

# **Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Welcomes You**



**September 17, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.  
September 20, 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](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**

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Divine Service Setting One - Page 151

### As We Gather

God pours out His love upon all sinners. He welcomes them back to His family and fellowship in a dramatically “unfair” way. He accepts them when they are unacceptable (to us). He cares so much for those who do not deserve His love that He shares His tender mercy in overwhelming generosity with everyone. (Kenneth W. Rogahn & Walter M. Schoedel, Parables from the Cross, 24)

**Prelude ~ “Such, wer da will”** ..... Lynn Peterson

*Think on the words of the opening hymn with this contemplative setting of the Johann Stobäus tune.*

**Hymn ~ “Seek Where You May to Find a Way”** ..... Hymn 557

- 1      Seek where you may  
        To find a way  
        That leads to your salvation.  
        My heart is stilled,  
        On Christ I build,  
        He is the one foundation.  
        His Word is sure,  
        His works endure;  
        He overthrows  
        All evil foes;  
        Through Him I more than conquer.
  
- 2      Seek whom you may  
        To be your stay,  
        None can redeem his brother.  
        All helpers failed;  
        This man prevailed,  
        The God-man and none other,  
        Our Servant-King  
        Of whom we sing.  
        We're justified  
        Because He died,  
        The guilty being guiltless.

3 Seek Him alone  
 Who did atone,  
     Who did your souls deliver.  
 O seek Him first,  
 All you who thirst  
     For grace that fails you never.  
 In ev'ry need  
 Seek Him indeed;  
     To ev'ry heart  
     He will impart  
 His blessings without measure.

4 My heart's delight,  
 My crown most bright,  
     O Christ, my joy forever.  
 Not wealth nor pride  
 Nor fortune's tide  
     Our bonds of love shall sever.  
 You are my Lord;  
 Your precious Word  
     Shall guide my way  
     And help me stay  
 Forever in Your presence.

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## Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

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

**Invocation** .....Page 151

*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  $\cdot\ddagger\cdot$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

**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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit



I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving\*  
and call on the name | of the Lord.

**What shall I render | to the Lord\*  
for all his bene- | fits to me?**

I will lift up the cup of sal- | vation\*  
and call on the name | of the Lord,

**Precious in the sight | of the Lord\*  
is the death | of his saints.**

O Lord, I am your | servant;\*

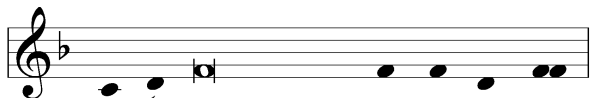
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have | loosed my bonds.

**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.**

I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanks- | giving\*  
and call on the name | of the Lord.

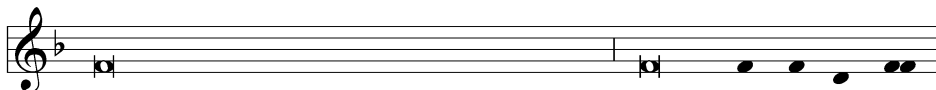
*Ps. 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: Ps. 116:17*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



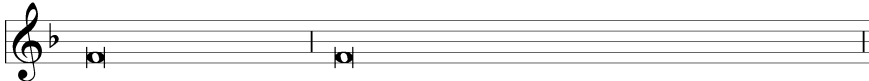
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



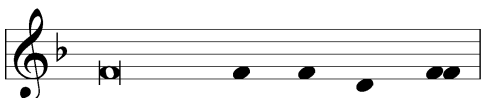
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



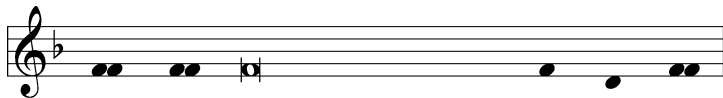
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



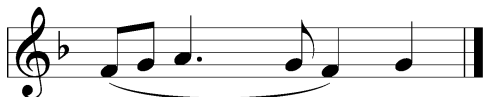
let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### Gloria in Excelsis



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



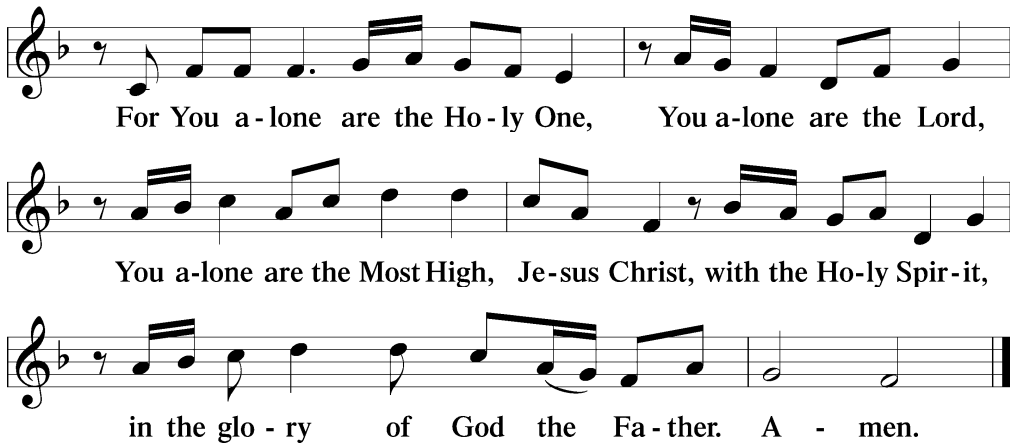
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,  
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**G** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A - men.

*Sit*

## Reading from The Book of Concord

*The Smalcald Articles*  
*Part II, Article I. The Chief Article*

The first and chief article is this:

Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, died for our sins and was raised again for our justification (Romans 4:24-25).

He alone is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world (John 1:29), and God has laid upon Him the iniquities of us all (Isaiah 53:6).

All have sinned and are justified freely, without their own works or merits, by His grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, in His blood (Romans 3:23-25).

This is necessary to believe. This cannot be otherwise acquired or grasped by any work, law, or merit. Therefore, it is clear and certain that this faith alone justifies us. As St. Paul says:

For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. (Romans 3:28)  
That He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. [Romans 3:26].

Nothing of this article can be yielded or surrendered, even though heaven and earth and everything else falls [Mark 13:31].

For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12)

And with His stripes we are healed. (Isaiah 53:5)

Upon this article everything that we teach and practice depends...

## Old Testament Lesson

**Isaiah 55:6-9**

<sup>6</sup>“Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.  
<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.



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

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

## Gradual

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,\*  
for those who fear him lack | nothing!  
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,\*  
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

*Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.*

## Epistle Lesson

## Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . .

<sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup>For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

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

**P** Alleluia, By grace you have been saved through faith. Alleluia.

**C** **And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Alleluia.**

*Eph. 2:8*

Stand

## Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mathew, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ**

Hymn ~ “Salvation unto Us Has Come” ..... Hymn 555

- 1     Salvation unto us has come  
       By God’s free grace and favor;  
Good works cannot avert our doom,  
       They help and save us never.  
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,  
Who did for all the world atone;  
       He is our one Redeemer.
- 6     Since Christ has full atonement made  
       And brought to us salvation,  
Each Christian therefore may be glad  
       And build on this foundation.  
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,  
Your death is now my life indeed,  
       For You have paid my ransom.
- 7     Let me not doubt, but truly see  
       Your Word cannot be broken;  
Your call rings out, “Come unto Me!”  
       No falsehood have You spoken.  
Baptized into Your precious name,  
My faith cannot be put to shame,  
       And I shall never perish.
- 8     The Law reveals the guilt of sin  
       And makes us conscience-stricken;  
But then the Gospel enters in  
       The sinful soul to quicken.  
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;  
The Law no peace can ever give,  
       No comfort and no blessing.
- 9     Faith clings to Jesus’ cross alone  
       And rests in Him unceasing;  
And by its fruits true faith is known,  
       With love and hope increasing.  
For faith alone can justify;  
Works serve our neighbor and supply  
       The proof that faith is living.

10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise  
To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
The God who saved us by His grace;  
All glory to His merit.  
O triune God in heav'n above,  
You have revealed Your saving love;  
Your blessèd name we hallow.

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**Sermon**  
**“God’s Not Fair!”**  
**Matthew 20:1-16**

*Stand*

**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.

*Sit*

## 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 ~ “Create in Me” (Sunday) ..... Hymn 956

1 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence;  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

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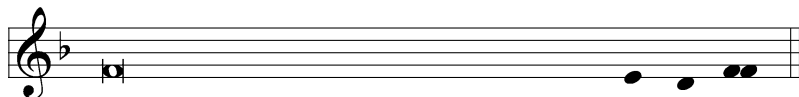
*Stand*

*You may remain 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.



**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** A - men.

Hymn - "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake" ..... Hymn 688

- 1 "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake,  
 "All in My way abiding;  
 Deny yourselves, the world forsake,  
 Obey My call and guiding.  
 O bear the cross, whate'er betide,  
 Take My example for your guide.
- 2 "I am the light, I light the way,  
 A godly life displaying;  
 I bid you walk as in the day;  
 I keep your feet from straying.  
 I am the way, and well I show  
 How you must sojourn here below.
- 3 "My heart abounds in lowliness,  
 My soul with love is glowing;  
 And gracious words My lips express,  
 With meekness overflowing.  
 My heart, My mind, My strength, My all,  
 To God I yield, on Him I call.

4 “I teach you how to shun and flee  
 What harms your soul’s salvation,  
 Your heart from ev’ry guile to free,  
 From sin and its temptation.  
 I am the refuge of the soul  
 And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”

5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,  
 And take the cross appointed  
 And, firmly clinging to His Word,  
 In suff’ring be undaunted.  
 For those who bear the battle’s strain  
 The crown of heav’nly life obtain.

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+ Silent Prayer +

**Postlude ~ “Machs mit mir, Gott” .....Paul Bouman (1921-2019)**

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**SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:**

THE PREACHER ..... Rev. Martin P. Measel  
 THE LITURGIST ..... Rev. Christopher J. Yeager  
 THE ORGANIST ..... Mark Steffens  
 THE ORGANIST (Thursday) ..... Elliot Measel  
 ELDERS ON DUTY .....(8:00) Neil Webb (10:45) Jeff Wallace  
 ELDER ON DUTY (Thursday) ..... Mike Jackemeyer  
 ALTAR GUILD ..... Terri Gerken, Ginny Jennings  
 USHERS (8:00) ..... Mike Smith, Sr., Captain, Bob Brunke,  
 ..... Chuck Schwanger, David Radtke  
 USHERS (10:45) ..... Brad Oeseburg, Jeff Oeseburg, Elliot Measel,

**Coming up this week . . . . .**

**Voter’s Meeting – Monday, September 21 – 7:00 p.m.**

**The meeting will be held in the sanctuary.**

# Financial Peace University coming to Christ Lutheran!

Financial Peace University is a transformational program to help people get and stay out of debt and take control of their money - for the rest of their life!

## Who is Financial Peace University for?

- People struggling with too much month at the end of their paycheck,
- Anyone who recently lost their job or had their income reduced,
- Everyone who wants to be more intentional about reducing their debt or maximizing their savings and giving.

## Why would a Senior Citizen on a fixed income come to the class?

- You will learn something - guaranteed.
- You can be an encourager for a child, grandchild, neighbor or friend.

**Come to the class at Christ Lutheran or Zoom in from anywhere!**

## Classes are as follows:

- Tuesday, Sept. 22, 7:00 p.m.—LeAnne Priebe Cooper, Coordinator
- Wednesday, Sept. 23, 9:30 a.m.—Matthew Mast, Coordinator
- Sunday, Sept. 27, 9:30 a.m.—Pastor Measel, Coordinator

Classes last for 9 weeks and will finish before Thanksgiving.

Suggested donation of \$35 to \$55, or a freewill offering at each class.

Sponsored by Thrivent and the Flour Shop, Stevensville.

## INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

Search Facebook for: Financial Peace at Christ Lutheran or go to [Christ-luth.org](http://Christ-luth.org) “Who We Are”





## **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	Deleigh McClintock	Jim Walters	Mary Panzica
Addie Scheffler	Denice McClintock	Laurie Ulmer	Miro Virsik
Amee Mantei	Dave Knuth	Laura Leshner	Nancy Duke
Bea Rudlaff	Ferny Rantz	Laura Schornhorst	Ron Szoke
Connie Schmidt		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  
**Catie Reed** – granddaughter of Doris Beezley  
**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 September 20, 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. Feel free to take one of our visitor bags located on the credenza in the commons area.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – The flowers on the altar today are dedicated to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Art Grau, given by Celeste Grau.

**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.

*Our service was recorded last Sunday and will air today.*

*This service is dedicated to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Clarence Schadler given by Michael & Terrie Smith.*

*Our Local Lutheran Worship Service Broadcasts are now on WQYQ AM 1400 and 106.1 FM (Note: The call sign has changed from WSJM to WQYQ but the time and frequencies remain the same for our broadcast) on Sunday mornings from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. The service also can be heard online at <https://www.thenewqyq.com> or with the TuneIn app on your device. To listen with Alexa say, "Alexa, play WQYQ." The service can be heard from anywhere in the country online.*

**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:

Fred & Sally Knuth

Tim & Christine Quardokus Family

Scott & Anna Silcox Family

Janet Zielke

Pattie Allred Family

Darlene Hein

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. Dr. Steven and Cynthia Schumacher serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as missionaries in Ghana, West Africa. Steven teaches courses in Lutheran theology and serves as the dean of academics and student activities at the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ghana (ELCG) in Accra, Ghana. He also assists the ELCG with their deaf ministry efforts. Cynthia assists the ELCG as an English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher at their seminary. Pray for Steven and Cynthia as they serve in Ghana. Pray that God gives them safety as they live in the village of Saasabi, Greater Accra, Ghana. Ask God to give them peace and understanding as they live in a different culture and minister to the local people and the ELCG seminary students. Pray that God daily gives them wisdom and insight as they teach and help prepare men for the Holy Ministry. Pray for the students who receive their instruction that their hearts and minds are open to God's Word. Pray for the people of Ghana who learn of the Gospel through the missionary work that is done in this country.

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY COMING TO CHRIST LUTHERAN!**

Planning for the future is hard when you're still paying for the past! Listen—there's a better way! Join a *Financial Peace University* class, and we'll learn how to beat debt and make a plan for the future together! Interested? Join a 9-week class at **Christ Lutheran Church** or online starting **Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday September 22 at 9:30 a.m., or Sunday September 27 at 9:30 a.m.** You can sign up at [www.financialpeace.com](http://www.financialpeace.com), be sure to use our code number 92352182 **OR** go to the Christ Lutheran Blog and follow the link there. Call Fred Pieplow at 269-369-2081 if you have any questions.

**CHILDCARE POSITIONS OPEN AT TRINITY, SAWYER** - Precious in His Sight Childcare is growing and expanding. We are looking to fill two positions in our infant/toddler rooms. Minimum requirements for the positions are a high school diploma or equivalent, be at least 18 years of age, pass a background check, have reliable transportation, and willing to work 11:30 – 6, Monday-Friday. Please give us a call at 269-426-3151 and ask for Ms. Lynn.

**“VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION” WAS LAST SUNDAY** - We have been blessed here at Christ Lutheran with many willing workers in God’s kingdom. Anyone who has volunteered in any way, such as serving as a board member, elder, usher, ladies league, altar guild, etc. during the past year received a gift. If you did not get your gift last week, help yourself to a “Christ Lutheran Church” engraved pen with stylus. They are located in a basket in the commons area.

**LWLM SEPTEMBER GRANT** - Trinity Lutheran School, modeled after the ministry of Rosa J. Young, has remained a stronghold of Christ centered education in a community dealing with inter-generational poverty and the challenges of urban living. Today Trinity serves 200 students from infants through fifth grade, and reaches another 45 students daily from four public schools through its afterschool program and Good News Bible Club. Daily prayer, chapel, and devotions help children, many from unchurched homes, develop spiritually in knowing God loves them. Grant funds are needed to purchase a handicapped accessible church bus for school children, elders, neighbors, and church members to participate in church and school ministries.

**Matthew 20:9** – “**And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.**” Behold the generosity of God! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God, and His generosity is surely one of the foundations of God’s being.

<b>Thursday Service</b>	<u>9/10/2020</u>		
	25		
<b>Sunday</b>	<u>9/13/2020</u>		
8:00 A.M.	100		
10:45 A.M.	<u>50</u>	<b>Adult Bible Class</b>	--
<b>Total:</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>Weekday Classes</b>	--

Prior Week Total Budgeted Receipts	\$15,147
Average Weekly Budgeted Disbursements	\$18,379

There will be no contemporary service in the month of September.



## This Week at Christ Lutheran

Sunday, September 20	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship Service Zoom Bible Class Worship Service
Monday, September 21	7:00 p.m.	<b>Voter's Meeting</b>
Tuesday, September 22	7:00 p.m.	<i>Christ Times due</i> <b>Peace University Bible Class</b>
Wednesday, September 23	9:30 a.m.	<b>Peace University Bible Class</b>
Thursday, September 24	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, September 25		
Saturday, September 26		
Sunday, September 27	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Communion Worship Service Zoom Bible Class <b>Peace University Bible Class</b> Communion 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.

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