



**Light of Christ**  
A BOLDLY INCLUSIVE CATHOLIC CHURCH

***Our Mission:** Light of Christ Ecumenical Catholic Community is a vibrant, inclusive and welcoming community for all who, following the teachings and example of Jesus Christ, seek compassion, justice and peace in the world. We seek to live our faith through liturgy and prayer, community building and collaboration, study and service.*

*All Are Welcome!*

*28th Week in Ordinary*

*October 19th, 2024*



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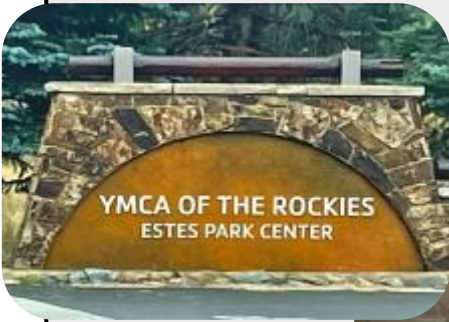
Light of Christ at Synod 2024



We sang and danced



We came and saw



We prayed



We shared



We made friends



We worshipped



## Happenings and Announcements

### Schedule for week of October

#### Saturday (October 19)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

#### Sunday (October 20)

11:30 am - Growing Gardens Fund-raising event

#### Tuesday (October 22)

10 am - Scripture reading (FB live)

#### Wednesday (October 23)

9 am - Service (hybrid/Zoom)

1 pm - Adult Formation

#### Thursday (October 24)

7 pm - Mens Group

#### Friday (October 25)

6 pm - Trunk or Treat

#### Saturday (October 26)

5 pm - Mass (Hybrid/Facebook Live)

- **Synod Thanks:** Our National Synod was a great success and that is in no small part due to the outstanding service and representation by our Light of Christ Community. Thank you to **SO MANY** people who worked behind the scenes to make folks feel welcome and to ensure the success. Special thanks go out to our delegates and alternate: Steve DeHaas, Teri Harroun, Helen Majzler, Rick Rogers, Mary Lu Stenson, Tim Shead and Sheila Winters. Our delegates will be sharing their reflections on Synod this weekend at Mass.

- **Growing Gardens event:** Join Light of Christ and Bethlehem Lutheran on **Sunday, October 20th** for games, snacks and music with Gregg Hansen and the Djembe Orchestra. Donations welcome and go to sustain the Growing Gardens

project. The fun starts at **11:30 am** at the pavilion behind the church.

- **Jared Orsi to speak:** Light of Christ is once again hosting CSU Professor Jared Orsi on **Saturday, November 9th** at **3pm** for a presentation intended for all. Dr. Orsi's topic is "Painful Pasts: What is Historical Trauma and How Does It Affect the Present?" Please invite your friends and spread the word about this enjoyable and informative presentation.





## The Water Protectors of Standing Rock

During the month of October, we are listening to the voices of Native Americans, especially as they talk about their relationship to the earth and the meaning of water. In 2016, while gathering at Standing Rock, North Dakota, we began to understand why Native tribes referred to themselves as “Water Protectors.”

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribes believed that the proposed route of the 1,172-mile Dakota Access Pipeline would have run underneath the nearby Missouri River and Lake Oahe, posing a threat of contamination to their primary water supply. Members from over 400 tribes from North America and Native people around the world stood together until the federal government revoked the company’s permit. The “water protectors” held their ground.

Here are some of their words from that protest:

*Mother Earth is our mother. She's everything. She's life. She brings life, she takes life. We get everything from her; we get our food, our shelter, medicines. The water flows through her creeks, the lakes, and sacred places. This is why we're here. This is why we chose this planet, because of her. It's everything.*

-Rachelle Figueroa, age 65

*The water is a woman, this great mother who's just always providing life; endlessly, tirelessly providing life. And I've always felt such a deep love for the water just because she brings so much to us. She helps us renew. She helps us wash away, she helps us restore.*

*I grew up in an Anglicized society, so all the things like our culture ... It was weird to me. It was still pretty foreign, and it was like, 'Why do I have to do this? Why do I have to listen to this or why does my mom believe in this? Now, I just feel bad for giving my mom a hard time because I'm older, and I get it. I get why it is we pray for the birds and why we pray for the sky, why we pray for the earthworms and why we pray for the grass. All these different things; I understand why there's so much beauty in day-to-day things.*

- Eryn Wise, 26, Jicarilla Apache and Laguna Pueblo Nation

### What can ordinary people do about climate change?

More water is used in the bathroom than any other place in the home. Be conscious of how much water you use. Can you limit your water use this week?

## PRAYER CORNER

Dave Barnwell; Gary Tharnish  
 Gina Hinnegan; Judith Link;  
 Kris Jenkins; Linda Moses;  
 Lisa Jordan; Marty Campbell;  
 Michael Degnan; Patrick Degnan;  
 Paula Degnan; Pete Conti; Phyllis Enge;  
 Rita Rose Bergen; Rosean Amaral;  
 Scott Jenkins; Sharon Cramer;  
 Sharon Farnsworth; Teri Harroun;  
 Therese Gabriel; Wes Evans.



*We update our prayer corner monthly. If you or your loved one would like to be included on the corner, please contact the office and we'd be happy to add you.*

A printed copy of the Light of Christ Bylaws, policies and procedures is available in the Church Office for members to review.

Members of Light of Christ or their family members are invited to **purchase ad space here** on the weekly bulletins! Not only does it help out these businesses, but it also helps LOC by bringing in additional funds. For more information, please call the Church Office.

## STEWARDSHIP

	September	Year to Date
Donations	\$11,818.18	\$103,828.41
Other Income, including Grocery Cards	\$7.83	\$2,433.31
Total Income	\$11,826.01	\$106,511.72
Expenses	\$11,641.28	\$121,698.64
Balance	\$184.73	-\$15,186.92

Additionally, \$1,407 was received for Synod.

## DAILY READINGS

Our online readings this season are from Pearl S. Buck's "The Story Bible". Please join us on Facebook Live every Tuesday at 10AM.

Light of Christ is using the Women's Ordination Conference Lectionary for 2024. Please contact the Church Office for a link and information.

## ASSISTANCE

**Prayer Partners:** These prayer ministries welcome and invite you, in confidence, to share your concerns in more detail or depth, or even to pray for you when you can't find the words. You can email our Prayer Companion Team at [prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org](mailto:prayercompanionteam@lightofchristecc.org) and someone will reach out to you.

**Home Eucharist Team:** If you need Eucharist brought to your home, for any reason, please contact Father Teri and she will coordinate one of our Home Eucharistic Ministers to visit you and bring you Communion.

**Rite of Reconciliation:** The Rite of Reconciliation is available after Mass or by Appointment. Please contact Father Teri or the Church office for more information.

If you need assistance during this time, there are several resources available in Longmont:

**HOPE Longmont**, located at:

804 Lincoln St.  
 Longmont, CO 80501

**THE OUR CENTER**, located at:

220 Collyer St.  
 Longmont, CO 80501

**THE ROUND PANTRY**, located at:

Westview Presbyterian Church  
 1500 Hover St.  
 Longmont, CO 80501