

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Welcomes You



July 23, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.
July 26, 2020 – 8:00 & 10:45 A.M.

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Sunday Services: 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School and Bible Class: 9:30 a.m..
Thursday Evening Service at 7:00 p.m.
Christian Day School: Preschool through 8th grade

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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As We Gather

“If God is for us, who can be against us?” This great question is asked by the Apostle Paul in our Epistle Lesson today. Some may ask, “Is God really for us?” The answer repeated from Genesis through Revelation over and over again is a resounding “YES! GOD IS FOR US!” Unfortunately in spite of all that God has done for us in Christ, many are still against Him. A life of faith is one that trusts God’s promises from beginning to end. A life of faith is one that recognizes that **GOD TREASURED US SO MUCH THAT HE DID NOT SPARE HIS OWN SON!**

Pastor Quardokus

Hymn ~ “I Love Your Kingdom, Lord” Hymn 651

- 1 I love Your kingdom, Lord,
The place of Your abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.
- 2 Beyond my highest joy
I prize its heav’nly ways,
Its sweet communion, solemn vows,
Its hymns of love and praise.
- 3 I love Your Church, O God,
Your saints in ev’ry land,
Dear as the apple of Your eye
And graven on Your hand.
- 4 For them my tears shall fall;
For them my prayers ascend;
For them my cares and toils be giv’n
Till toils and cares shall end.
- 5 Sure as Your truth shall last,
To Zion shall be giv’n
The brightest glories earth can yield
And brighter bliss of heav’n.

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Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

(Psalm 124:8)

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

(Psalm 130:3-4)

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(Luke 18:13)

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His Sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(John 20:19-23)

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit



Oh give thanks to the Lord; call up- | on his name; *
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

**Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him; *
tell of all his | wondrous works!**

Glory in his | holy name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the | Lord rejoice!

**Seek the Lord | and his strength; *
seek his presence con- | tinually!**

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done, *
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,

**O offspring of Abraham, his | servant, *
children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

as it was in the be- | ginning, *

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call up- | on his name; *
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Ps. 105:2-6, antiphon: Ps. 105:1

Kyrie



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Reading from the Book of Concord

Luther's Small Catechism
The Lord's Prayer: The Second Petition

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean? The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come? God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity who can be against us?

Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowl- | edge of God!*

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable | his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are | all things.*

To him be glory forever. | Amen.

Rom. 11:33, 36

Epistle Lesson

Romans 8:28-39

²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Alleluia. I will open my mouth in parables;

C **I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world.**
Alleluia.

Mathew 11:35b

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

Hymn - “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (Thursday) Hymn 649

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds
 Our hearts in Christian love;
 The fellowship of kindred minds
 Is like to that above.
- 2 Before our Father’s throne
 We pour our ardent prayers;
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
 Our comforts and our cares.
- 3 We share our mutual woes,
 Our mutual burdens bear,
 And often for each other flows
 The sympathizing tear.

- 4 When here our pathways part,
 We suffer bitter pain;
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart,
 We hope to meet again.
- 5 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
 And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign
 Through all eternity.

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Hymn ~ “From God Can Nothing Move Me” (Sunday)..... Hymn 713

- 1 From God can nothing move me;
 He will not step aside
But gently will reprove me
 And be my constant guide.
 He stretches out His hand
In evening and in morning,
My life with grace adorning
 Wherever I may stand.
- 2 When those whom I regarded
 As trustworthy and sure
Have long from me departed,
 God’s grace shall still endure.
 He rescues me from sin
And breaks the chains that bind me.
I leave death’s fear behind me;
 His peace I have within.
- 3 The Lord my life arranges;
 Who can His work destroy?
In His good time He changes
 All sorrow into joy.
 So let me then be still:
My body, soul, and spirit
His tender care inherit
 According to His will.

4 Each day at His good pleasure
God's gracious will is done.
He sent His greatest treasure
In Jesus Christ, His Son.
He ev'ry gift imparts.
The bread of earth and heaven
Are by His kindness given.
Praise Him with thankful hearts!

5 Praise God with acclamation
And in His gifts rejoice.
Each day finds its vocation
Responding to His voice.
Soon years on earth are past;
But time we spend expressing
The love of God brings blessing
That will forever last!

6 Yet even though I suffer
The world's unpleasantness,
And though the days grow rougher
And bring me great distress,
That day of bliss divine,
Which knows no end or measure,
And Christ, who is my pleasure,
Forever shall be mine.

7 For thus the Father willed it,
Who fashioned us from clay;
And His own Son fulfilled it
And brought eternal day.
The Spirit now has come,
To us true faith has given;
He leads us home to heaven.
O praise the Three in One!

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Sermon
“A Treasured Possession”
Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Gathering of Our Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings

*There will be no passing of the offering plates.
Please place your offering in the plates in the narthex.*

Offertory ~ “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” (Sunday) Hymn 649

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 Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
 Is like to that above.
- 2 Before our Father’s throne
 We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
 Our comforts and our cares.
- 3 We share our mutual woes,
 Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
 The sympathizing tear.
- 4 When here our pathways part,
 We suffer bitter pain;
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart,
 We hope to meet again.
- 5 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
 And sin we shall be free
And perfect love and friendship reign
 Through all eternity.

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You may be seated if necessary.

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

(Please see our Communion Statement in the announcements on Page 21).

Stand

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei



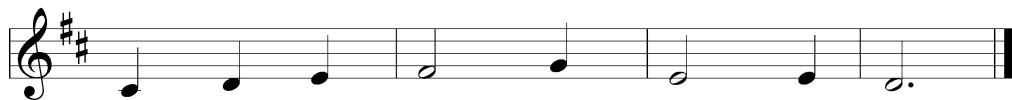
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution Hymn ~ “O Lord, We Praise Thee” (Sunday) Hymn 617

1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!

2 Thy holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us!
O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid;
Peace with God once more is made:
O Lord, have mercy!

3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor
That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion!
O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity:
O Lord, have mercy!

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Canticle ~ “Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace” Hymn 937

- 1 Lord, bid Your servant go in peace,
Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation’s dawn,
This child so long foretold.
- 2 This is the Savior of the world,
The Gentiles’ promised light,
God’s glory dwelling in our midst,
The joy of Israel.
- 3 With saints of old, with saints to come,
To You we lift our voice;
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest
Be honor, love, and praise.

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Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.
- A** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**
- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** **Amen.**

You may be seated if necessary.

Hymn ~ “In Thee Is Gladness” Hymn 818

1 In Thee is gladness
 Amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.
 By Thee are given
 The gifts of heaven,
Thou the true Redeemer art.
 Our souls Thou wakest,
 Our bonds Thou breakest;
 Who trusts Thee surely
 Has built securely;
He stands forever: Alleluia!
 Our hearts are pining
 To see Thy shining,
 Dying or living
 To Thee are cleaving;
Naught can us sever: Alleluia!

2 Since He is ours,
 We fear no powers,
Not of earth nor sin nor death.
 He sees and blesses
 In worst distresses;
He can change them with a breath.
 Wherefore the story
 Tell of His glory
 With hearts and voices;
 All heav'n rejoices
In Him forever: Alleluia!
 We shout for gladness,
 Triumph o'er sadness,
 Love Him and praise Him
 And still shall raise Him
Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

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ELDER ON DUTY (Thursday)	Richard Wandel
ALTAR GUILD	Dianna Huycke, Lori Brown
USHERS (8:00)	Steve Huycke – Captain, Ron Bonczkowski, Tom Ulmer, Matthew Starkey, Andrew Gerken, John Schulz, Mike Essig, Chuck Dinges
USHERS (10:45)	Tom Drews, Tim Drews – Co-Captain, Harry Steffen, Bob Wolfanger, Don Mensinger

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are available from an usher. Portals of Prayer in large print are available to
those in need of them. Please contact the office and a copy will be placed in
your mailbox each quarter.**

Christ Lutheran Church and School Christ's People Proclaiming Christ's Love

The following safety precautions will be followed for at least a month, (perhaps longer as conditions require):

- ◆ Please maintain social distancing (6 feet apart front and back, and side to side), only use every other pew and maintain 6' between family units.
- ◆ Please use hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting.
- ◆ We will not pass the plate or attendance books. Offering plates located by the entrance.
- ◆ Everything will be in the bulletin, no need for the hymnal. Keep the bulletin or recycle it.
- ◆ Face masks encouraged (but not required).
- ◆ Communion will be continuous style, so that people can maintain 6' between family units. This would be explained in an opening announcement.
- ◆ People will be dismissed by the ushers a couple of pews at a time, to prevent congestion. Please wait to be dismissed.
- ◆ We request that people not congregate in the narthex (take a donut to-go and head home). If you'd like to talk please talk outside in the parking lot while still maintaining 6' separation.
- ◆ Bible study will continue online only through mid-July.
- ◆ The pews / door handles / bathrooms will be cleaned in-between services.
- ◆ If you are sick or have any symptoms of any illness, please stay home.
- ◆ If you are vulnerable, or feel uncomfortable coming back, feel free to remain home as long as necessary until you're comfortable. We will continue to post the video of our Sunday service, and offer private communion on Thursdays at 10:30, 1:30, and 8pm.

Thank you for being considerate of your neighbor.

Pastor Measel, Pastor Yeager, Board of Elders



Join in the Adventure
August 14, 2020

9:00 a.m.—Noon

VACATION BIBLE

SCHOOL

INTO THE PROMISED LAND

*"Be Strong and Courageous ... for the Lord
God is with you wherever you Go." -
Joshua 1:14*



Sign up today!

See page 24 for
more information



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Members who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery*Continued Prayers:*

Amanda Clark	Connie Schmidt	Jim Walters	Richard Wandel
Addie Scheffler	Deleigh McClintock	Laura Leshner	Miro Virsik
Amee Mantei	Denice McClintock	Laura Schornhorst	Nancy Duke
Arlene Dinges	Dave Knuth	Leni Weisser	Ron Szoke
Bea Rudlaff	Ferny Rantz	Mary Panzica	Sally Knuth

Family or friends who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery*Continued Prayers:***Aubrey Hamby** – nephew of Dee Payovich**Austin Arndt** – grandson of Linda Steinke**Bill Bunte** – cousin of Mary Spaulding**Bruce Wurdeman** – brother of Diane Strohacker**Chris Dunn** - nephew of Thelma Szoke**Gertrude Kuehn** – mother of Debbie Tietz**Grace Gerken** – niece of Andrew & Terri Gerken**Karyn Peterson** – mother of Kim Alles**Paula Hicks** – niece of Dee Payovich**Phil Oberhaus** – brother of Susan Jackemeyer**Taryn Schrader** – sister of Tamara Paulun**William Maul** – brother of Charles Maul

* Our country, president, armed forces and all those who serve our country, including

* **Brian Root, Alex Root, Allison Blake, James Vieregge**, USMC – grandson of Ken Vieregge.**Missionaries**

Deaconess Caitlin Worden de Ramirez in the Dominican Republic and Rev. Roger James in the Philippines.

Bulletin Announcements for July 26, 2020

HEARTY GREETINGS TO ALL WHO HAVE COME TO WORSHIP! Let us join in the spirit of the psalmist who said: “I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; lo, I have not restrained my lips . . . I have spoken of thy faithfulness and thy salvation.” (Psalm 40:9 ff.) Warmly, eagerly let us praise God and extend love to one another. Visitors, we’re especially glad to see you! Please sign our guest book and join us again!

THE LORD'S SUPPER is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood (*Matthew 26:26-28*) to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (*1 Corinthians 11:28-30*) and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, (*1 Corinthians 10:16-18*) any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with one of the pastors.

THE FRONT PEW ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE SANCTUARY is reserved during communion services for those that have physical difficulty approaching the altar for communion. Communion services are held the second, fourth, and fifth Sunday of each month. Please be seated in that pew if you would like the pastor to bring communion to you.

ALTAR FLOWERS – The flowers on the altar today are dedicated to the Glory of God and in honor of Louise Winter on the occasion of her 90th birthday which occurred on April 4th, given by Klaus & Debbie Nixdorf. The flowers are also in loving memory of Mel & Suellen Machemer, given by Ellen Machemer.

2020 FLOWER CHART – The flower chart for 2020 is posted in the commons area. Be sure to sign up soon for the date you would like flowers given in memory or honor of your loved ones. The **Altar Flowers** are \$15.00. After the services, they are delivered to a shut-in or someone that is sick or hospitalized. Thank you!

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE BACK PEWS IN THE SANCTUARY ARE RESERVED FOR FAMILIES WITH SMALL CHILDREN.

THE NURSERY IS AVAILABLE for your children 3 years of age or younger. You are welcome to take your child or children into the nursery and watch the service from there. Please do not leave your child unattended.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP – The **2020** chart for radio broadcasts is posted in the commons area. Christ Lutheran records two radio broadcasts per month. This gives our members more opportunities for sponsorship. Please consider sponsoring a broadcast (you may share it with a family member or friend.) The cost is \$150.00.

*Our service is being recorded today and will air next Sunday.
This service is dedicated to the Glory of God and in
loving memory of Gladys Schadler, given by Mike & Terrie Smith*

***Our Local Lutheran Worship Service Broadcasts are on
WSJM AM 1400 and 106.1 FM (note frequency change) on Sunday
mornings from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. The services also can be heard by going
to www.wsjmsports and clicking on “listen live.” The service can be heard
from anywhere in the country.***

WORSHIP ANEW is a 30-minute traditional Lutheran worship service, broadcast weekly to nourish the souls of those who cannot attend church in a traditional setting. Watch on Sundays at 11:00 am on **WHME-TV 46 [FBC]** or watch online at any time at www.worshipanew.org/onlineviewing.

THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE. (*James 5:16*) As caring Christians, please remember the following members of Christ Lutheran in your prayers this week:

David & Cheryl Whitwam

Rev. A.W. & Dorothy Pankratz

Fred & Karen Pieplow Family

Linda Steinke

Guy & Elizabeth Arrans

Michelle Clark Family

We will be praying for these members during our worship services today. Each week we ask you to remember a different group of members in your daily prayers.

We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:



Rev. David and Jennifer Preus serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in the Dominican Republic, based in Santiago de los Caballeros. In this role, David serves the church through Word and Sacrament ministry in the village of Palmar Arriba. He also is on the teaching faculty of Seminario Concordia el Reformador. Pray for the Preus family as they serve in the Dominican Republic. Pray for the church in the Dominican

Republic, including its pastors and seminarians. Ask God to give His wisdom to the LCMS missionary team in this region as they seek to share the Gospel with and minister in mercy to the local people. Ask God to guide this team as they network and centralize mission efforts across this region of the world. Pray the hearts of people here in the United States are moved to pray for and to financially support the Preuses so they can be a part of this mission work. Let us give thanks to God that the Preus family is serving His children in this part of the world.

CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL LOOKING FOR DONATIONS – The school will have some needs looking forward to the opening in the fall. We need donations of the following: Bottled Water, Masks, & Clorox wipes. Donations may be dropped off in the commons area.

ONE-DAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – We are planning to host a one-day VBS retreat on Friday, August 14, 9:00 a.m. – noon for the families and children of our church and school. If you want your children to have a fun adventure while learning about God please bring them along. Enjoy a morning filled with learning through games, snacks, and crafts. This will all be outdoors and we will follow all health precautions. Snacks will be prepacked and our crafts will be socially distant and all outside. While our adventure will be outside, we encourage all to wear a mask if you feel uncomfortable. For those who are interested please sign up either in the narthex or by calling the office at 429-7222. We still need helpers. If interested in helping, please talk with Pastor Yeager or call the office.

ROCKET CAMP! A fun, fellowship, educational get together. We'll meet at school Monday July 27, 1:00 - 4:00 (Tuesday July 28 is the rain date). Cost is \$10, and you'll build a rocket and fire it twice (and keep the rocket). Open to 3rd grade thru adults (yes adults can come too!). Please call the church / school office, or put your name on the sign-up sheet, so that we order enough rockets (we will have a few extra for last minute attendees). **TO INFINITY AND BEYOND!**

CLS LOOKING FOR HELPFUL ANGELS - We have been working very hard to prepare for face to face instruction in the fall. As things become clear regarding the requirements of the state, we find ourselves in need of some special volunteers. Our "Back to School" committee is seeking some Angels in our midst to help out in the fall as we return to face to face instruction. These "CLS Angels" would be trained in the proper use of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) and help with the following: cleaning surfaces during the lunch hour, delivering meals to the classrooms & other various similar duties. If you or someone you know would like to help out in this way, please contact Mr. Webb at webb@christstevensville.com or Mrs. Cole at acole@christstevensville.com. Thank you!

Matthew 13:45-46 – “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” Indeed, Jesus redeemed us and purchased us back from sin and death with all that He had. We belong to Him now. And this is the foundation for our own generosity: imitating the out-sized generosity of Jesus

Charting Our Course – Statistics from Last Week

Thursday Service	<u>7/16/2020</u>		
	21		
Sunday	<u>7/19/2020</u>		
8:00 A.M.	66		
10:45 A.M.	<u>58</u>	Adult Bible Class	--
Total:	145	Weekday Classes	--

Prior Week Total Budgeted Receipts	\$17,501
Average Weekly Budgeted Disbursements	\$18,379

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

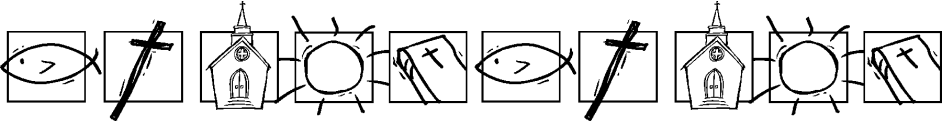
Christ Lutheran Church now has a BLOG, this is a way to see activities and information about the church and to provide links to video links and bulletins.

<https://christ-luth.blogspot.com/>

or

[CLCBlog](#)

Please share this blog with your friends and family.



This Week at Christ Lutheran

Sunday, July 26	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Communion Worship Service Zoom Bible Class Communion Worship Service
Monday, July 27	1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	<i>Rocket Camp</i>
Tuesday, July 28		<i>Christ Times Week</i>
Wednesday, July 29		
Thursday, July 30	10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Private Communion Private Communion Worship Service Private Communion
Friday, July 31		
Saturday, August 1		
Sunday, August 2	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship Service Zoom Bible Class Worship Service



Monday - Thursday
Friday

9:00 - 3:00
9:00 - 12:00

Due to vacations and summer construction projects we advise everyone to call ahead to be sure someone is here to help you! (269) 429-7222

Christ's Mission
Christ's Ministry
Christ's People



Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church

We are sincerely thankful that the Lord has led you to worship with us today. We pray that in our liturgy, in our hymns and in our sermon that you will see Jesus Christ, the Savior who died on the cross for the sins of the world. We pray that you will hear Jesus call all nations to repent of their sins. We pray that you will receive the forgiveness of sins won by Christ on the Cross. We believe that through faith this forgiveness transforms us from self-centered lives to lives of service.

If you are use to “praise” style worship, the historic liturgy may be unfamiliar and somewhat strange to you. Our form of worship has its roots in the earliest days of the church.

The word “liturgy” means service. Our worship is called the “Divine Service.” In the Divine Service our Lord is the Lord who serves. We understand worship in this way:

“Our Lord serves us today through His holy Word and Sacraments. Through these means, He comes among us to deliver His forgiveness and salvation, freeing us from our sins and strengthening us for service to one another and to the world. At Holy Baptism, He puts His name upon us, pours His Holy Spirit into our hearts, and rescues us from sin, death, and the devil. Through Holy Absolution, He pronounces His forgiveness again and again. With His holy Word, written in Scripture and preaching into our ears, He daily proclaims His abiding love for us through all the joys and sorrows of life in this world. In His Holy Supper, He gives us His own body and blood to eat and drink as a priceless gift to nourish and strengthen us in both body and soul”

Lutheran Service Book vii.

If some of the historic words that we use in worship are new to you, please look at page xxiv of Lutheran Service Book for a glossary. As you learn more about the ancient worship of the Church, you will learn to cherish it as Christians have throughout the centuries. If you have questions about anything that you have seen or heard today, please feel free to contact one of our pastors.

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