

Christ Church

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Prelude
Moments of Concern

Call to Worship: *Psalm 100:1-3* – Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness; come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD, He is God; it is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
Heidelberg Catechism: Lord’s Day 26 (page 22)

- Q. How does baptism remind you and assure you that Christ’s one sacrifice on the cross is for you personally?*
- A. In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it gave the promise that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly His blood and His Spirit wash away my soul’s impurity, in other words, all my sins.
- Q. What does it mean to be washed with Christ’s blood and Spirit?*
- A. To be washed with Christ’s blood means that God, by grace, has forgiven my sins because of Christ’s blood poured out for me in His sacrifice on the cross. To be washed with Christ’s Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has renewed me and set me apart to be a member of Christ so that more and more I become dead to sin and increasingly live a holy and blameless life.
- Q. Where does Christ promise that we are washed with His blood and Spirit as surely as we are washed with the water of baptism?*
- A. In the institution of baptism where He says: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” “He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned.” This promise is repeated when Scripture calls baptism the washing of regeneration and the washing away of sins.

***Hymn of Adoration:** 339 *“Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven”*
Call to Confession: *Isaiah 55:7* – Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.
Prayer of Confession: Father in heaven, we lack the faith to believe that we have been cleansed from sin by Christ’s blood and Spirit, and so we have not made proper effort to put to death our old natures and to die to sin. We have failed both to recognize how wicked our sins truly are and to realize how precious is the washing and the new life we have received. Forgive us and grant us grace to live courageous lives of praise, glorifying You before the world. We pray in the Name of Jesus who shed His blood so we could be pardoned. Amen.

Agnus Dei:
Women & Children: O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Men: O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
All: O Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us your peace. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: *1 John 1:9* – If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
C: Thanks be to God.
Gloria Patri: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Collect of the Day (unison): O God, You are the Protector of all who trust in You. Without You we are neither strong nor holy. Increase our faith so that we might live in the confidence that You will supply all we need for life and godliness. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
***Old Testament Lesson:** *Isaiah 41:10* – Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.
***Epistle Lesson:** *Hebrews 4:14-16*
¹⁴ Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.
¹⁵ For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.
¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
***Gospel Lesson:** *Matthew 6:25-34* (page 854)
Children’s Sermon
***Hymn of Preparation:** *“He Will Keep You”* (back of bulletin)
Sermon: *Addressing Fear and Anxiety – Part 1*
Prayers of the People
Lord’s Prayer (unison): Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
***Offertory Response:** Doxology
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.
***Prayer of Dedication**
***Hymn of Response:** 457 *“Take Time to Be Holy”*
***Benediction**
***Threefold Amen**
***Postlude**

We welcome all who are visiting with us today. Please fill out the visitor card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate or sign our guest book in the foyer. Thank you.

Announcements:

LET US PRAY FOR:
Jeff Bettwy, Bill Eshelman, Bob Hawley, our homebound members and those who cannot attend church at this time, Maust Family (Alaska), Pastor Tomal (Bangladesh), Pastor Declan (Kenya), and Melvin Conn (unto).

Celebrating a birthday this week is:

Jeannie Wallace (6/29)

Happy birthday and may you have a blessed week!

This Week’s Events:

Sunday:

Brief Consistory Meeting after Worship Service
Church Family Devotions – 6 p.m.

Monday - Friday:

Vacation Bible School – 6 p.m.

Friday:

Prayer Meeting – Noon

June Memory Verse
1 Thessalonians 5:17
Pray without ceasing.

June’s Psalm
This month we will begin a summer sermon series on fear and anxiety so we are singing Psalm 121. Jesus told us that we would face trouble in this world, but He also said that He had overcome the world. So God can keep us from what would harm our bodies, but more importantly, He is able to keep us from what can harm our eternal souls and will give new, indestructible bodies to all who belong to Christ. So singing this Psalm is our confession that we believe God will protect us from evil destroying us and that He will sustain us through whatever trials we must face until He brings us safely home.

The July Tabletalk magazines are now in the bookrack. The featured articles this month focus on what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Pick up your copy and immerse yourself in learning and reflection this summer!

Pastor John has requested that all consistory members meet immediately after the worship service for a brief meeting.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the yard sale last Saturday. Currently, we have received \$430 in donations for the Kletzing family’s mission trip to Kenya.

Upcoming Events

Vacation Bible School This Week!

We are looking forward to a fun and engaging week! Each night, we will begin with a kid-friendly meal for all who attend (both kids and helpers.) **If anyone would like to make a monetary donation to help offset the cost of the food for the week, please give it to Nancy Kletzing or drop it off at the church office.** We appreciate your prayers that all will go well this week and kids’ spiritual lives will be enhanced through the lessons being taught.



Child Evangelism Fellowship 5-Day Club

We will be hosting a 5-Day Club from Wednesday, July 5th through Friday, July 7th from 10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. each day. **(Note this year’s club will only be three days due to it being held on a holiday week.)** Kids ages 5-12 are invited to come hear Bible lessons, learn memory verses, sing songs, and play games. CEF has provided flyers for us to advertise the club meeting dates to anyone we think may be interested in coming. The flyers are located on the table with the bulletins in the foyer. Please pick one up and consider giving it to a family member or friend who has kids in the 5-12 age group. Thank you!

“Pray for Your Church Family”

As a part of your daily prayers, we would like you to remember a certain person or family on each day of the week.

This week may we suggest that you pray for:

Monday – Denny & Linda Ayers

Tuesday – Jeff, Chris, & Nick Bettwy & Sam Dilling

Wednesday – Jeanne Black

Thursday – Greg & Robin Blakeley

Friday – Lucy & Gene Bloom

Saturday – Joanie Keith

Sunday – Our Christ Church Family

CHURCH CLOSING/OFFERING for today is Joanie Keith
CHURCH CLOSING/OFFERING for (7-2) is Mark Curfman
CHILDREN’S SERMON for today is Pastor John
CHILDREN’S SERMON for (7-2) is John Hovenstine
GREETER for (7-2) is Mark Curfman
DOOR DUTY for today is Richard Norris
DOOR DUTY for (7-2) is Mark Curfman
ACOLYTE for (7-2) is Lindsey Warmath
WORSHIP LEADER for (7-2) is Pastor John

He Will Keep You (Psalm 121)

I lift my eyes and see,
I need not be afraid,
All my help comes from the Lord,
Who the earth and sky has made.

He will keep you
From all evils
Behind you and before,
He will sustain you
Through this journey,
From now and evermore.

The Lord will never sleep,
My steps he has ordained.
For the One Who holds the night
Is the Sovereign of my days.

He will keep you
From all evils
Behind you and before,
He will sustain you
Through this journey,
From now and evermore.

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Behind you and before,
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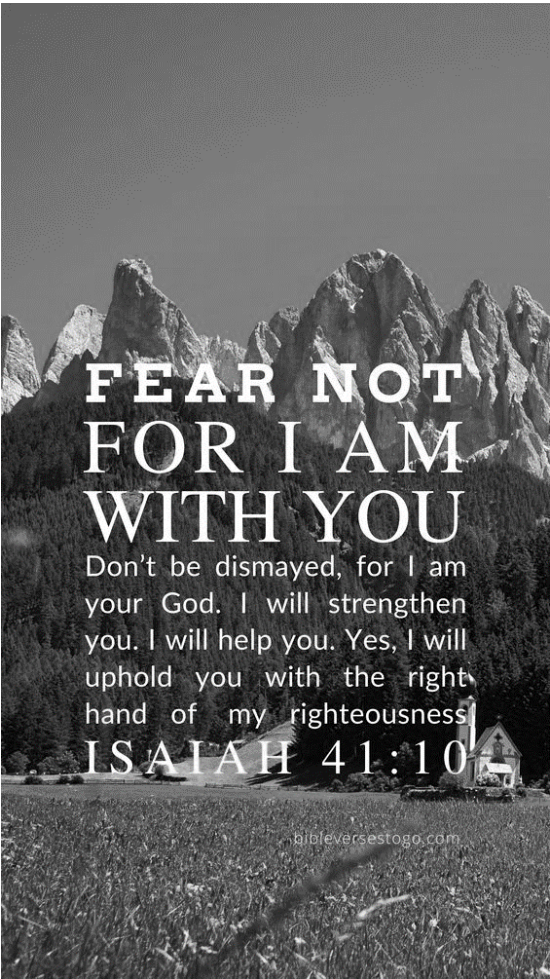
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