

# ANGELOS

September 2025

## One Holy Catholic Church

*"Despite the differences in natural languages,  
the Church is united by the common language of the Holy Spirit,  
who speaks the great acts of God."*

Karl Barth, Lectures on the Scots Confession

Every week when we use the Apostles Creed I am always taken and reminded what we believe about the church. *"I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins . . ."* Can we ever understand the miracle that is the church?

If you've been in the church for any amount of time you've noticed it looks and acts usually nothing like a miracle! I think of that little ditty:

*"To dwell above with saints I love,  
oh, that will be glory.*

*To dwell below with saints I know,  
now that's a different story!"*

Indeed!

But the church is a miracle – think of it: a small handful of largely uneducated people gathering around Jesus in an obscure corner of the Roman Empire. Before ascending Jesus tells them they are to go into all the world and tell his story. What could this have possibly meant to a group of people who hadn't ever traveled more than 100 miles from their homes? But by the time those people died they had brought their faith in Jesus to Rome and Athens, to North Africa and India. There's a good chance the gospel was being spread in France and Spain.

All of this because of largely untrained followers of Jesus.

But untrained was overcome by Spirit-filled, Spirit-led, Spirit-empowered. Ordinary men and women were inhabited by the very Spirit of Jesus Christ and in this turned that movement miraculous!



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One of the best news pieces about the church is that there is 'one holy catholic Church.' We don't confess faith about the Lutheran Church or any other denomination for that matter. What we believe is there is but one church (which is what the word 'catholic' means in the creeds). Whatever the denominational label, it is secondary. What matters is belonging to Jesus Christ and to the one community of faith he has founded. That's the church that is a miracle.

## Jesus Has Only One Church!

This summer I've seen a number of examples of how good it is that we are one church. In July, Dan Tchobanoff, a former and long-time member of Christ Lutheran, passed away. Dan and Doris have for the past 15 years or so been members of Lake City Community Church (a church very different from our own). But at the service for Dan I saw 30-40 Christ Lutheran people in attendance, and most of the treats at the reception came from Christ Lutheran people. That is a witness – there is but one church!

This past week I had lunch with Pastor Andre Winston, of Blessed Temple (an African-American Pentecostal congregation). In terms of worship style and church governance I'm not sure you could be further apart than Blessed Temple and Christ Lutheran. But Pastor Andre and I talked about our 10-year history, the Compassion Weekend projects at his church, the finances Christ Lutheran has invested at Blessed Temple. We talked about the hours Scott Robinson spent at Blessed temple doing electrical work.

Our relationship with Blessed Temple is a witness – there is but one church!

As I'm entering my final season as pastor of Christ Lutheran I've been reflecting on this blessed place God led Thelma and myself to. I am so very thankful for Christ Lutheran and to all it has meant to us. But even more-so I am thankful for the "holy catholic church." That church unites us to all believers and followers of Jesus Christ. We are connected to Christians of every culture, ethnic group, language, and color. We are also connected to Christians with differing theological convictions. But the oneness of the holy catholic church comes from its center – Jesus Christ. Keep the attention there and you have the holy catholic church.



One church, the miracle of which I get to experience in one particular congregation – Christ Lutheran. Thank God for both!

**With thanks for the Church and for our church!**  
**Pastor Ralf**

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## Starting in September – Let's Explore the Church

### The Book of Acts: The Continuing Story of What Jesus is Doing by His Spirit through His People

First large group on Tuesday, September 23

Either at 10:30am or 7:00pm in the Alpha Room

Sign up in the Gathering Place!

### In the Footsteps of St. Paul

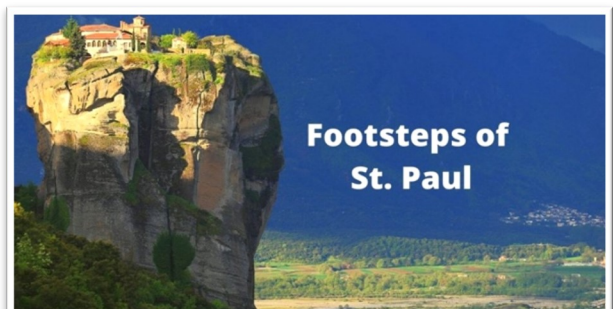
Two opportunities:

Thursday at 1:30pm or Sunday at 9:40am

First Thursday class on September 18

First Sunday class on September 21

Both classes meet in the Alpha Room



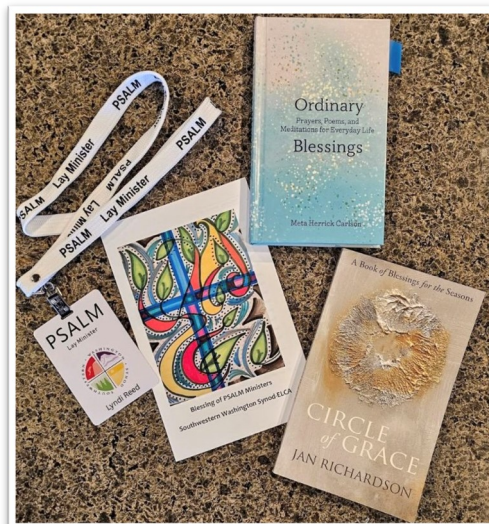
# Children & Families

Just after VBS, I began a 3-week vacation and I am so grateful for this time away! During my time off I celebrated my birthday (thank you, by the way, for singing to me during worship on August 3rd, that was a fun little treat!) I went on lots of great walks in the area, had lunch or dinner with friends, I went hiking up at Mt Rainier and was able to enjoy a day trip to Vashon Island to see where I lived when I was born as well as find the Dambo Troll over there. My vacation ended with a family trip to Leavenworth and we had so much fun floating on the river! Every bit of my time filled me up with new energy and I am so grateful!

I returned in mid August and have been busy working on getting all kinds of things ready for the fall. Kids Club continues on Sunday mornings and we have been having fun continuing with a simple devotion and then playing games together. Rooted will begin on Wednesday evenings in late September and I really encourage all you families to come. Dinner for all (no cooking or dishes for you) and then class for all the kids with me and an adult class with Jack Roffler. Come and give it a try. 5:30-7pm.

I did recently graduate from the PSALM program that our Synod offers. A two-year program for strengthening Lay Leaders for ministry in their churches and communities. Next is seminary! I am taking some online orientation sessions right now in the evenings and I am officially registered for 3 classes at Luther seminary. I will be flying to Minnesota for a one week intensive in early September and then will return home to complete the classes online. Please pray for me as I begin this new adventure. It is filled with excitement and with anxiety, as I learn to juggle something new. Thank you Christ Lutheran, for all the ways you encourage and support me!

Vicar Lyndi Reed

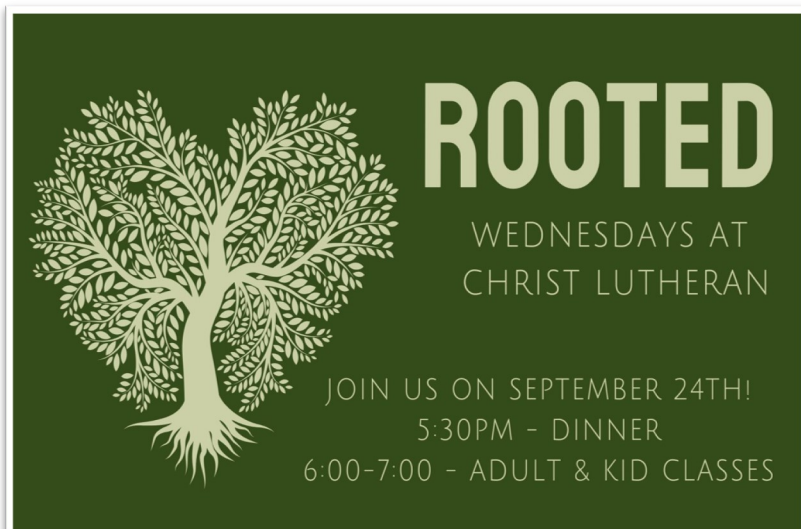


## Rooted

We are so excited for Rooted to start back up on Wednesday September 24th. Everyone is invited to join us for this multi-generational evening each week. We have dinner together from 5:30-6pm, followed by classes from 6-7pm. Lyndi Reed will be leading a class for kids and Jack Roffler is facilitating the adult ed class, using WordGo. We are so thankful that Francine Sumrell has agreed to prepare and serve the dinners each week.

We hope you will put Wednesday nights on your calendar and plan to join us. It is a great way to meet some new people, get Rooted in the Word, enjoy food and fellowship AND it will be one night each week that you won't have to cook or do dishes! Yahoo!

See you on the 24th!







Hi CLC family and friends! MOMco is kicking off a new year beginning September 11! We are looking for volunteers to help in the nursery, our KIDCo, extra hands in the kitchen, etc...please contact Aubrie in the Church office if you're interested. The MOMCo team would be so grateful and appreciative!

Danielle Rozul  
MomCo Co-Coordinator

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## Welcome to our New Office Manager!

After two years as the Latchkey Director, 2.5 years as a Latchkey Lead Teacher, and helping out in the church office since November, I am happy to announce that I have accepted the position as Office Manager and will officially begin on September 9th! In addition to taking on the role of Office Manager, I have also stepped into the role of MomCo Co-Coordinator for this year alongside Danielle Rozul, and we are both so excited for a bigger and better year of MomCo as we continue to grow and thrive!

For those of you who may not know me yet, I thought it would be fun to share a little bit about myself! I was born and raised here at CLC and am now raising my almost 6-year-old son, Paxton, here, which feels like such a full-circle moment. When I'm not working or in mom-mode, you can typically find me creating pottery for my small business (ask me about it!), having a girls' day with my sisters or friends, or binge-watching my favorite shows.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to continue to give back to a place that feels like home, and am excited to bring fresh ideas, organization, and joy to this place. I look forward to being able to serve all of you here at CLC as I begin this new journey!

Hannah Elliot



# Fall Preschool & Latchkey

## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESCHOOL

**We still have a few spots left for the 2025–2026 school year!**

**Ready for a year of learning–laughter, and growing in God’s love?**

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friendship, crafts, and play fill every day!**



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NOW!**



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## LATCHKEY

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Latchkey is a state-licensed childcare facility providing quality care for children ages 5 to 12 to attend before and after school hours during the regular school year. Latchkey is open 5 days a week, Monday through Friday.

### Hours:

AM Session: 6:30am - 8:10am

PM Session: 2:00pm - 6:00pm

### Contact Us :

[latchkey@clc-lakewood.org](mailto:latchkey@clc-lakewood.org)  
**(253) 820-2268**

# Upcoming Events

## All Church BBQ & Picnic

Join us for an old fashion all church BBQ & picnic on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, following church from 11am to 1pm. Sign up in the gathering space or call the church office to bring a side dish or dessert. This helps us have the right amount of hotdog cooked and ready to go! Nobody loves an old-fashioned church picnic quite like Pastor Ralf, so come out and join us as we begin celebrating his amazing pastoral career!



## BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

**Have your child bring their backpack to be prayed over on  
Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> during service!**



# Church News

## **Yakima Mission Trip**

A group of 12 adults will be working with Habitat for Humanity in Yakima to help build a family home. They will spend the week of September 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> on the project. Please pray for those who are going on the trip and for the family that is receiving a new home.

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## **Walk to Emmaus**

Many members of Christ Lutheran Church have attended a Walk to Emmaus Weekend over the years. For most, it was a mountaintop experience in growing in their faith and experiencing God's love! The Puget Sound Walk to Emmaus is hosting a set of weekends in October and we want to invite anyone from Christ Lutheran who might want to attend this Christian Retreat. The Men's weekend is October 16-19 and the Women's weekend is October 23-26 at Rose Hill Presbyterian Church up in Kirkland. If you are interested in attending, or would just like more information please reach out to Lyndi Reed or Pastor Ralf.

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## **With Thanks**

Dear Christ Lutheran Family,  
My heart overflows with thanks and gratitude for all the love you poured on to Scott. Each day of Scott's 6 month stay at "Robinson Rehab" we received cards, phone calls, homemade apple sauce, Starbuck's Vanilla Lattes, soup, meals, visits and PRAYERS. Each of you showered Scott and I with the love of Jesus.

Thank you for being Christ to us.  
Mikel Ann Robinson

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Dear Pastor Kalms and members of Christ Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for much for your letter of appreciation signed by so many of you! Thankyou as well for the gift cards to Wild Fin Restaurant. My wife and I have already enjoyed a delicious dinner there with your gift and look forward to another. God bless you in your important ministry,  
Bishop Jaech

# Mark Your Calendar

## CLC Seniors' Trip

### Museum of History & Industry

9:00am Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>

We will spend the day at the Museum of History & Industry in Seattle and have lunch at the museum café. For More information, see the signup sheet in the Gathering Place.

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## Men's Monday Meal & a Movie At Mike's

5pm Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>

We will be watching Season 5 Episodes 1 & 2 of "The Chosen"

Dinner will be pork tenderloin, potatoes au gratin, corn, on the cob, salad, and dessert. Sign up in the Gathering Place.

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A poster for a Jazz Night event. The background is dark with a faint image of a jazz musician playing a saxophone. The text is in gold and white. The title 'JAZZ NIGHT' is in large, bold, gold letters. Below it, the date '5 SEPTEMBER 2025' and time '7-10PM' are in white. The text 'CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH PRESENTS:' is in small white letters above the title. Below the date, it says 'PERFORMANCE FOLLOWED BY OPEN JAZZ JAM'. The featured act 'Threocracy' is in large, bold, gold letters. To the right of the act name is a QR code. To the left of the act name, it says 'ALL AGES/ NO CHARGE - FREEWILL OFFERING'. To the right of the QR code, it says 'AS HEARD ON KNKX'. At the bottom, the address '8211 112TH STREET SW, LAKEWOOD, WA' and the website 'WWW.CHRISTLUTHERANCHURCH.COM' are in white.

CHRIST LUTHERAN  
CHURCH PRESENTS:

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## Miriam Circle

10:00am Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> in the Fireside Room.

## Faith Circle

9:30am Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> in the Alpha Room.

## Dorcas Circle

3:00pm Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> in the Alpha Room.

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## Monday Morning Bible Study

Bible Study meets at 9 AM in the Alpha Room. The group will study “*The Gospel on the Ground*” by Kristi McLelland, for more information about this selection, please contact Barb Kurtz. New members are welcome.

## Prayer Group

The Prayer Group meets Monday mornings after Bible study (around 11:15 AM). If you have prayer requests, you may click the prayer request "button" of the CLC weekly email or call the Church secretary. You may also drop a written prayer request in the offering plate. We celebrate the power of prayer. Please join us-no experience necessary!

## Book Group

The CLC book club meets on the third Thursday of the month (9/18/2025), in the Alpha Room at 10 AM. September's selection is *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers* by Jesse Q Sutanto. This is a cozy mystery novel that explores emotions while humorously presenting a murder to solve.

*Vera Wong is a lonely LOL (little old lady) who lives above her “vintage tea shop in San Francisco’s Chinatown. Vera enjoys tracking her Gen-Z son on the Internet. Her life becomes more exciting when she discovers a dead man in her tea shop holding a flash drive. Being a suspicious Chinese mother Vera tucks away the flash drive before the police arrive. Vera is determined to solve the mystery. She draws in a group of young people connected to the victim. She offers unsolicited advice, cooks and mothers, these individuals. Is the murderer one of special group?*

9/18/25      *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers* by Jesse Q. Sutanto

10/16/25    *Ella* by Diane Richards

11/20/25    A biography or autobiography of your choice

12/18/25    *Christmas Crimes at the Mysterious Bookshop* edited by Otto Penzler

Please join us. If you use the library, always check the availability of the selection as well as the Lucky Day shelf. If you would like more information for Monday Morning Bible Study, Prayer Group or Book Discussion contact Mikel Robinson: text or call (253)307-9373 or email at mar8412@hotmail.com.

# September Worship Helpers

			Fall Worship @ 9:30am	
8:30am	09/07	09/14	09/21	09/28
Ushers	2 Needed	2 Needed	2 Needed	Dale Moultime 1 Needed
Greeters	Penny Jasso 1 Needed	Fran & Mel Keuch	2 Needed	2 Needed
Reader	Anne Cook	Kristin Moultime	1 Needed	1 Needed
Communion Set Up	2 Needed	Carol Brown 1 Needed	Francine Sumrell 1 Needed	Kristin Moultime 1 Needed
Communion Assistant	Anne Cook 2 Needed	Karen Claussen 2 Needed	3 Needed	Kristin Moultime 2 Needed
Communion Clean Up	Deb Sclair 1 Needed	Karen Claussen 1 Needed	Francine Sumrell 1 Needed	Kristin Moultime 1 Needed
Coffee Hour Host		Rod & Sharon Shaffer	Hal & Kate Amundson	Diane Chamusco Linda Cole Krista Kollin
10:30am			09/21	09/28
Ushers			2 Needed	2 Needed
Greeters			2 Needed	2 Needed
Reader			1 Needed	Thomas Thompson
Communion Assistant			Thomas Thompson 2 Needed	Karen Claussen 2 Needed
Communion Clean Up			2 Needed	Karen Claussen 1 Needed

The Worship Helper sign up sheets are available in the Gathering Place.

## Worship Helper Scheduling

Do you have a preferred weekend that you like to serve? Would you like to have a set schedule?

If you answered, "yes"! Please email Aubrie at [secretary@clc-lakewood.org](mailto:secretary@clc-lakewood.org) or call the Church Office and I would be happy to schedule you!

## Angelos

If you have any information or articles for the Angelos, please email them to Aubrie at [secretary@clc-lakewood.org](mailto:secretary@clc-lakewood.org) by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Thank you!

# SEPTEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> Labor Day Office Closed	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Worship Noon Exec Meeting 4:30pm Council Meeting 5:30pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal 7:30pm	<b>5</b> Office Closed <b>Jazz Night 7pm</b>	<b>6</b> TGLS 9am
<b>7</b> PB&J Sunday Summer Worship 9:30am Fellowship 10:40am <b>Church BBQ &amp; Picnic 11am</b>	<b>8</b> Women's Bible study 9am Quilters 9am Prayer Group 11:15am	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Worship Noon <b>MomCo Kick Off 6pm</b> Joyful Noise Rehearsal 7:30pm	<b>12</b> Office Closed	<b>13</b> TGLS 9am
<b>14</b> Summer Worship 9:30am Fellowship 10:40am	<b>15</b> Women's Bible study 9am Quilters 9am Prayer Group 11:15am <b>Men's Meal &amp; a Movie 5pm</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Seniors Trip 9:00am</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Book Group 10am Worship Noon <b>Education Hour 1:30pm</b> Joyful Noise Rehearsal 7:30pm	<b>19</b> Office Closed	<b>20</b> TGLS 9am
<b>21</b> Traditional Worship 8:30am Adult Ed/Fellowship 9:30am Contemporary Worship 10:30am	<b>22</b> Women's Bible study 9am Quilters 9am Prayer Group 11:15am	<b>23</b> <b>Book of Acts Study 10:30am</b> <b>Book of Acts Study 7pm</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Rooted</b> Dinner 5:30pm Classes 6:00pm	<b>25</b> Faith Circle 9:30am Worship Noon Education Hour 1:30pm MomCo 6pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal 7:30pm	<b>26</b> Office Closed	<b>27</b> TGLS 9am
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