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## Worship with Us

### The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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**CLC Weekly Update - July 3, 2022**

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP**

**This Sunday, July 3 at 9:30AM**



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**First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14**

**Psalm: 66:1-9**

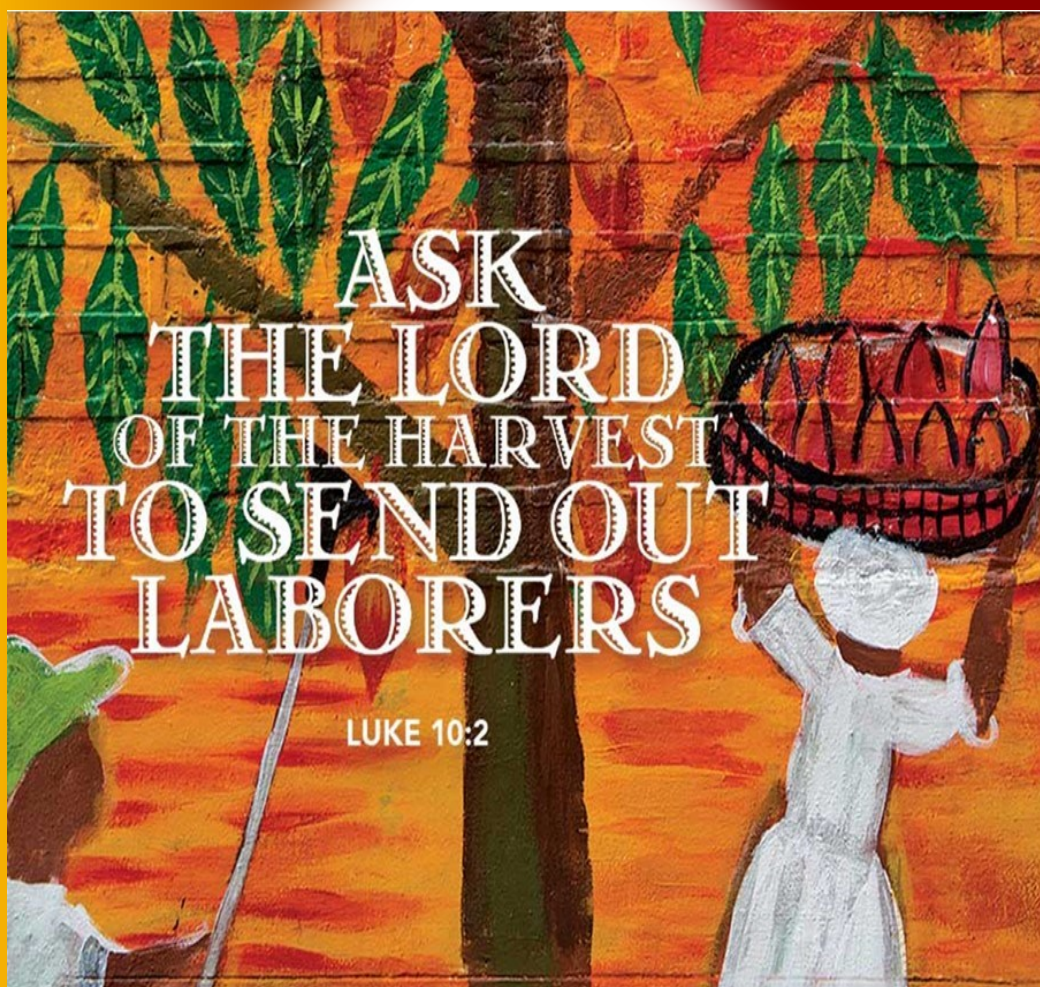
**Second Reading: Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16**

**Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

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God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven. ~

Pastor Erin will be on vacation for the next week. Please call Patty in the office at 412-821-4300 if you need anything, and she can get in touch with Pastor Jennifer Soltis who is providing coverage for emergencies.

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## SUMMER STEWARDSHIP NOTE FROM PASTOR ERIN

It's my fervent hope that this is a relaxing and **SAFE** summer for all! My own family has roadtrip plans, camping plans, beach plans, and plans to see some close friends who live far away.

We all know that summer worship attendance takes a dip while we all enjoy the great outdoors(or air conditioned bliss!), but can we talk about our summer offerings and tithes?

No matter the amount, the most helpful way to give to the ministries of the congregation is regularly and consistently. Whether it's weekly or monthly, make a prayerful decision ahead of time this summer, and commit to a consistent amount.

With our online giving platform, Vanco, it's super easy! Or do like I do, and schedule a check to be sent once a month through your bank's website. If you've already done this, or you remember to mail an envelope when you can't be physically present with us, thank you!

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY IN THE WORKS!

It is our hope that we'll have a basic member directory to share with you soon, but we'll need your help!

If you would NOT like your contact information listed, please let the office know. Once we have a draft, we'll have it available to be checked after Sunday worship to make sure we have your information listed correctly.



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# CLC Council News

Dear Christ Lutheran Church Members:

We as a council have committed to more regular communication with the congregation, so we hope you appreciate another letter! You can also speak to any one of our council members, especially officers, if you have questions. We have also committed to a covenant with each other. We'll share pieces of that with you as the summer goes along, but here is the opening paragraph.

*"A congregation is like a living organism – it can become ill, but it can also intentionally engage in healthy practices that build immunity to certain threats to its health. This Covenant strives to foster healthy communication and relationships in the church. The Bible is full of covenants, from those made with Noah, Abraham, and David, to the new covenant of love, reconciliation, and blessing God made with us through Jesus Christ. This agreement binds us together, gives us boundaries, and emphasizes priorities."*

Pastor Peter Asplin, Assistant to the Bishop, visited our May Council Meeting to check in with us and see how we were doing. We had an honest and helpful discussion with him about how things have been going here and what we are looking forward to in the future. He will return soon to explain the process of calling a pastor, and our next steps, so that we are prepared and actively working towards our future.

We had a great Potluck Picnic on June 5th, celebrating our Confirmands and kicking off Summer. Thank you to everyone who made that happen—from setting up tents to baking desserts. ***It feels good to be working as a team again!*** Speaking of teamwork, we have over 15 weekly volunteers for our food pantry, but we need one more to complete the team! Can you help Wednesday nights from 5-7pm? This has become our busiest time and our neighborhood is counting on us.

***Mark your calendars for our next Potluck Picnic at the end of the Summer: Sunday August 14th, following worship.***

In the meantime, let's get together this summer a few times! Pastor Erin would like to host a few children's activities and a couple ones for the grown-ups too! Stay tuned and check your Weekly Update emails and bulletins at church. We are preparing to have a Sunday school once again in the fall, and will be planning for that over the next few months.

Our next council meeting is Monday, July 11th at 7pm. See you in church!

In Christ's Love,

***Church Council, Christ Lutheran Church.***



# CLC FOOD PANTRY NEEDS FRUIT!

**CANNED**  
peaches, pears,  
applesauce,  
pineapple, or  
mandarin  
oranges!



**The Food Pantry is Open Mondays and Fridays from 9:30am to 11:30am, and on Wednesdays from 5pm to 7pm.**

## **FOOD PANTRY NEWS:**

All Food Pantry Volunteers (shift workers, delivery receivers, donation providers) are asked to attend a meeting after church on **Sunday, July 10th**. We'll start to formalize more volunteer work and put together a regular meeting of volunteers to lead this ministry.



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## Changing Colors

Joseph Imhoff

Over the last few weeks pursuant to the changing of the seasons within the church year the liturgical color of green has crept into the topic as part of the Ordinary Sundays and the growth of the Church, both in each congregation and out into the world to spread the Good News. The Church displays many colors during the year, each one presenting a different mood, a different phase, a different focus.

It begins with Advent in late November or early December with the announcement of Jesus' coming birth. The color is Blue, hopefulness and anticipation, think of seeing a brilliant blue sky in the morning and expect a very good day!

White appears at Christmas to Epiphany, the color of purity, of newness when Our Lord "grew in wisdom and stature" to prepare him for the mission to come. Epiphany shows us the first of the Green Sundays with the revelation of Jesus' purpose and God's plan beginning to work in the world.

The journey to Easter begins with Purple, a color of humility, penitence, reflection in anticipation of the next step to be taken, and royalty manifested in the Kingship of Jesus, Son of God! Good Friday gives us Black, the color of mourning, of loss, the short time when we feel deserted and forsaken until the joy of Easter breaks through into brilliant white or for just that one Sunday, Gold! White pops up now and again for special days of commemoration, Trinity, All Saints, Christ the King, and Saints who were not martyred.

The Red of fire announces Pentecost, symbolic of The Holy Spirit descending as tongues of fire to ignite the words of the Apostles. Throughout the year it can also symbolize blood for the martyrs and the intervention of the Holy Spirit into the life of the Church.

We often take these little things, things in the background, for granted unless our attention is called to them. Nevertheless, they are part of the whole worship experience like the music or reciting of prayers and creeds. ~

# I Want to Be in That Number

In today's gospel, Jesus sends out seventy disciples to do some evangelizing. But who are they? There is lore that says some of the first leaders of the church were in this original cadre of disciples sent out "like lambs into the midst of wolves" (Luke 10:3): Barnabas, Mark, Rufus, and Justus are a few who might be familiar to us. But this is all legend, and one has to wonder why these seventy aren't explicitly named by the gospel writer, especially because it was the first mass evangelism tour that Jesus encouraged.

But perhaps the anonymity is on purpose. Perhaps they aren't specifically named because their names can be ever-rotating—an ever-moving list of saints that, generation after generation, are sent out with the strong name of Christ to confront the evils of the world.

Perhaps you are one of the seventy, sent out by Jesus to confront the demons of this world: demons like racism and sexism, demons that destroy the temples of our bodies and cloud our minds with thoughts of hate and extremism.

It's important to consider that the seventy came back rejoicing because even the demons submitted to the name of Jesus (Luke 10:17). We may not consider that the demons of our world today can be subdued when they seem so gargantuan. Yet it has happened before, by the power of God. Indeed, it happens again and again and again as followers of Jesus go out into the world with God's name upon their brows, denouncing the ills of the world and working for justice and peace as our baptismal calling compels us to do.

That old spiritual "Oh, when the saints go marching in" (ACS 950) is most appropriate for this first Sunday in July. It speaks of longing to be among the saints entering the beloved kingdom of God, but it may also apply to these seventy saints sent out in today's gospel.

We too are in that number, wielding the powerful name of Christ. Rejoice! ~

## Bette Larson

Condolences are extended to the family and friends of Bette Joan Larson who passed away at the age of 91 on June 22; the funeral service was held at the Kyper Funeral Home, Mt. Royal Blvd. on Saturday June 25. Bette and her late husband, Jim, were former members of St. Luke's and Christ Lutheran before they retired and moved to State College, Pa. to be near one of their daughters. Both had been very active as the adult leaders of the Luther League at St. Luke's. The service was conducted at the funeral home by Pastor Ron Miller of Trinity Lutheran Church in State College where she had remained an active member.

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## Upcoming Commemorations

### Thomas, Apostle

**Sunday, July 3, 2022**

Though frequently remembered as "doubting Thomas," this apostle also demonstrated a willingness to suffer and die with Jesus (John 11:16), and finally claimed the risen Christ as "my Lord and my God!" By tradition, he later worked as a missionary in India. Long commemorated on December 21, Thomas's celebration is moved to July 3 in agreement with ecumenical calendars.

### Jan Hus, martyr, died 1415

**Wednesday, July 6, 2022**

Hus was a Bohemian (present-day Czech Republic) priest who spoke against abuses in the church, and was seen by Martin Luther as his predecessor in the reforming movement. He was found guilty of heresy by a council of the church, and burned at the stake.



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.

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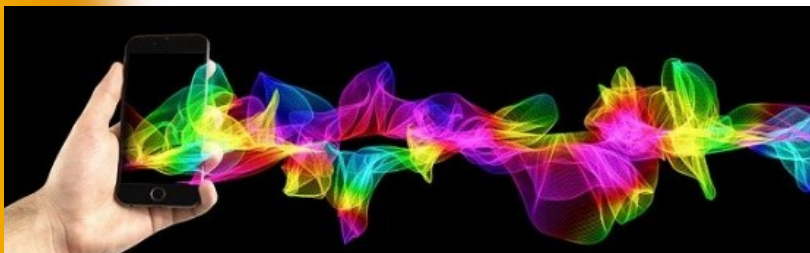
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