac - ri - fice, the Son of God giv'n for

System 4:

Chords: G, Gm⁷, C

me; my debt he pays and my death he dies, that

System 5:

Chords: Gm⁷, C, Gm⁷, C

I might live, that I might live.

*Post Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen

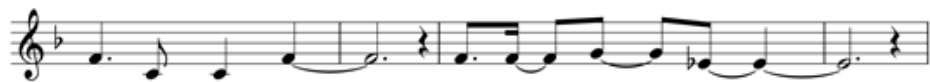
* Post Communion Canticle - You're worthy of my praise CCLI 1763436



I will wor - ship with all of my heart.



I will praise You with all of my strength.



I will seek You all of my days.



I will fol - low all of Your ways.



I will give You all my wor - ship I will give You



all my praise. You a - lone I long to wor - ship



You a - lone are wor - thy of my praise.

* Prayer

P: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

SENDING

* Blessing

P: 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

* Closing Song - Lord I lift your name on high

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Lord, I lift your name on high, Lord, I love to sing your

prais - es. I'm so glad you're in my life,

I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heav - en to earth

to show the way, from the earth to the cross.

my debt to pay; from the cross to the grave.

from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Postlude - Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the fellowship hall following worship.

Worship Attendance last Sunday: 8:30-42; 9:45-76; SCS-8, 11:00-48

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Offering Update

Offerings needed weekly \$ 5,538.00

Offerings collected last week \$ 6,057.00

Next Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

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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 Nate Weber in honor of his wife
Abbey Weber on the occasion of her birthday and their
wedding anniversary.*

Ushers: Brad Finalle and Zaiden Preston

Lector: Mark Lopez

Communion Assistants: Debbie Finalle and Janet Peterson

+ Calendar for this Week +

Monday September 14 8:30 Quilters

6:00 Property Committee

Tuesday September 15 2:00 Bible Study

5:30 Council Meeting

6:00 Contemporary Team Instrumental

6:30 Vocal

Wednesday September 16 7:00 Bible Study

Thursday September 17 6:30 Choir Rehearsal

+ Upcoming Events & Monthly Ministries +

INFO FROM THE PASTOR - MANY PEOPLE HAVE REQUESTED AN ADDRESS FOR LOIS HAAG. HER NEW ADDRESS IS: 5039 MCGEES MILLS ROAD, PUNXSUTAWNEY, PA 15767.

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 needed for September are peanut butter and /or jelly.

Choir News-The traditional choir is now rehearsing for the season on Thursdays 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.

Men's Group - We are trying to see if there is an interest in starting a men's group at Christ Lutheran Church for Worship, Service and Fellowship. If you are interested in participating, please sign the list on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please call Rich Johnson at (814) 661-2505.

News from the Call Committee-The most common response to the question asked by the Call Committee at the church picnic was, "Being with the Christ Lutheran family". God has given us family, although Scripture does not specifically define what a family is. Scripture speaks of family as a household, a tribe, a clan, a nation, or a community. We know that God gave us family to be with, to grow in faith with, to love and forgive, and to eat, weep and pray together. Therefore, it is not surprising that many Christ Lutheran members responded with "family first" when asked what they liked most about the church picnic. During the month of September, the Call Committee invites you to look at the wooden "story panels" that adorn the sanctuary. Each hanging depicts a carving that illustrates a part of Jesus life. These pieces of art were given to Christ Lutheran by members of our church family. After viewing the panels please answer the following question: Which panel depicts Jesus' life in you, or do you have a favorite verse in Scripture? A yellow card placed in the pews are for you to write your answer and return to the box labeled with Luther Seal in the Narthex. Please, no name, no gender, and no ages given.

Thank you, the Call Committee.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ~ September 13, 2026

Shut-in & Nursing Home Members & Friends:

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

Those Serving in the Military:

Davey Aughenbaugh ~ Jake Bell ~ Jordan ~ Wesley Russell

Long Term Prayer Requests:

Abby ~ Ron Abrams ~ Patti Allen ~ Brenda Amblod ~ Sherri Ball ~
Lindsey Bernardo ~ Ben Brubaker ~ Eleanor Bundy ~ Bill Clyde ~
Louise Cramer ~ Jack Dennison ~ Cheryl DeSantis ~ Brad Dodd ~
Jamie Dungey ~ Emily ~ Krista Evans ~ Tim Fuller ~ Beth Giese ~
Lois Haag ~ Jackie & Bill Hartman ~ Gabby Horner ~ Vickie
Jacklyn ~ Jendrey ~ Dan Johnson ~ Cheryl Jones ~ April Kalgron
~ Kathy ~ Jim Kearney ~ Linda Keller ~ Scott Klingensmith ~ Carol
Lawson ~ Cindy & Tom Leete ~ Doug Leidl ~ David Leonard ~
Anne Lettrich ~ Devon London ~ Mona Mandich ~ Mark
Markievich ~ Barbara Martini ~ Laura Mc ~ Teri McBride ~ Steve
Moore ~ Brenda & Brett Mortimer ~ Gail Nissley ~ Mary Ann
Piccirillo ~ Deb & Bill Presnar ~ Liz Preston ~ Heidi Riley & Family
~ The Snells ~ Karen Sprague ~ Ruth Sutphin ~ Kenny Swanson ~
Christopher Sykes ~ Eric Waldeck ~ Mary Lou Waldeck ~ Jerry
Wallace ~ George Whipple ~ Pastor Bill White ~ Nancy Wilber

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