

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Welcomes You



July 16, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.

July 19, 2020 – 8:00 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

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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As We Gather:

It is often hard to understand evil in the world. It is even more difficult to understand evil in the church on earth. I have often noted how church workers become disillusioned by the lack of love and compassion displayed by those who claim to be Christians and who are active in the church. In today's Gospel Lesson, Jesus explains that the devil is active in sowing seeds of evil in the world. These "sons of the evil one" often grow side by side with "the children of the kingdom." At the end of the age angels will completely separate out from His kingdom "all causes of sin and all law-breakers." Until then the faithful are called to patience and perseverance.

Pastor Quardokus

Hymn ~ "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me Hymn 761

- 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
 Let me hide myself in Thee;
 Let the water and the blood,
 From Thy riven side which flowed,
 Be of sin the double cure:
 Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

- 2 Not the labors of my hands
 Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
 Could my zeal no respite know,
 Could my tears forever flow,
 All for sin could not atone;
 Thou must save, and Thou alone.

- 3 Nothing in my hand I bring;
 Simply to Thy cross I cling.
 Naked, come to Thee for dress;
 Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
 Foul, I to the fountain fly;
 Wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
When mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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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.**

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.**

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.

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.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit



Give ear, O Lord, | to my prayer;*
listen to my | plea for grace.

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk | in your truth;*
unite my heart to | fear your name.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with | my whole heart,*
and I will glorify your name for- | ever.

For great is your steadfast | love toward me;*
you have delivered my soul from the depths | of Sheol.

O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men | seek my life,*
and they do not set you be- | fore them.

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and | gracious,*
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and | faithfulness.

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.

Give ear, O Lord, | to my prayer;*
listen to my | plea for grace.

Ps. 86:11–15; antiphon: Ps. 86:6

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.

O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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

The Augsburg Confession
Article VII, The Church

Our churches teach that one holy Church is to remain forever. The Church is the congregation of saints [Psalm 149:1] in which the Gospel is purely taught and the Sacraments are correctly administered. For the true unity of the Church it is enough to agree about the doctrine of the Gospel and the administration of the Sacraments. It is not necessary that human traditions, that is, rites or ceremonies instituted by men, should be the same everywhere. As Paul says, “One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all” (Ephesians 4:5–6).

The Augsburg Confession
Article VIII, What the Church Is, 1, 2.

Strictly speaking, the Church is the congregation of saints and true believers. However, because many hypocrites and evil persons are mingled within them in this life [Matthew 13:24–30], it is lawful to use Sacraments administered by evil men, according to the saying of Christ, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat” (Matthew 23:2). Both the Sacraments and Word are effective because of Christ’s institution and command, even if they are administered by evil men.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:

“I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.

Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.

⁸Fear not, nor be afraid;

have I not told you from of old and declared it?

And you are my witnesses!

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any.”

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 8:18-27

¹⁸For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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 11:28

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.



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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, ²⁵but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ ²⁸He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” ³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers,

⁴²and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn - “Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide” Hymn 585

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,
For round us falls the eventide.
O let Your Word, that saving light,
Shine forth undimmed into the night.
- 2 In these last days of great distress
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
That we keep pure till life is spent
Your holy Word and Sacrament.
- 3 To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold
Speak tongues of fire and make us bold
To shine Your Word of saving grace
Into each dark and loveless place.
- 4 May glorious truths that we have heard,
The bright sword of Your mighty Word,
Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong,
Bold, unified in act and song.
- 5 Restrain, O Lord, the human pride
That seeks to thrust Your truth aside
Or with some man-made thoughts or things
Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.
- 6 Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true;
Preserve our faith our whole life through—
Your Word alone our heart’s defense,
The Church’s glorious confidence.

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Sermon
“Life In The Weeds”
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. 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 ~ “Almighty Father, Bless the Word” (Sunday) Hymn 923

1 Almighty Father, bless the Word
Which through Your grace we now have heard.
Oh, may the precious seed take root,
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

2 We praise You for the means of grace
As homeward now our steps we trace.
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here
May all at last in heav'n appear.

3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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You may be seated if necessary.

Prayer of the Church

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.

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 - “The Lord, My God, Be Praised” Hymn 794

1 The Lord, my God, be praised,
 My light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me
 Has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield
 And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield
 New blessings on my way.

2 The Lord, my God, be praised,
 My trust, my life from heaven,
The Father’s own dear Son,
 Whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned
 With His most precious blood
And gives to me by faith
 The highest heav’nly good.

3 The Lord, my God, be praised,
 My hope, my life from heaven,
The Spirit, whom the Son
 In love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart
 And gives my spirit pow’r,
Help, comfort, and support
 In sorrow’s gloomy hour.

4 The Lord, my God, be praised,
 My God, the ever-living,
To whom the heav’nly host
 Their laud and praise are giving.
The Lord, my God, be praised,
 In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son,
 And God the Holy Ghost.

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+ Silent Prayer +

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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:

THE PREACHER & LITURGIST	Rev. Martin P. Measel
THE ORGANIST.....	Mark Steffens
THE ORGANIST (Thursday)	Laurie Ulmer
ELDERS ON DUTY	Mike Jackemeyer
ELDER ON DUTY (Thursday)	Richard Wandel
ALTAR GUILD.....	Dianna Huycke, Lori Brown
USHERS	Steve Huycke – Captain, Ron Bonczkowski, Tom Ulmer,Matthew Starkey, Andrew Gerken,John Schulz, Mike Essig, Chuck Dinges

The July issue of the Christ Times is available today by the church mailboxes.

**Large Print Bulletins & Portals of Prayer
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

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

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

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 19, 2020

FRIENDS, WE WELCOME YOU! We hope that your spiritual hunger will be satisfied by the one who called himself the “Bread of Life”. We find our strength in Him and our joy in serving Him. Thank you for joining us in praising Him. If you are visiting or attending our church for the first time, please stay after worship and give us the pleasure of meeting you. Visitors, please sign our guest book and join us again! Please feel free to take one of our visitor’s bags located on the welcome center desk.

ALTAR FLOWERS – The flowers on the altar today are dedicated to the Glory of God.

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 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 was recorded last Sunday and will air today.
This service is dedicated to the Glory of God and in
loving memory of Mel Machemer, given by Ellen Machemer.*

*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:

Tim Rantz Family

Carol Wall

Sam & Diane Satkoski Family

Mike & Jeri Essig Family

Dewayne Greening

Joanne Ciboch

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:



Rachel Krause serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Germany, based in Leipzig. In her role as a refugee outreach missionary, she assists German congregations with their outreach to refugees and immigrants from the Middle East. This ministry includes catechetical instruction, German language instruction and other outreach activities that help build relationships with the refugees. Pray for Rachel as she serves in Germany. Ask God to be with her as she enhances her German fluency (and learns Farsi and/or Arabic as needed). Pray that God opens the hearts of the people

with whom Rachel will work and live. Pray for peace from the wars and strife the refugees have witnessed and that they will find true peace in a relationship with Jesus Christ. Ask God to use Rachel as He has planned and that her words and actions bring Him honor and glory

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

YOUTH AND FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - July 24th @ 7:30pm - The Youth Board is hosting a movie night on Friday July 24th. If you're tired of being stuck at home, come and bring your family to our church parking lot. And, come enjoy this drive-in style movie of *Indiana Jones Raiders of the Lost Ark*. This will all be outdoors so you are more than welcome to stay in your car or bring a blanket and join in outside. The movie will be transmitted on an fm station. We will continue to follow all health precautions. Even our concession stand will have pre-packed items that will satisfy your movie going needs. Please join us for a fun-filled celebration!

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 nwebb@christstevensville.com or Mrs. Cole at acole@christstevensville.com. Thank you!

Rom. 8:18 – “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the Kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel. If we keep our focus on “the glory to be revealed,” we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

Charting Our Course – Statistics from Last Week

Thursday Service	<u>7/9/2020</u>		
	21		
Sunday	<u>7/12/2020</u>		
8:00 A.M.	61		
10:45 A.M.	<u>52</u>	Adult Bible Class	--
Total:	134	Weekday Classes	--

Prior Week Total Budgeted Receipts	\$19,945
Average Weekly Budgeted Disbursements	\$18,379

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

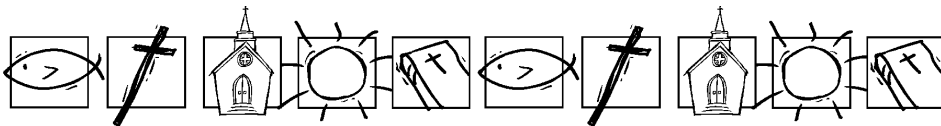
Christ Lutheran Church now has a BLOG, this is a way to see activities and information about the church and to provide links to video links and bulletins.

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

or

[CLCBlog](#)

Please share this blog with your friends and family.



This Week at Christ Lutheran

Sunday, July 19	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship Service Zoom Bible Class <i>Outdoor Contemporary</i> Worship Service
Monday, July 20		
Tuesday, July 21		
Wednesday, July 22		
Thursday, July 23	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 24	7:30 p.m.	<i>Outdoor Family Movie Night</i>
Saturday, July 25		<i>Kitchen/APR/Gym in use all day</i>
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 - 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.