

# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Welcomes You



**August 13, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.**

**August 16, 2020 – 8:00 A.M.**

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church & School  
4333 Cleveland Avenue, Stevensville, MI 49127  
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[www.christ-luth.org](http://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 8<sup>th</sup> grade

# Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

## Divine Service Setting Four

### As We Gather:

The Christian Church is not an exclusive club! It is open to all who come to Jesus in faith. When a Canaanite woman came to Jesus crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David.” The disciples wanted to send her away. Jesus heard her cry and her humble supplication, “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” She was thrilled to hear His response, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly. May we have such faith. May we welcome all who share this faith. *Pastor Quardokus*

**Prelude ~ “Ryburn”** .....Michael Costello  
*Meditate on the words of the voluntary from the profound poetry of Paul Gerhardt. (LSB 683).*

**Hymn ~ “Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs”** .....Hymn 812

- 1      Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
          With angels round the throne;  
          Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
          But all their joys are one.
- 2      “Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry,  
          “To be exalted thus!”  
          “Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply,  
          “For He was slain for us!”
- 3      Jesus is worthy to receive  
          Honor and pow’r divine;  
          And blessings more than we can give  
          Be, Lord, forever Thine.
- 4      Let all creation join in one  
          To bless the sacred name  
          Of Him who sits upon the throne  
          And to adore the Lamb.

# 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



The LORD is the strength of his | people;\*  
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

**To you, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not | deaf to me,\*  
lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down | to the  
pit.**

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to | you for help,\*  
when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctu- | ary.

**Blessèd | be the Lord!\*  
for he has heard the voice of my pleas for | mercy.**

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and | I am  
helped;\*

my heart exults, and with my song I give | thanks to him.

**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.**

The LORD is the strength of his | people;\*  
he is the saving refuge of his a- | nointed.

*Ps. 28:1-3, 6-7; antiphon: Ps. 28:8*

## Kyrie



**C** 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-shipped 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.

## Collect of the Day

- P** Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; 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

*The Formula of Concord, The Epitome  
Article XI. God's Eternal Foreknowledge and Election, 8*

Christ calls all sinners to Himself and promises them rest. He is eager that all people should come to Him and allow themselves to be helped. He offers them Himself in His Word and wants them to hear it and not to plug their ears or neglect and despise the Word. Furthermore, He promises the power and working of the Holy Spirit and divine assistance for perseverance and eternal salvation so that we may remain steadfast in the faith and gain eternal salvation.

## Readings from Holy Scripture

### Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.

<sup>6</sup>“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,

everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,  
and holds fast my covenant—

<sup>7</sup>these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.”

<sup>8</sup>The Lord GOD,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,  
“I will gather yet others to him  
besides those already gathered.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**





**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 15:21-28

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, "Send her away, for she is crying out after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>And he answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*



Hymn ~ “When in the Hour of Deepest Need” .....Hymn 615

- 1       When in the hour of deepest need  
          We know not where to look for aid;  
          When days and nights of anxious thought  
          No help or counsel yet have brought,
- 2       Then is our comfort this alone  
          That we may meet before Your throne;  
          To You, O faithful God, we cry  
          For rescue in our misery.
- 3       For You have promised, Lord, to heed  
          Your children’s cries in time of need  
          Through Him whose name alone is great,  
          Our Savior and our advocate.
- 4       And so we come, O God, today  
          And all our woes before You lay;  
          For sorely tried, cast down, we stand,  
          Perplexed by fears on ev’ry hand.
- 5       O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face;  
          Absolve us through Your boundless grace.  
          Be with us in our anguish still;  
          Free us at last from ev’ry ill.
- 6       So we with all our hearts each day  
          To You our glad thanksgiving pay,  
          Then walk obedient to Your Word,  
          And now and ever praise You, Lord.

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**Sermon**  
**“Salvation for the Outcast”**  
**Isaiah 56**

## Apostles' Creed

**☩ 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 ~ “Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me” (Sunday) ..... Hymn 683

*Soloist: vs. 1*

- 1 Jesus, Thy boundless love to me  
No thought can reach, no tongue declare;  
Unite my thankful heart to Thee,  
And reign without a rival there!  
Thine wholly, Thine alone I am;  
Be Thou alone my constant flame.
  
- 2 O grant that nothing in my soul  
May dwell, but Thy pure love alone;  
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole,  
My joy, my treasure, and my crown!  
All coldness from my heart remove;  
My ev'ry act, word, thought be love.

3 This love unwearied I pursue  
And dauntlessly to Thee aspire.  
Oh, may Thy love my hope renew,  
Burn in my soul like heav'nly fire!  
And day and night, be all my care  
To guard this sacred treasure there.

4 In suffering be Thy love my peace,  
In weakness be Thy love my pow'r;  
And when the storms of life shall cease,  
O Jesus, in that final hour,  
Be Thou my rod and staff and guide,  
And draw me safely to Thy side!

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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 - “Thine Forever, God of Love” .....Hymn 687**

- 1       Thine forever, God of love!  
          Hear us from Thy throne above;  
          Thine forever may we be  
          Here and in eternity!
  
- 2       Thine forever! Oh, how blest  
          They who find in Thee their rest!  
          Savior, guardian, heav’nly friend,  
          O defend us to the end!
  
- 3       Thine forever, Lord of Life!  
          Shield us through our earthly strife.  
          Thou, the life, the truth, the way,  
          Guide us to the realms of day.
  
- 4       Thine forever! Shepherd, keep  
          These Thy frail and trembling sheep;  
          Safe alone beneath Thy care,  
          Let us all Thy goodness share.
  
- 5       Thine forever! Thou our guide,  
          All our wants by Thee supplied,  
          All our sins by Thee forgiv’n;  
          Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav’n.

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+ Silent Prayer +

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<b>SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:</b>	
THE PREACHER & LITURGIST .....	Rev. Christopher J. Yeager
THE ORGANIST .....	Mark Steffens
THE SOLOIST .....	Jennifer Steffens
THE ORGANIST (Thursday) .....	Mary Spaulding
ELDERS ON DUTY .....	Dennis Kern
ELDER ON DUTY (Thursday).....	Richard Wandel
ALTAR GUILD .....	Christine Quardokus, Rosemarie Castonguay
USHERS (8:00) .....	Craig Klein – Captain, Matthew Mast, Bob Appelget, ..... Andrew Copi, Paul Jackemeyer, Ron Hungerford

**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.**

*VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL “TAKE HOME” packets  
are available today for your children or grandchildren.*

## **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	Dee Payovich	Jim Walters	Mary Panzica
Addie Scheffler	Deleigh McClintock	Laurie Ulmer	Miro Virsik
Amee Mantei	Denice McClintock	Laura Leshar	Nancy Duke
Bea Rudlaff	Dave Knuth	Laura Schornhorst	Ron Szoke
Connie Schmidt	Ferny Rantz	Leni Weisser	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  
**Jim Russell** – brother of Mark Russell  
**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

\* **Alex Root, Allison Blake, James Vieregge**, USMC – grandson of Ken Vieregge,

**Joseph Schafer** – grandson of Helen Quardokus

**Missionaries**

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

## *Bulletin Announcements for August 16, 2020*

**WELCOME TO ALL!** The writer of Psalm 42 tells of his spiritual thirst for God. “As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God” (42:1-2). Those who have come with such a need today may surely find satisfaction here in the house of God. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with Pastor Measel or Pastor Yeager. Visitors, please sign our guest book and join us again!

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – The flowers on the altar today are dedicated to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Alice Pagels, mother of Joyce Totzke.

**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 William Spaulding, Sr. given by Mary Spaulding*

*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](http://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](http://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:

Craig Coder  
Jeff & Teri Harris Family  
Robert & Sibyl Kish Family

Craig & Suellen Klein Family  
Martin & Marilyn Strefling  
Nancy & Gordon Duke 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. Charles and Cheryl Ferry serve on behalf of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) throughout Asia and are based in Chiayi, Taiwan. As the Asia Regional Director, Charles is responsible for LCMS work, personnel and relationships in 20 countries. He unites local church leaders and LCMS blessings to strengthen partner churches through theological education, translation and mercy projects.

In addition, Charles provides Word & Sacrament ministry and pastoral care to geographically separated Lutherans. Pray for Charles and Cheryl as they serve in Asia. Pray for their family as they adjust to living in Taiwan. Pray they are used daily to lovingly minister to the local people with whom they serve and live. Pray specifically that Charles is spiritually guided as he strives to teach, serve and lead. Let us give thanks that the Ferry family is serving 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 near the commons area.

**MEN'S NETWORK NEWS – Labor Day Golf** on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Details coming soon.

**Arcadia Retreat** - some men from Trinity are planning to go Thursday-Sunday, September 10-13<sup>th</sup>. Contact Fred Pieplow (269-369-2081) or e-mail him at [fpieplow@gmail.com](mailto:fpieplow@gmail.com) if you are interested.

**Arcadia Lite** - For those men not venturing north, we are planning a one-day event - Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. They will meet in the morning for a Bible study, grab a box lunch and head out to play golf. Details will be coming soon. You may participate in either the morning or afternoon activity if you can't do both. There will be a cost for the morning Bible study and lunch, and then golf is on your own.

**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](mailto:nwebb@christstevensville.com) or Mrs. Cole at [acole@christstevensville.com](mailto:acole@christstevensville.com). Thank you!

**Matt. 15:27 – “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”** These are the words of faith, for faith means receiving what God gives. And God has given us so much more than just the crumbs that fall from the table. He has given us life and salvation, body and soul, eyes and ears, possessions and income. Our stewardship starts with faith in the God who is the greatest Giver.

## **Charting Our Course – Statistics from Last Week**

<b>Thursday Service</b>	<u>8/06/2020</u>		
	21		
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>8/09/2020</u>		
8:00 A.M.	80		
10:45 A.M.	<u>45</u>	<b>Adult Bible Class</b>	--
<b>Total:</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>Weekday Classes</b>	--

Prior Week Total Budgeted Receipts	\$12,419
Average Weekly Budgeted Disbursements	\$18,379

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

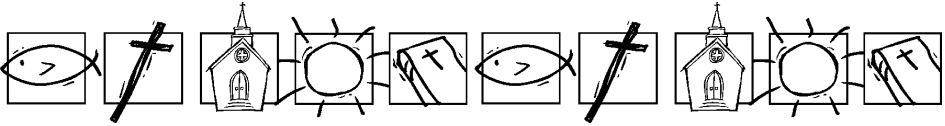
Christ Lutheran Church now has a BLOG, this is a way to see activities and information about the church and to provide links to video links and bulletins.

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

or

[CLCBlog](#)

Please share this blog with your friends and family.



### This Week at Christ Lutheran

Sunday, August 16	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Communion Worship Service Zoom Bible Class <b>Outdoor Contemporary</b> Worship Service
Monday, August 17		
Tuesday, August 18		
Wednesday, August 19		
Thursday, August 20	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, August 21		
Saturday, August 22		
Sunday, August 23	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	<b>Communion</b> Worship Service Zoom Bible Class <b>Communion</b> Worship Service

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



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## 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.