Living Christ Lutheran Church (L.C.M.S.)

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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - July 23, 2023



As We Gather

To us in daily living it doesn't make sense that God allows evil to grow outside and even inside the Church. But as we await God's good harvest, we do so in hope, which does not depend on what our eyes see, but on the faith given us by the Holy Spirit. With faith, our ears hear God calling us His children and His listening to the Spirit's groaning for us. As precious wheat protected in God's barn, we can wait patiently for the harvest when by grace the "righteous will shine like the sun" in our Father's kingdom.

Living Christ for Kids

Christian educational childcare for infants thru 11 years - Mrs. Kim Maxwell, Director 317-837-9998

Visitors, we welcome you and thank you for being with us today. May we be a blessing to you and you to us. We pray you will be moved to come again soon to receive with us God's gifts of forgiveness, peace and life in the name of Jesus Christ.

Quietly prepare your hearts and minds to worship and approach the throne of our holy and almighty God.

Worship each week 10:30 AM (Communion: 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays)

Growing in our Faith Walk - New series of Discussion Videos "Trite, not true"

This series looks at some cultural beliefs and trite statements inside Christianity that sound good, wise and helpful, but in the end might not be true biblically, could discourage people, could disrupt their faith and lead them further away from a true relationship with God. Join on Sundays at 9:00 am

"When God Closes a Door, He Opens a Window" "You're Never More Safe than When You're in the Will of God" "**Let Go and Let God" – July 23rd** "Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin" "I Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strengthens Me" "Everything Happens for a Reason"

The worship service is recorded and available by text and/or email. You can also find it on our website – <u>www.livingchristplainfield.com</u>. Please let us know if you (or someone you know) would also like to receive the service.

If you are in need of pastoral services, please contact Pastor Latzke at (574) 261-4427 or Emmett Fuehrer (317-260-0821) or Evelyn Benning (317-292-3195).

Upcoming Events

Saturday, July 29 Brunch with Kathie – 10:00 am

Ladies, join us as we welcome Kathie to LCLC and she gets to know us as we get to know her.

Monday, July 31 – 4 pm School Kickoff & Blessing of the Backpacks & Staff

Saturday, August 12 Indiana District LWML Treatshop – 9:30 – 3:30 Come along. Check the info on the table in the lobby and in the newsletter. Let Evelyn know if you plan to attend.

Opening Hymn

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

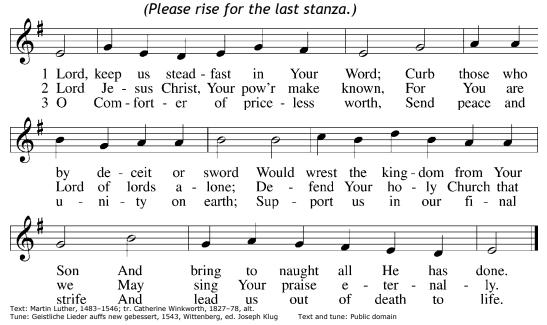
Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Exhortation

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.



655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 203

Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

LSB 203

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Psalm 86:11–15; antiphon: v. 6

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;

listen to my plea for grace.

Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men seek my life,

and they do not set you before them.

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; listen to my plea for grace.

Kyrie

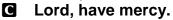
- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

C Christ, have mercy.

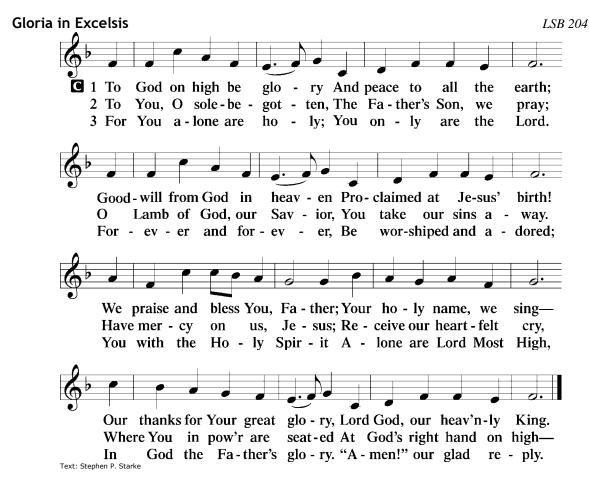
A For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

- A For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord.
- Christ, have mercy.
- A For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For those who labor, those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord.
- Christ, have mercy.
- A For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord.



- A For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord.
- Christ, have mercy.
- A For these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(No one compares to God.)

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 him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
⁸Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 8:18–27

(The Holy Spirit intercedes as we wait for the end of this troubled world.)

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

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what

is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse

Matthew 13:35b

Alleluia. I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.



Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

(The parable of the wheat and weeds)

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' ²⁸He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather 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 came to 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 is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, ⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

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

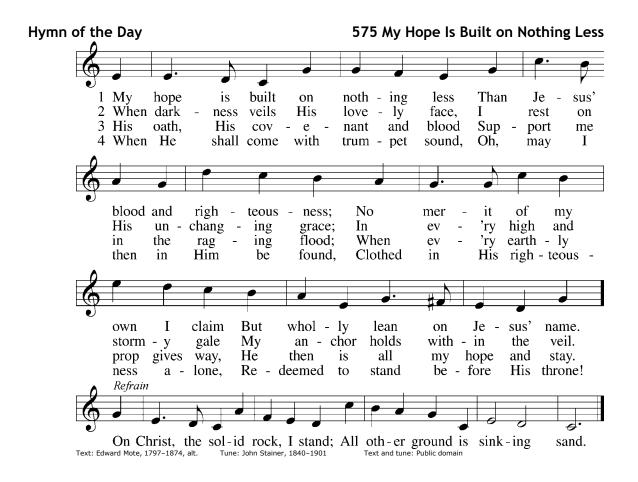
Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

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Sermon

EVEN CREATION WAITS Text: Romans 8:18–27

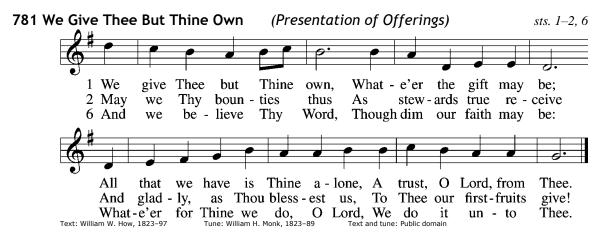
Votum

- The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C Amen.

Stand

Offering

(Please place your offering in the offering plate in the back)



Prayer of the Church -

Let us come before God in prayer as His people, the sheep of His pasture, trusting that the Lord is good and His love endures forever.

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Following each petition:
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In mercy, O Lord,hear our prayer.

- In faith we entrust our prayers to You, heavenly Father. You are good and Your love endures forever; Your faithfulness continues through all generations.
- C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

G 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.

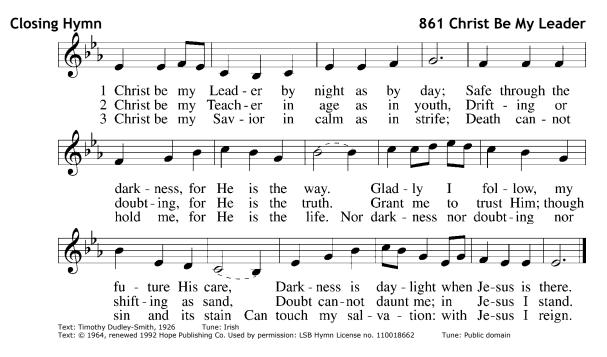
Benedicamus

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

C Amen.



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