



October 18, 2026
21st Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Dr. Janet M. Corpus 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.

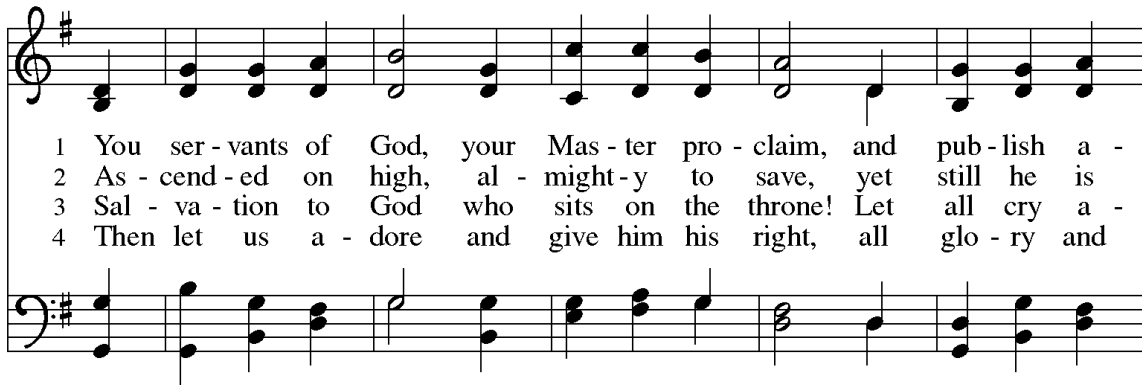
Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

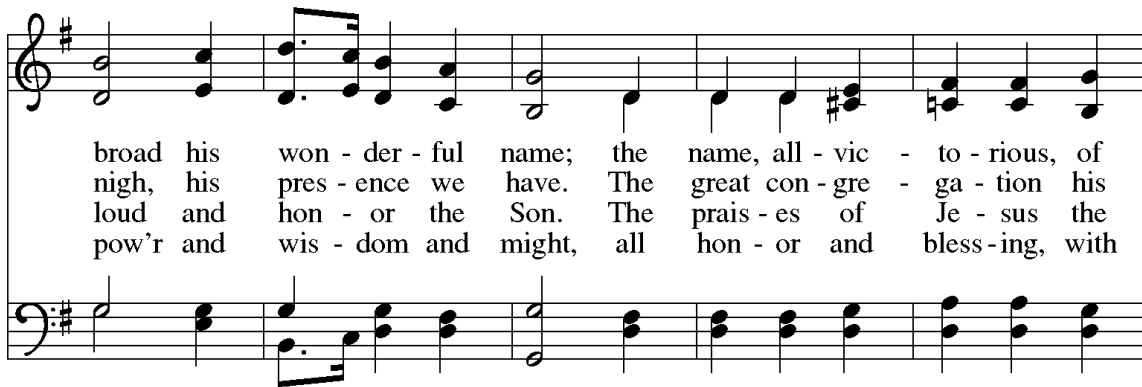
“You Servants of God”

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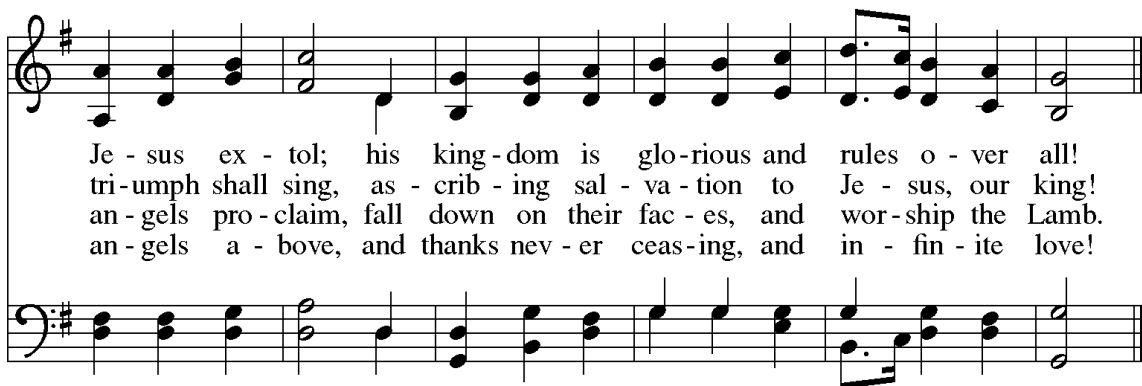
You Servants of God



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

*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

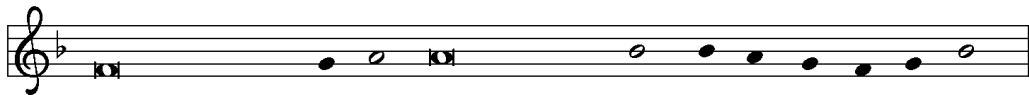
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



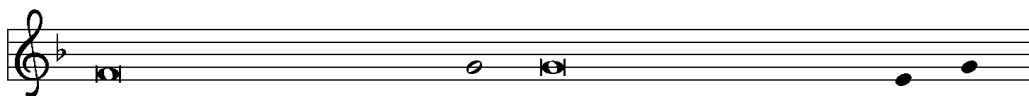
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



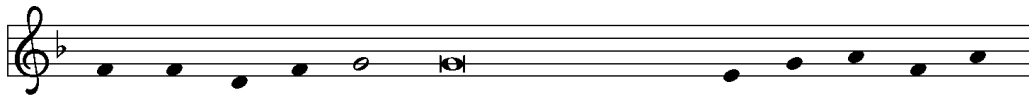
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



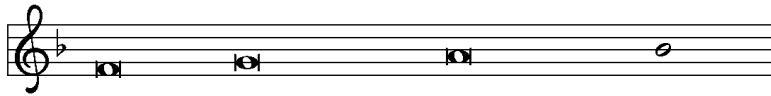
For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and



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.

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

First Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

A reading from Exodus.

¹² Moses said to the Lord, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ ¹³ Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people.” ¹⁴ He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” ¹⁵ And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

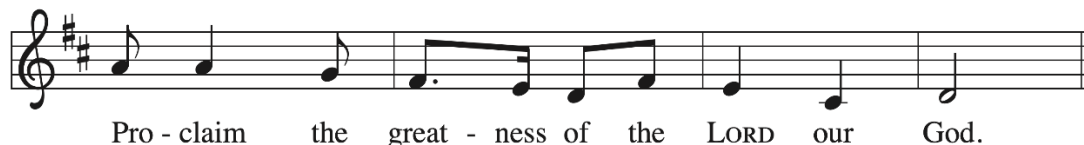
¹⁷ The Lord said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” ¹⁸ Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” ¹⁹ And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord,’ and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰ But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live.” ²¹ And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³ then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 99



Psalm 99:5

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¹ The LORD is king; let the | people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

² **The LORD, | great in Zion,
is high a- | bove all peoples.**

³ Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;
God is the | Holy One.

⁴ **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity;
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob. R**

⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- | fore God's footstool;
God is the | Holy One.

⁶ **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who
call upon your | name, O LORD,
they called upon you, and you | answered them,**

⁷ you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.

⁸ **O LORD our God, you answered | them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their | evil
deeds.**

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's | holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the | Holy One. **R**

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

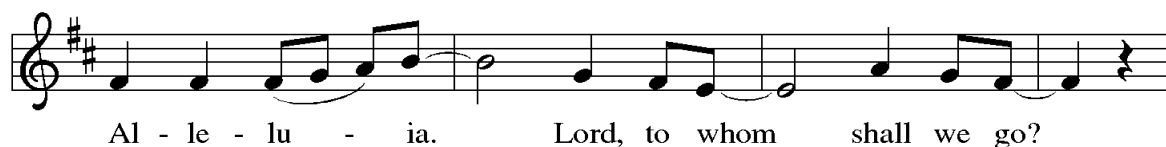
A reading from Thessalonians.

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers,
constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of
love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and
sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel
came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full
conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for
your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of
persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you
became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word
of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in
every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak
about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and
how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his
Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the
coming wrath.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation



*Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

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

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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

Sermon

Silence for reflection may follow.

Take My Gifts and Let Me Love You 609

E $\flat$ **A $\flat$** **E $\flat$**

1 Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
 2 Take the fruit that I have gath-ered from the tree your Spir - it sowed,
 3 Take what-ev - er I can of - fer— gifts that I have yet to find,

E $\flat$ **Fm** **B $\flat$** **E $\flat$**

gave me light and food and shel - ter, gave me life and set me free,
 har - vest of your own com - pas - sion, juice that makes the wine of God,
 skills that I am slow to sharp - en, tal - ents of the hand and mind,

E $\flat$ **A $\flat$** **E $\flat$** **A $\flat$** **E $\flat$**

now be - cause your love has touched me, I have love to give a - way,
 spiced with hu - mor, laced with laugh - ter— fla - vor of the Je - sus life,
 things made beau - ti - ful for oth - ers in the place where I must be:

E $\flat$ **Fm** **B $\flat$** **E $\flat$**

now the bread of love is ris - ing, loaves of love to mul - ti - ply!
 tang of risk and new ad - ven - ture, taste and zest be - yond be - lief.
 take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

Words: Shirley Erena Murray, 1931—
 Music: Scottish melody, arr. Mark H. Forscutt, 1834–1903, alt.
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**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:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

*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

Leader All

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Leader and All) in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like. 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 consists of three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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

God of creation, you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
 All blessings are from you;
 make us generous with what we have.
 Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
 in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
 today and always.
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:

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.

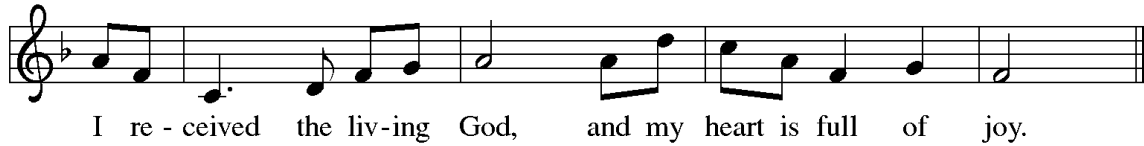
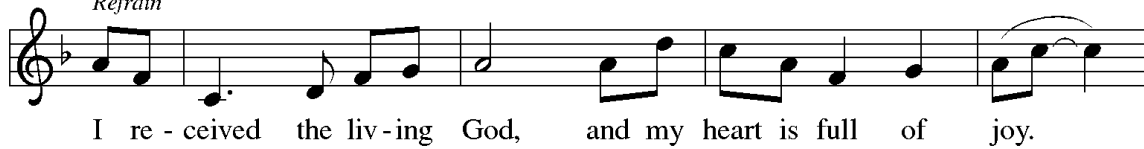
Communion Hymn

"I Received the Living God"

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I Received the Living God

Refrain



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,

Refrain



so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Text: Anonymous
Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

*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.

God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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CLCCUD Announcements, Events and Meetings

A special Thank You to the Rev. Dr. Janet M. Corpus for preaching and presiding over our worship today and to Pastor Smoose for doing so last week. Both of them are covering for Pastor Thomas while he is away for two weeks. Pastor Tomas will be back in worship on October 25.

The Flowers and the Candle on the Altar are given by Paul & Leslie Forberger in memory of Paul & Arlene Forberger and by Daisy Johnson in memory of Deborah Duncan.

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, October 20	10:30 am – Communications Team
Friday, October 23	9:30 am – Fresh for All
Sunday, October 25	8:30 and 10:30 Worship
Sunday, October 25	9:30 am – Planting and blessing of the trees

Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive



Thanksgiving is Rapidly Approaching!

It's time to start gathering food for our Thanksgiving Basket Distribution.

Please help by donating any of the following:

- Frozen Turkeys
- Cranberry Sauce
- Stuffing Mix
- Gravy
- Canned Green Beans and Corn
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Corn Bread or Muffin Mix

Place donations in the designated boxes in the Gathering Place.

Volunteers Needed to Help with Thanksgiving Basket Sign-up

Please see the bulletin board to sign up or check newsletter link to Sign-up Genius.

Updates to renovations in our church.

The fencing for the outside play area did not happen on the 14th as planned. We will update you when it is rescheduled.

The floor of the Food Closet has been

Tree Planting Volunteers Needed

The building committee has been working with Tree Tenders of Upper Darby (locally and nationally) to provide us with free native trees for our property. We need to provide helpers the day of planting and agree to take care of the trees. A tree planting expert will provide an onsite planting demonstration to volunteers on the day of planting and answer any questions. **Sign up with the office for this very special opportunity!**

Choir Practice



**Christ Lutheran Community
Church Choir Practice**

Choir will Sing Sunday,
October 25th

Rehearsal #2
Sunday 10/18 @ 12:00 PM

Rehearsal #3
Sunday 10/25 @ 9:45 AM

The choir will rehearse today at 12:00 noon and again next Sunday at 9:45 am and then sing during the 10:30 am worship service. All are welcome to participate!

Please Pray For

All in particular need, especially Nettie, Penny, Tom, Penny, Marian, Claude, Gracie, Julia, Val, Pat, Daisy, Alice, Emily Ben, Charlesetta, Jimmy, Jennifer, Barbara, Andrea, Marie Josie, Maria, Miles, Glenn, Peggy, and Dianne.

Celebrating a Birthday this week is Jeannette McCullough.

Our Church Ministries and Partnerships

Food Ministries Schedule

CLCC Food Closet: November 12 – 3:00 pm

Emergency Food Closet: Ongoing as emergencies arise

Feast Incarnate: Tuesday, November 10 – 4:30 pm

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

Senior Boxes: Wed, November 4 – 9:30 am

Worship Leaders and Assistants

Preaching & Presiding: The Rev. Dr. Janet M. Corpus

Music Director: Sal Scinto

Altar Guild: Penny Algeo and Carolyn Phipps

Lesson Reader: Kenneth Ball

Prayer Leader: Joyce Mitchell

2nd Communion Assistant: Mark Mitchell

Greeter:

Ushers: Jenielle & Nellie Gbahn

Zoom Host: Susan Pursch

A/V: Dante Hayward, Chad Tucker

Hospitality: Nancy Moore

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