



Life in this garden

The prophet Isaiah announces encouragement to Israel with the promise, "...you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail." (Isaiah 58: 11b)

These perennials in Christ Lutheran's garden encourage me. Growth and bright blooms of purples, blues, reds and yellows attest to their rootedness in this time and place. The accompanying pictures show some of that growth and color. Soon, with the coming of autumn, these hardy plants will die back so as to rest in winter. The passing of time will provide rest and sabbath so that a new season of growth and bright blooms may come again in springtime.

Faith, like every living thing, has seasons of growth. In mid-August, I began as pastor here with the people of Christ Lutheran Church, which is located in southeast Cheyenne. Ordained into the ministry of the Lutheran church in 1986, the "gardens" of ministry for me have been varied: in Minnesota, Illinois, California, Montana and, most recently Bismarck, North Dakota where my family and I lived for nearly 14 years.

Perennial growth is God's promise in all of the gardens of which we are a part. That perennial growth returns and becomes active again and again because of God's grace. As we enjoy the bright blooms of late-summer flowers, may we be reminded of God's perpetual promise in Jesus Christ for abundant life.

See you in the garden! Pastor Rebecca

How does our garden grow? By the grace of God, of course! Our friends at the [Cheyenne Botanic Gardens](#) invite us to join their efforts; they are generous in sharing their wisdom and expertise. Tyler, from their staff, met with Pastor Rebecca recently, as they considered the garden here at Christ Lutheran. If you are looking for a great way to volunteer your time, spend some time in the garden of your choice. Our communities of faith and life will be all the better for it!

