Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Welcomes You



June 25, 2020 – 7:00 P.M. June 28, 2020 – 8:00 & 10:45 A.M.

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church & School 4333 Cleveland Avenue, Stevensville, MI 49127 Phone: (269) 429-7222 – Church (269) 429-7111 - School www.christ-luth.org 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

The Fourth Sunday of Pentecost

AS WE GATHER

If we would follow Jesus we must take certain definite steps. The first step, which follows the call, cuts the disciple off from his previous existence. The call to follow at once produces a new situation. To stay in the old situation makes discipleship impossible. Levi must leave the receipt of custom and Peter his nets in order to follow Jesus. One would have thought that nothing so drastic was necessary at such an early stage. Could not Jesus have initiated the publican into some new religious experience, and leave them as they were before? He could have done so, had He not been the incarnate Son of God. But since He is the Christ, He must make it clear from the start that His word is not an abstract doctrine, but the re-creation of the whole life of man. The only right and proper way is quite literally to go with Jesus. The call to follow implies that there is only one way of believing on Jesus Christ, and that is by leaving all and going with the incarnate Son of God. (Dietrich Bonhoeffer, "The Cost of Discipleship" p. 66-67)

- Before the throne of God above I have a strong, a perfect plea:
 A great High Priest, whose name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.
- My name is graven on His hands, My name is written on His heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands No tongue can bid me thence depart.
- 3 When Satan tempts me to despair, And tells me of the guilt within, Upward I look, and see Him there Who made an end of all my sin.
- Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free;
 For God, the just, is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me.

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5 Behold Him there! The risen Lamb! My perfect, spotless righteousness, The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace!

 At one with Him, I cannot die, My soul is purchased by His blood;
 My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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Stand

Confession and Absolution

The Invocation

 \blacksquare In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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

 \mathbf{P} If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.
- **C** Amen.

Service of the Word



Ps. 89:15-18; antiphon: Ps. 89:1

Kyrie







Hymn of Praise





Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; 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

Readings from the Book of Concord

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

- **P** Thy kingdom come. What does this mean?
- **C** The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.
- **P** How does God's kingdom come?
- **C** 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.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

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 Reading

Romans 7:1-13

¹Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ²Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.

⁴Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

⁷What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet." ⁸But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. ⁹I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came

Jeremiah 28:5-9

alive and I died. ¹⁰The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. ¹¹For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. ¹²So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

¹³Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

P This is the Word of the Lord.C Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel

Matthew 10:34-42



³⁴[Jesus said:] "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. ³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. ⁴¹The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a

righteous person's reward. ⁴²And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."



Sit

 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure, Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
 Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above, Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding. Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
 Let us suffer here with Jesus

Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death He conquered death, He will free us from destruction. Give to us immortal breath. Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin: And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven. Jesus, here with You I die, There to live with You on high. 4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head. We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever. Jesus, let me faithful be. Life eternal grant to me.

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Sermon "Purified through Christ" Romans 7:1-13

Nicene Creed

C 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.

Prayer of the Church

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.

Service of the Sacrament

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





It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting 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:



The Lord's Prayer

C 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

Matthew 6:9-13

The Words of Institution

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 Ma."

This do in remembrance of Me."

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 is My + blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25



John 20:19



Sit

John 1:29

Distribution Hymn ~

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1	Lord of glory, You have bought us
	With Your lifeblood as the price,
	Never grudging for the lost ones
	That tremendous sacrifice;
	And with that have freely given
	Blessings countless as the sand
	To the unthankful and the evil
	With Your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Gladly, freely of Your own. With the sunshine of Your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by You, at length believe That more happy and more blessèd 'Tis to give than to receive.

Wondrous honor You have given To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all to Me."
Can it be, O gracious Master, That You deign for alms to sue, Saying by Your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?

Lord of glory, You have bought us With Your lifeblood as the price, Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of all Your graces, With Your love our love renew.

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Stand



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And his mercy endures forever.

Psalm 107:1

P Let us pray.

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.







Numbers 6:24-26

1	I walk in danger all the way. The thought shall never leave me That Satan, who has marked his prey, Is plotting to deceive me. This foe with hidden snares May seize me unawares If I should fail to watch and pray. I walk in danger all the way.
2	I pass through trials all the way, With sin and ills contending; In patience I must bear each day The cross of God's own sending. When in adversity I know not where to flee, When storms of woe my soul dismay, I pass through trials all the way.
3	 And death pursues me all the way, Nowhere I rest securely; He comes by night, he comes by day, He takes his prey most surely. A failing breath, and I In death's strong grasp may lie To face eternity today As death pursues me all the way.

I walk with angels all the way, They shield me and befriend me: All Satan's pow'r is held at bay When heav'nly hosts attend me; They are my sure defense, All fear and sorrow, hence! Unharmed by foes, do what they may, I walk with angels all the way. I walk with Jesus all the way, His guidance never fails me: Within His wounds I find a stay When Satan's pow'r assails me; And by His footsteps led, My path I safely tread. No evil leads my soul astray; I walk with Jesus all the way.

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My walk is heav'nward all the way; Await, my soul, the morrow, When God's good healing shall allay All suff'ring, sin, and sorrow. Then, worldly pomp, begone! To heav'n I now press on. For all the world I would not stay; My walk is heav'nward all the way.

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+ Silent Prayer +

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LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & PORTALS OF PRAYER ARE AVAILABLE FROM AN USHER.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:	
THE PREACHER	Rev. Christopher J. Yeager
LITURGIST	Rev. Martin P. Measel
THE ORGANIST	Nicholas Quardokus
THE ORGANIST (Thursday)	Laurie Ulmer
ELDERS ON DUTY	
ELDER ON DUTY (Thursday)	Richard Wandel
ALTAR GUILD	Deb Appelget, Karen Ziebart
USHERS (8:00)	
	Chuck Schwanger, David Radtke, Tom Watson
USHERS (10:45)Jet	ff Oeseburg, Brad Oeseburg, Elliot Measel, Andrew Measel

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

Members who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Continued Prayers:

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Amanda Clark	Deleigh McClintock	Jim Walters	Miro Virsik
Addison Dunn	Denice McClintock	Kayla Matheny	Nancy Duke
Addie Scheffler	Dave Knuth	Laura Lesher	Ron Szoke
Bea Rudlaff	Ellen Machemer	Laura Schornhorst	Sally Knuth
Connie Schmidt	Ferny Rantz	Mary Panzica	

Family or friends who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Continued Prayers: Aubrey Hamby – nephew of Dee Payovich Austin Arndt – grandson of Linda Steinke Bruce Wurdeman – brother of Diane Strohacker Chris Dunn - nephew of Thelma Szoke Marilyn Barz – mother of Dan Barz 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 June 21, 2020

WELCOME FRIENDS! We are pleased that the Spirit of God has brought you to our church this morning. Together let us celebrate Him in our service of worship. We hope our service today has enriched you and we welcome you to come again. If we can assist you in your spiritual walk, please feel free to contact Pastor Measel or Pastor Yeager at (269) 429-7222.

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 and fourth 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 Rev. Ronald & Lorelle Moritz on the occasion of their 52nd wedding anniversary. The flowers are also in in honor of Nate & Roxanne Gerken on the occasion of their 3rd wedding anniversary, given by Andy & Terri Gerken.

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!

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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 will give our members more opportunities for sponsorship. Please consider sponsoring a broadcast (you could share it with a family member or friend.) The cost is \$150.00 per broadcast.

Our service is being recorded today and will air next Sunday. This service is dedicated to the Glory of God and in Honor of John & Pat Dorn on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary and the 80th birthday of John Dorn.

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 <u>www.wsjmsports</u> 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 <u>www.worshipanew.org/onlineviewing</u>.

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:

Kathy & Don Damron Family	Jan Kalinas Family
Larry & Judy Eagle	Danny Sandmann & Family
Celeste Grau	David & Suzanne Steele 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.

PRESCHOOL AIDE POSITION OPEN - Christ Lutheran School is looking for a Preschool Aide for the 2020-2021 school year. Contact Principal Neil Webb at <u>nwebb@christstevensville.com</u> or Amy Cole at <u>acole@christstevensville.com</u> for more details.

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 near the nursery.

RUMMAGE SALE CANCELLED - After much deliberation the rummage committee has decided to cancel the church rummage. If anyone has any other fundraising ideas to purchase new tables for the all-purpose room, please see Jennie Steffens or Amy Cole.

Matt. 10:42 – "And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward." The tithes and offerings you give to the Lord's work in His church go to supporting all manner of discipleship. They provide for a minister of the Gospel to preach, teach, and conduct the Sacraments; they provide for our missionaries and ministries of mercy here and abroad; and they make sure that the folks in your area have a place to go to worship the Lord. The Lord is pleased with this work, and He wants to bless you through supporting it.

Prior Week Total Budgeted Receipts	\$14,268
Average Weekly Budgeted Disbursements	\$18,379



This Week at Christ Lutheran

Sunday, June 28	8:00 a.m.	Communion Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Zoom Bible Class
	10:45 a.m.	Communion Worship Service
Monday, June 29		
Tuesday, June 30		
Wednesday, July 1		SOUP KITCHEN
Thursday, July 2	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 3		OFFICE CLOSED - FOURTH OF JULY
Saturday, July 4		
Sunday, July 5		Patriotic Service
	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Zoom Bible Class
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service