



EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 23, 2023

8:15 and 10:30 a.m. Service of the Word and Holy Communion

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, ELCA
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

For the Fruit of All Creation

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Gracious God, **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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW 693

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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... Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 44:6-8

This section of Isaiah is addressed to the Israelites who were taken into exile in Babylon, when Jerusalem was sacked, the temple destroyed, the king executed. Beyond hope, and despite the Israelites' continued faithlessness, God is bringing them back home, proving the divine faithfulness before the nations of the world.

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel,
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

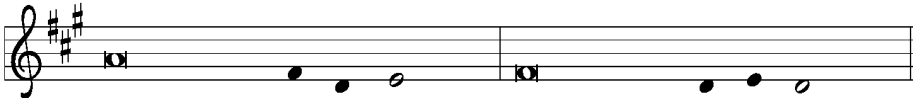
L The word of the Lord C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 86:11-17

This psalm is the song of those who have witnessed and been saved by the faithfulness of God.

8:15 read responsively, leader reading the regular print; **all responding bold face**

10:30 chanted in unison by all



¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk | in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to re- | vere your name.

¹²**I will thank you, O Lord my God, with | all my heart,
and glorify your name for- | evermore.**

¹³For great is your | love toward me;
you have delivered me from the | pit of death.

¹⁴**The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people | seeks my life;
they have not set you be- | fore their eyes.**

¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kind- | ness and truth.

¹⁶**Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child | of your handmaid.**

¹⁷**Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be | put to shame;
because you, LORD, have helped me and com- | forted me.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:12-25

Until mid-September, we'll be reading most of the book of Romans straight through. In his complicated argument, Paul notes that, try as we might, we cannot fulfill the law's demands, but that by God's grace in Jesus, we are not simply reconciled to God, but freed from the law. But "it is for freedom that we have been set free."

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—
¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

This chapter is made up of parables, of which today's reading is the second. Again, one of the points of these stories is how differently God behaves than we do."

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 13th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁴Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to

go and gather them?’²⁹ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

P The Gospel of the Lord. C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

SERMON

Pastor Stephen Herr

Silence for reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 516

Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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 OF INTERCESSION

A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

After each petition of the prayers: A Lord, in your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

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

MEAL

PEACE P The peace of Christ be with you. C **And also with you.**

(The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.)

Please be seated.

OFFERING *The offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

Organ Offertory *Let All Things Now Living* *The Ash Grove/arr.Kosche*

Please stand as the gifts are presented.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray... Blessed are you, **O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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.


P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times...*(the minister continues with the preface concluding:)* we praise your name and join their unending hymn:




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God,
our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation,
the plants and animals,
the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
his acts of healing,
his body given up,
and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever. **Amen**

THE 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**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

A The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please be seated.

Lutherans practice eucharistic hospitality. All who are baptized are welcome to receive the sacrament. Those who desire to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed.

(8:15) Directions for distribution at the 8:15 a.m. service will be announced. At the end of each aisle is a table from where you can pick up an empty glass for the wine. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available on the table. You can return to your pew by the opposite aisle placing your cup in the bowl provided at the end of the pews.

(10:30) Distribution is by station. Exit your pew by moving to the left and come down the aisle. At the end of each aisle is a table from where you can pick up an empty glass for the wine. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available on the table. After receiving the bread from the minister please proceed to one of the two wine stations. You can return to your pew by the opposite aisle placing your cup in the bowl provided at the end of those pews.

COMMUNION



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

HYMN

We Marvel at the Words, O Christ

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr./

Tune: Forest Green

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.... We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and +give you peace. **Amen**

SENDING HYMN ELW 550

On What Has Now Been Sown

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Psalm 19 – The Heavens Declare God's Glory

B. Marcella

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About Today's Hymns

Today's Gathering Hymn, *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*, was written by English clergyman, **Henry Alford, D.D.(1810-1871)**, who was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge and graduating with honors, in 1832. His literary labors extended to every department of literature, but his noblest undertaking was his edition of the Greek Testament, the result of 20 years' labor. His hymnological and poetical works were numerous, which included the compiling of collections, the composition of original hymns, and translations from other languages.

The tune for this hymn, **St. George's Windsor**, was composed by English organist and choir master, **George Job Elvey (1816-1893)**. At age nineteen Elvey became organist and master of the boys' choir at St. George Chapel, Windsor, where he remained until his retirement in 1882. He was frequently called upon to provide music for royal ceremonies such as Princess Louise's wedding in 1871 (after which he was knighted). Elvey also composed hymn tunes, anthems, oratorios, and service music.

Today's Hymn of the Day, *Almighty God, Your Word is Cast*, was written by English priest, **John Cawood (1775-1852)**, who, having grown up on a farm, experienced very limited educational advantages. However, seeking every opportunity for self improvement, and aided by those who believed in and supported him, he was able to enter S. Edmund Hall, Oxford, and obtain his B.A. in 1801, and his M.A. in 1807. He was ordained in 1801, and most of his life in the ministry was spent as perpetual Curate of S. Ann's Chapel of Ease, Bewdley, Worcestershire.

The original form of the tune to which this hymn is sung, **St. Flavian**, was first published in *The Whole Booke of Psalmes* of 1562 which was the completion of the English psalter. The composer of the tune is unknown, although the original, full version was intended for Psalm 132, a Common Meter Double text.

Many hymnals use a harmonization based on one by **Richard Redhead (1820-1901)**, from his *Church Hymn Tunes Ancient & Modern* of 1853. The tune was then called **REDHEAD NO. 29** and set to four different texts. In the revised edition of 1875, the tune was renamed **ST. FLAVIAN**, in honor of St. Flavian of Constantinople.

The Communion Hymn, *We Marvel at the Words, O Christ*, was written by the **Rev. Dr. Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr.(1923-2007)**. Living most of his life in Gettysburg, PA, he served as President of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Gettysburg, where he also obtained his Divinity Degree. The Rev. Dr. Stuempfle was the author of several books and numerous articles and lectures on preaching, history, and theology, and was also among the most honored and respected hymn writers of the 20th and 21st centuries. Rev. Dr. Stuempfle was also especially known for his leadership in community and civic projects: he participated in the creation of day care centers, served on the Gettysburg interchurch social action committee, helped create and support prison ministries and a homeless shelter, and tutored young people in the after-school program of Christ Lutheran Church, where he was a long time member.

The tune to which Rev. Stuempfle's hymn is sung is an English folk tune, **Forest Green**, arranged by English composer, conductor teacher, editor and collector of folk music, **Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)**, who has become the chief figure in the realm of English music and church music in the first half of the twentieth century. His education included instruction at the Royal College of Music in London and Trinity College, Cambridge, as well as additional studies in Berlin and Paris. Vaughan Williams taught music at the Royal College of Music, conducted the Bach Choir in London, and directed the Leith Hill Music Festival in Dorking. A knowledgeable collector of folk songs, he composed numerous arrangements of them, and many of his compositions show the impact of folk rhythms and melodic modes. But most important to the history of hymnody, he was music editor of the most influential British hymnal at the beginning of the twentieth century, *The English Hymnal* (1906), and coeditor (with Martin Shaw) of *Songs of Praise* (1925, 1931) and the *Oxford Book of Carols* (1928).

Today's Sending Hymn, *On What Has Now Been Sown*, was written by English clergyman and hymnwriter, **John Newton (1725-1807)** who joined his father at sea when he was merely eleven, enduring flogging, and being captured by a slave trader in West Africa. After escaping, he himself became the captain of a slave ship. When nearly drowning in 1748, then meeting his wife Mary Catlett, and reading Thomas Kempis' *Imitation of Christ*, he gave up the slave trade and eventually became an ardent abolitionist. Newton later was influenced by George Whitefield, as well as John and Charles Wesley, and began to study for the ministry. He was ordained in the Church of England, serving in Olney and London. His legacy to the Christian church includes his many hymns as well as his collaboration with William Cowper in publishing *Olney Hymns* (1779), to which Newton contributed 280 hymns, including the famous, "Amazing Grace."

The tune to which this hymn is sung, was composed by English vicar, poet and amateur musician, **John Darwall (1731-1789)**. He composed a soprano tune and bass line for each of the 150 psalm versifications in the *Tate and Brady New Version of the Psalms of David* of 1696. In an organ dedication speech in 1773 Darwall advocated singing the "*Psalm tunes in quicker time than is commonly sung, so that six verses might be sung in the same space of time that four generally are.*"

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please note: We have a few different prayer lists you may use if you would like someone prayed for. People in need of immediate prayer are listed in the bulletin each week and the names are read during worship. Contact the church office if you would like someone on this list. We also have a Prayer Chain for immediate prayer concerns that goes out through email. Contact Jean Ask jeanto add someone to the Prayer Chain. For people with ongoing or chronic health concerns we have a prayer list in the monthly CRUX for prayers for continued healing.

The following persons have an immediate need for prayers for healing: **Elana Granger, Pam Vingsness, Harold Kint, Gregory Kuzniar** (Fran Wagner's brother), **Suzanne Schwarz** (wife of Marie Chantelau's nephew), **Kathy McKay-Siegel** (daughter of Ed and Karen McKay), **Adam Hurley Family, Zac Gorsuch, Diane Curtis, Morris Richey** (friend of Jim and Lyn Badger), **Connie Clowers** (neighbor of Virgil Gibson), **Peter Nelson** (nephew of Martha Nelson), **Beverly Weisenreder, Marilyn Szpakowski** (grandmother of Theo Szpakowski), **Sharon and Chris Dougherty** (Aunt and Uncle of Toni Laing), **Alan Lewis** (son of Joanne Zinn Lewis), **Brian Keller** (nephew of Linda Hess) **Lois Wolf** (Mother of Toni Laing)

We pray for those mourning the death of loved ones: **friends and family of Dottie Held, Lorraine Sacino** (friend of Jean Lynch), **Bob Herr, Katherine Appleton** (friend of Virgil Gibson), **Sara Moffitt** (friend of Diane Hiller), **Donald Swenson** (father of Debra Vought), **Donald Romsa**, (Former ELCA Director of Campus Ministry)

We pray for those currently living in Personal Care Facilities: **Eugene Moore, Phyllis Hale, Anna Jane Moyer, Walter Nyblade, Jane English, Paulette Izydorski, Betty Myers, Roland Hansen Alice Boeshore**

We pray for those serving in our nations armed forces: **Chase David, Bryce Evans, Mark Dende, Jacob Romero** (grandson of Pat and Harold Kint), **Elizabeth Gelner and Gregory Sprowl** (Mike and Kathy Gelner's daughter and son-in-law), **Alex and Benjamin Vogel** (grandsons of Martha Nelson; nephews of Dave and Kris Nelson), **Anthony Saunders** (son of Mike and Sharon Saunders)

We pray for those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries this week: **Cindy Naugle, Nathaniel Remington, Harry Nelson, Maria Royer, Karl Held, Sofia Royer**

Worship Leaders

Presiding Minister: Pastor Stephen Herr
Organist: Cathy Elkiss
Ushers: 8:15-Randy Wallett
10:30-Doug Boden, Dick Trimmer
Counters: Virgil and Peggy Gibson
Assisting Minister: Virgil Gibson
Lectors: 8:15-Todd Izydorski 10:30-Linda Hess
Communion bread – Larry and Nancy Barbour
Communion preparation: 8:15-Todd Izydorski
10:30-Gail Jones

Staff

Pastor: Stephen Herr
Administrative Assistant: Heather King
Cantor: Cathy Elkiss
Preschool: Lori Weaver, Jane Clements
Security: Randolph Fullerton



Mission Statement

Continually refreshed by the Fountain of God's love in Christ Jesus, we of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church are sent by the Holy Spirit to direct that flow into the lives of our neighbors, so that they, too might be refreshed and renewed.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- TODAY** **Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**
Worship – 8:15 and 10:30am
Church Family Picnic – 2:00-6:30pm-Buzzerd residence
- TUESDAY:** Staff meeting – 10:00am
LWR Quilting – 1:30pm-SR
- WEDNESDAY:** Pitter, Patter, Play-9:30-11:30am-3rd Floor CE building
Bible Study-10:00am-Zoom
Into the Danger Zone – 6:30pm-Zoom
- FRIDAY:** Church office closed
- SUNDAY:** **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**
Worship – 8:15 and 10:30am



COFFEE STATION...Reminder that we have a coffee station available to anyone who wants a cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate on Sunday mornings. It is located in the lounge outside of the church office (across the bridge and past the handicapped bathroom). Enjoy!

The Gifts and Memorials Committee will have their quarterly meeting on Thursday, August 17, 2023, in the Social Room at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in being part of this committee, please come to the meeting. Any committees wishing to make a request for funding from the Memorial Fund should fill out a request form and submit it before August 14. Memorial Fund monies are typically used for long term use items in the church. The blank forms are located in the Gifts and Memorials mailbox next to the Administrative Assistant's office. Place completed requests in that same mailbox. If there are any questions, please contact Jean Ask, 717-338-0777.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 2, 11:30 a.m. at Gettysburg Church of the Brethren, 1710 Biglerville Road. Following the (\$4) luncheon, Suzanne Landis will speak about HUMAN RIGHTS DAY. Special welcome to newcomers; no reservations needed.



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH PICNIC

The Church Family Picnic will be held today from 2-6:30 p.m. at the home of Harry and Judy Buzzerd, 622 Heritage Drive, Lake Heritage, Gettysburg, PA. We will have boating, fishing, cornhole, ping pong, shuffleboard, and fellowship. Bring your suit and a towel if you'd like to swim. The Buzzerds are providing burgers, hot dogs, sloppy Joes, beer, soft drinks, and water. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m. Bring an appetizer, side, or dessert to share. All are welcome, even if you didn't sign up. **The picnic will be held rain or shine.**



FAMILY FUN DAY!!! Save the Date of AUGUST 13 for a Christ Lutheran Family Fun Day at Waynesboro Country Club! Join us for fun and fellowship.

1:15 p.m.: Lunch (Golf, pool, corn hole, tennis, pickle ball, pond fishing follow) Additional refreshments available for purchase at the pool. Please note there is no food service in the club restaurant on Sunday evening.

Cost: Golf: \$35/person - golf and lunch

\$17/person-Lunch, pool corn hole, tennis, pickle ball, pond fishing

Children 12 and under: \$5

Please sign-up on the bridge or by contacting the church office or online at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49ADA928AAF58-family>

Payment collected at WCC the day of the event.

Songs and Stories of a Civil War Hospital

Please mark your calendars for the next *“Songs and Stories”* program:

Saturday evening, August 5th

7:30 PM: songs outside from the church’s front steps

8:00 PM: the program itself from the church’s sanctuary

Please invite your friends and neighbors to this historic, informative and enjoyable event!

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

LOOKING AHEAD: CHOIR REHEARSAL START-UP

All those who currently sing in the Christ Lutheran Choral Choir, or ring in the Christ Lutheran Handbell Choir, or have sung/rung in either or both choirs in the past, OR would like to consider singing/ringing in one or both choirs in the upcoming year please join us as we begin our new choir season!

The Christ Lutheran Church choir rehearsals will begin again the week after Labor Day. Rehearsal days and times are still be considered (Wednesday and/or Thursday evenings), and as soon as the exact dates/times have been determined, they will be listed in the next Crux Newsletter, as well as in the Sunday bulletins.

Please come and bring a friend as we celebrate the beginning of our new choir season together, *“Singing and (ringing) and making melody unto the Lord,”* – all are welcome!

“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord!”

CALLING ALL CHRIST LUTHERAN SINGERS AND INSTRUMENTALISTS:

Special Music for the summer wanted and needed!

There is still a need for special music for our worship services while the choir is on break for the summer.

Those members and friends wishing to offer their unique musical gifts with vocal and/or instrumental solos, duets or small ensembles at either of these services, or at any time over the summer, are encouraged to please speak directly with Cathy Elkiss on a Sunday morning, or email her at cantor@christgettysburg.org Thank you!

WORSHIP LEADERS ARE NEEDED each week to help lead worship. Please sign up online at www.christgettysburg.org and click on volunteer sign up or sign up in the narthex or call the church office.

Contemporary Worship - Join us the first Sunday of each month at 5:00 p.m. for contemporary music and worship style! Instrumentalists and vocalists interested in participating in the band are welcome and should contact Gretchen Carlson at glm5cz@virginia.edu Our next service is August 6.

COMMUNION BREAD... Each congregation household is invited to sign up to provide communion bread at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoD49ADA928AAF58-christ> OR on the bridge. Two loaves are needed (three when there is a contemporary service). Please no nuts or seeds. Bread can be brought to church prior to the 8:15 a.m. service or dropped off at church during office hours.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

BIBLE STUDY Wednesdays at 10:00am

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THEOLOGY STUDY *Into the Danger Zone*, Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

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THE GOOD BOOKS GROUP will not meet in July or August. Mark your calendars now for Tuesday, September 12 when the book selection is *Handling Sin* by Michael Malone. More details will follow. Newsweek’s review of this book – “Terribly funny, emotionally engaging and almost impossible to set aside...A Heartwarming Tour de Force.” Start reading now and join us in September.



HOLIDAY FAMILY OUTREACH

Holiday Family Outreach is once again preparing for its annual Toy Day to be held this year on Saturday, December 9, 2023. This year we are highlighting this ministry throughout July and August to raise funds to help purchase toys, food, hats, and gloves for families in need in our community. Donations now help Holiday Family Outreach purchase toys and take advantage of cost savings opportunities. In October and November we will also have our annual hat and glove drive for HFO. **DONATE**...You can support this outreach with monetary donations to make Christmas brighter for those in our community. All donations go to purchasing toys, food, hats and gloves. Donations to support **Holiday Family Outreach** can be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church with "Holiday Family Outreach" in the memo line. If giving online choose "Holiday Family Outreach" in the drop-down menu.

