



August 23, 2026
13th Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. James Thomas Preaching and Presiding

8:30 am Worship
In person in the Chapel

10:30 am Worship
In person and on Zoom
In the Sanctuary

**WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN
COMMUNITY CHURCH!**
A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

Welcome. A growing international community of faith, Christ Lutheran Community Church, is strengthened by your presence. Whoever you are, however you came, **welcome!**



Gathering

**Please stand as you are able*

Congregational responses are indicated in bold

Prelude

*Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

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.

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

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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.

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

“The Church's One Foundation”

ELW 654

The Church's One Foundation

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

*Greeting

2 Corinthians 13:13

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

*Kyrie

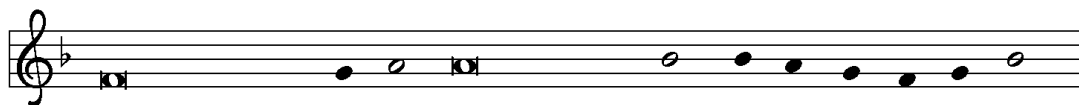
Setting 6 – ELW p. 165



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



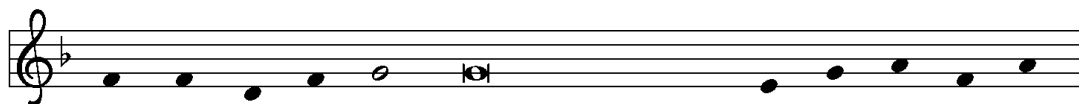
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



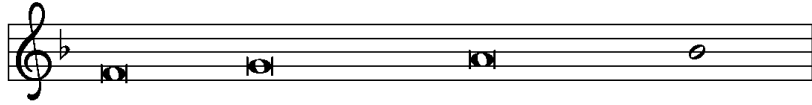
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



A - men.

***Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6

A reading from Isaiah.

¹ Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

² Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah, who bore you,
for he was but one when I called him,
but I blessed him and made him many.

³ For the LORD will comfort Zion;
he will comfort all her waste places
and will make her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴ Listen to me, my people,

and give heed to me, my nation,
 for a teaching will go out from me
 and my justice for a light to the peoples.
⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly;
 my salvation has gone out,
 and my arms will rule the peoples;
 the coastlands wait for me,
 and for my arm they hope.
⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens
 and look at the earth beneath,
 for the heavens will vanish like smoke,
 the earth will wear out like a garment,
 and those who live on it will die like gnats,
 but my salvation will be forever,
 and my deliverance will never be ended.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 67



Psalm 138:8

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- ¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;
 before the gods I will | sing your praise.
- ² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
 because of your steadfast | love and faithfulness;
 for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove all things.**
- ³ When I called, you | answered me;
 you increased my | strength within me.
- ⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,
 when they have heard the words | of your mouth. R**
- ⁵ They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,
 that great is the glory | of the LORD.
- ⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly,
 perceiving the haughty | from afar.**
- ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;

you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right | hand shall save me.

**⁸ You will make good your pur- | pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the
works | of your hands. R**

Second Reading:

Romans 12:1-8

A reading from Romans.

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ² Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God— what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Acclamation**



***Gospel**

Matthew 16:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

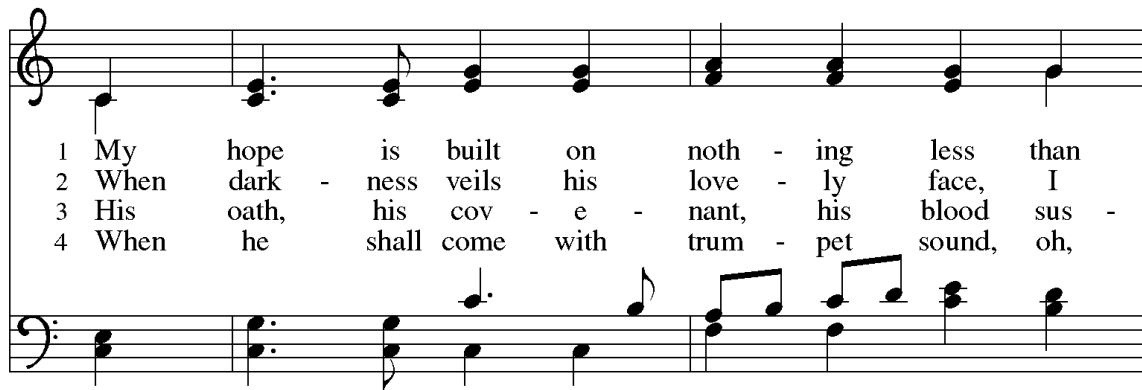
Sermon

Silence for reflection may follow.

***Hymn of the Day “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”**

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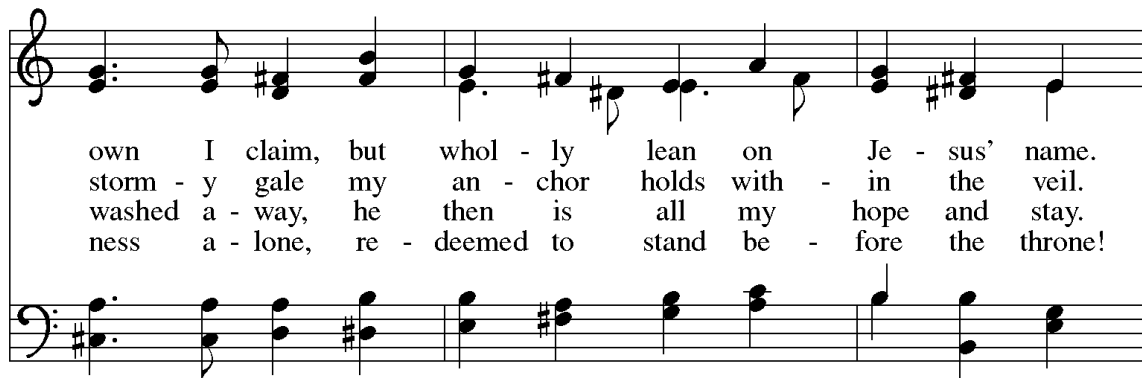
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sus -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

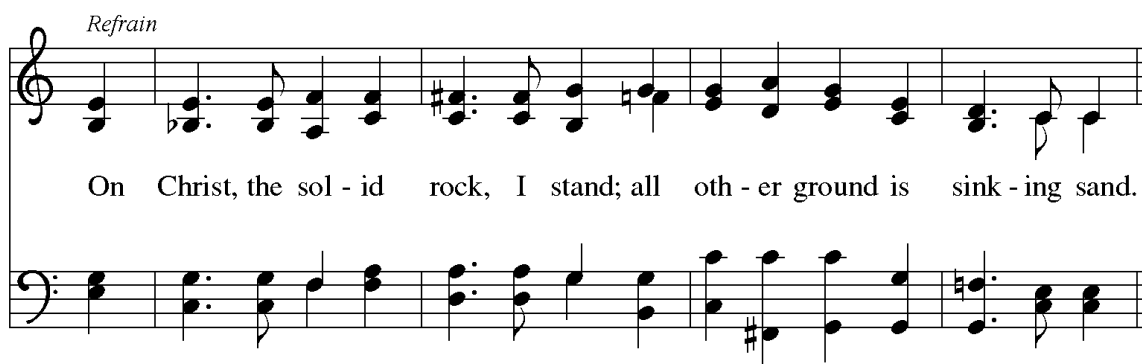


Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -



own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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

Each petition of the prayers concludes with these or similar words:

**Merciful God,
receive our prayer.**

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

*The assembly is seated. Children are invited, with their backpacks, to be seated in the front.
Parents are welcome to accompany them.*

The leader begins the dialogue, and the assembly responds.

O God, everything you do is wonderful, and we know it well.

Teach us your ways, O God.

Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light on our path.

Teach us your ways, O God.

Jesus said, Let the children come to me.

Teach us your ways, O God.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our great teacher and savior, bless these young people and students as they begin the school year. Grant that all who enter schools as students, teachers, administrators, office staff, and facilities staff be filled with your grace and heavenly wisdom—that all their efforts be directed by your Holy Spirit and work to your praise and glory.

Amen.

Almighty God, we thank you for these backpacks. We pray that your Holy Spirit of wisdom go forth with all who carry them this year and that these back packs be a reminder of your love for all people and your presence with all people May all students, like the young Jesus, grow in wisdom and in favor with you and one another.

Amen.

Children are invited to receive an individual blessing, then return to their families. The people stand.

***Peace**

*We greet one another in the peace of the risen Christ. The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Announcements

Offering

***Offering Hymn**

“All Who Are Thirsty”

ACS #981

All Who Are Thirsty

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Leader and All) in G major (one sharp). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun - gry, come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. There's e - nough for all.' The score includes a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The piano accompaniment features a simple harmonic accompaniment with a steady bass line and a more active treble line.

Leader All

All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. All who are hun - gry, come here and eat. All who are thirst - y, come to the wa-ters. There's e - nough for all.

Text: Brian Wentzel, b. 1979

Music: ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY, Brian Wentzel

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*Offering Prayer

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

The Meal

*The Great Thanksgiving

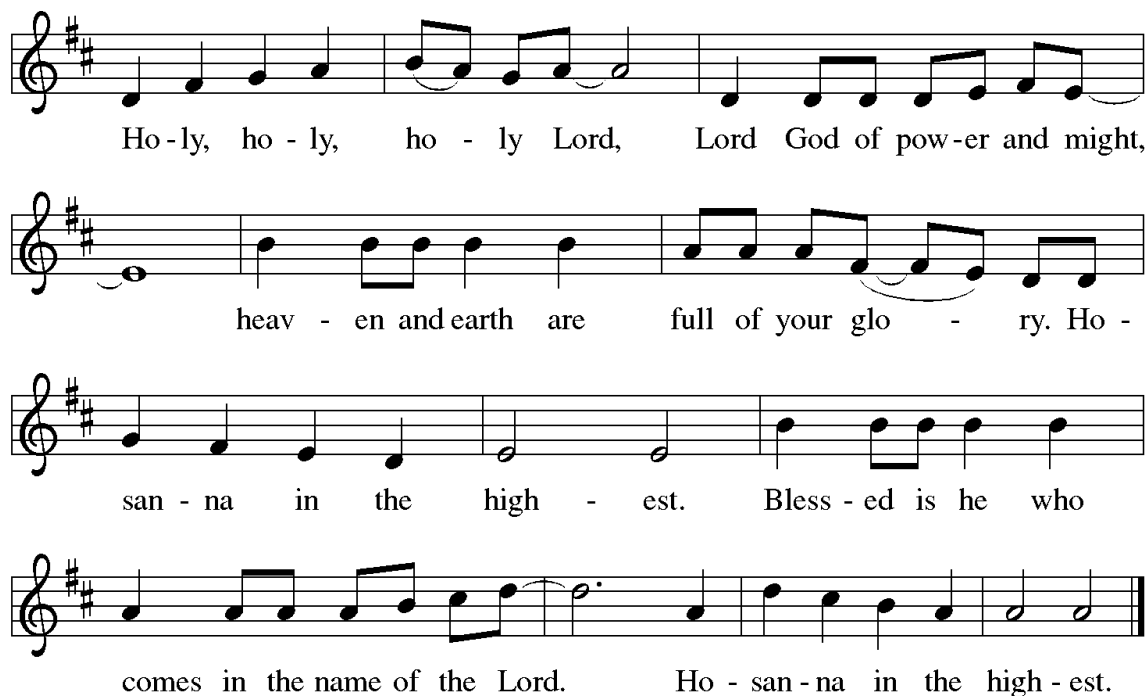
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.

The presider continues with the preface for the day or season, concluding:

We praise your name and join their unending hymn



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en 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.

The presider continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, at the conclusion of which all are invited to join in the Lord's Prayer.

***Lord's Prayer**

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

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**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive Communion via intinction.
Simply dip your wafer into the chalice of wine. If you would rather receive a blessing, simply*

cross your arms over your chest as you come forward. Know that this is Christ's table, and you are welcome here.

***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 Hymn

“One Bread, One Body”

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One Bread, One Body

Refrain



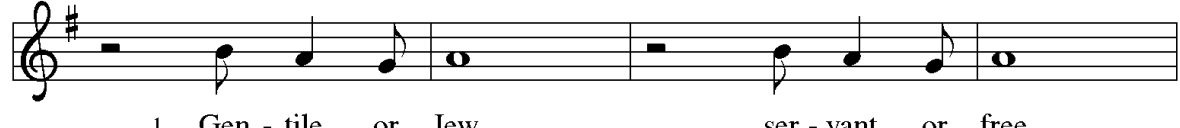
One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bles-sing which we bless, and we, though man-y



through-out the earth, we are one bod-y in this one Lord.



1 Gen-tile or Jew, ser-vant or free,
2 Man-y the gifts, man-y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



Refrain

wom-an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath-ered to one for all.

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: ONE BREAD, ONE BODY, John Foley, SJ

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*Post Communion Blessing

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

*Prayer After Communion

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

*Blessing

Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*Sending Hymn

“We All Are One in Mission”

ELW 576



- 1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
- 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit-ness in God's name.
- 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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*Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

CLCCUD Announcements, Events and Meetings

The Flowers on the Altar are given by Andrea Williams in memory of Fred & Anna Early & in Honor of Paul & Jane Williams.

Worship Leaders and Assistants

Preaching & Presiding: The Rev. Dr. James Thomas

Music Director: Sal Scinto

Altar Guild: Penny Algeo, Carolyn Phipps

Lesson Reader: Chad Tucker

Prayer Leader: Tom Algeo

Zoom Host: Ryan Savitz

A/V:

Hospitality: Lois Johnston

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, Aug. 25	10:30 am – Communications Committee
Thursday, Aug. 27	11:30 am – Building Committee
Friday, August 28	9:30 am – Fresh for All
Sunday, August 30	8:30 am and 10:30 am - Worship

Please Pray For

All in particular need, especially Nettie, Penny, Tom, Penny, The Family of Darryl Allen Sr., Marian, Claude, the Family of Gail Costa, Gracie, David, Val, Pat, Daisy, Dawn, Michael, Alice, Emily and the Family of Fred Kaplan, Ben, Charlesetta, the Family of Eileen L. Mahan, Jennifer, Barbara, Andrea, Marie Josie, Braelynn, Maria, Miles, Glenn, Peggy, and Dianne.

Celebrating Birthdays This Week

Joanita Mensah, Margaret Wertz and Janice Newton-Famous are celebrating a birthday this week.

CLCCUD Financial Report

June 2026 Income \$14,395.47
June 2026 Expenses \$24,182.76
June 2026 Net Revenue (\$9,787.29)

June 2026 Year-to-date Income \$107,618.58
June 2026 Year-to-date Expenses \$120,659.23
June 2026 Year-to-date Net Revenue (\$13,040.65)

Detailed financial statements are available by request to Penny Algeo

Our Church Ministries and Partnerships

Food Ministries Schedule

Emergency Food Closet: Ongoing as emergencies arise

Fresh For All: Fridays, 9:30-10:30AM, weather-dependent

Senior Boxes: Wed, September 2 – 9:30 am

CLCC Food Closet: Thurs, September 10 -3:00 – 5:30pm

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