

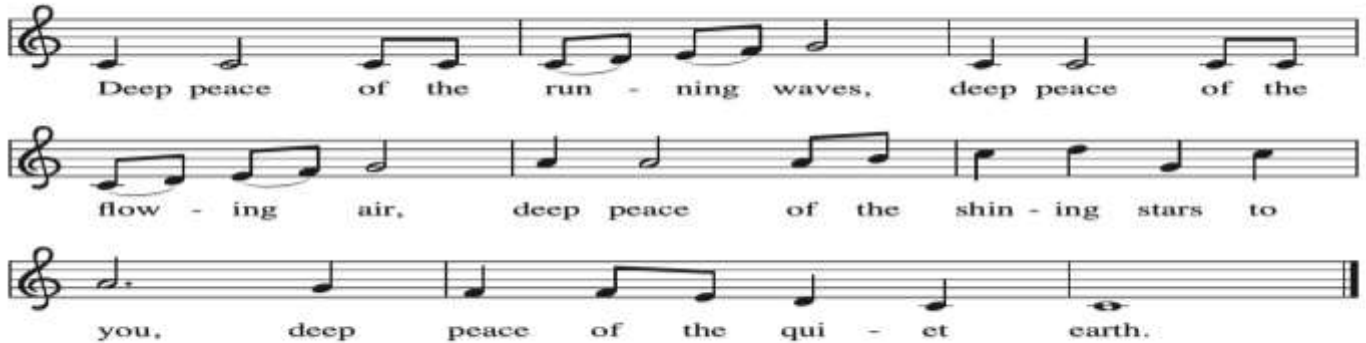
CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Wednesday Evening Service (In-Person & Zoom)

May 20, 2026 – 6:30pm

Prelude - Hymn 1018 ACS

Deep Peace



Text: Celtic traditional; adapt. Ray Makeever, b. 1943
Music: DEEP PEACE, Ray Makeever
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*** Call to Worship**

P: Today is the day that God has made;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad.

P: The God who raised Jesus the Christ from the dead raises us to new life daily;

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The God whose Spirit lives in us nurtures us and guides our way;

C: All glory and honor to God!

All: We worship with praise and thanksgiving.

*** Gathering Hymn 785**

“When Peace Like a River”

*** Greeting**

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

☑ **And also with you.**

*** The Prayer of the Day**

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading: *John 20:19-23*

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Pastor Daniel Swanson

*** Prayers of the People**

*** Words of Institution**

*** 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.**

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*** POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God’s grace.

C: Amen.

*** Blessing**

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*** Sending Hymn 1037 ACS**

“Christ Our Peace”

Christ, our peace, you break down the walls that di- vide us;
Christ, our peace, come, make us one bod-y in you.

*** Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

On Sunday, May 24th the Mission & Generosity will have a Listening Circle following our service. They will focus on our Memorial garden: Labyrinth for reflecting, bench for resting, marble memorial stone for remembering, trees and flowers for enjoying, meadow for meandering, notebook for sharing.

Mrs. Marian Ramona Tracy Bittle was one of the Charter Members of Christ Lutheran Church, LaVale. She passed away on May 14, 2025 - at the age of 96. Among the many roles Ms. Marian served in as a member of CLC, she was the church's original archivist.

To honor her legacy and the other Charter Women of CLC, beginning on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10, 2026, and throughout the rest of the month, the CLC Archives Committee will display in the Narthex the photo album created by Ms. Marian that chronicles the church's history from the 1960s to the 1980s, which the team has refurbished.

Please take time to stop by the Narthex to go down CLC's pictorial history lane. **The album pages are a bit fragile, so please handle them gently.** *Sponsored by the CLC Archives Committee*

Geraniums for the Festival of Pentecost - On Sunday, May 24th we would like to decorate our church with red geraniums which will then be planted outside in our flower beds. ***The cost per plant is \$4.00.*** *If you are interested in purchasing a geranium for Pentecost Sunday, please place money or check (Christ Lutheran Church) in an envelope and put in offering plate or bring to the church office. You may donate these flowers in honor or memory of loved ones. Please write this on your envelope or on a paper with payment. Deadline for ordering geraniums is May 21st.* These plants will be enjoyed for the entire summer.

As you are doing your Spring cleaning remember our church Yard Sale. We will start setting up July 20 (sales on July 24 & 25) then probably for the next two weeks. **We need stuff!!!! Start gathering.** We do have limited space if you need to bring early. See Shirley.

