

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Welcomes You



“let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,”

Education Sunday

September 10, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.

September 13, 2020 – 8:00 & 10:45 A.M.

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church & School
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Sunday Services: 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School and Bible Class: 9:30 a.m..

Thursday Evening Service at 7:00 p.m.

Christian Day School: Preschool through 8th grade

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

As We Gather

The fine liberal arts, invented and brought to light by learned and outstanding people, are serviceable and useful to people for this life. Moreover, they are creations and noble, precious gifts...True it is that human wisdom and the liberal arts are noble gifts of God, good and useful for all kinds of things, wherefore one cannot do without them in this life. But they can never thoroughly tell us what sin and righteousness are in the eyes of God, how we can get rid of sins, become pious and just before God, and pass from death to life. Wisdom divine and an art supreme are required for this: and one does not find them in the books of any jurist or worldly-wise person, but in the Bible alone, which is the Holy Spirit's book. (Martin Luther, What Luther Says, CPH, pp 449-450)

Prelude ~ “Von Gott Will Ich Nicht Lassen”

Dietrich Buxtehude, (1637 – 1707)

The poet, Ludwig Helmbold, wrote this hymn in 1563 after a pestilence broke out in the town of Erfurt which killed 4,000 inhabitants. He wrote this poem to comfort the fleeing godmother of his eldest daughter basing it on Psalm 73:23. Such a reminder of God's continued promised presence is as necessary today as it was in his day.

*From God can nothing move me;
He will not step aside
But gently will reprove me
And be my constant guide.
He stretches out His hand
In evening and in morning,
My life with grace adorning
Wherever I may stand.*

Hymn ~ “Come Down, O Love Divine” Hymn 501

- 1 Come down, O Love divine;
Seek Thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with Thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near;
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.

- 2 O let it freely burn,
 Till worldly passions turn
 To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
 And let Thy glorious light
 Shine ever on my sight,
 And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
- 3 Let holy charity
 Mine outward vesture be
 And lowliness become mine inner clothing—
 True lowliness of heart,
 Which takes the humbler part,
 And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.
- 4 And so the yearning strong,
 With which the soul will long,
 Shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
 No soul can guess His grace
 Till it become the place
 Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.

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Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

InvocationPage 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 ☩ 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit



Deliver me from my enemies, | O Lord!*

I have fled to you for | refuge!

Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for | mercy!*

In your faithfulness answer me, in your | righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your | servant,*

for no one living is righteous be- | fore you.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

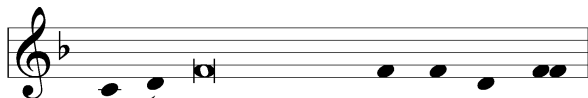
as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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I have fled to you for | refuge!

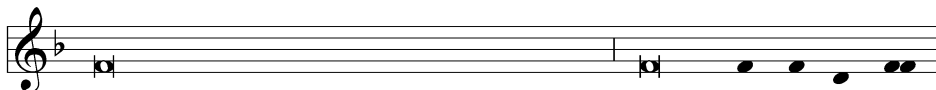
Ps. 143:1-2; antiphon: Ps. 143:9



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.



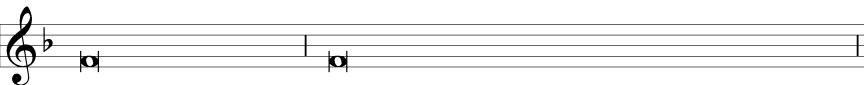
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



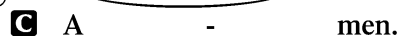
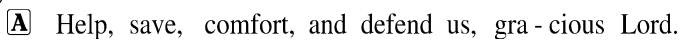
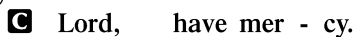
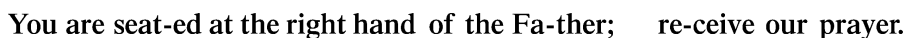
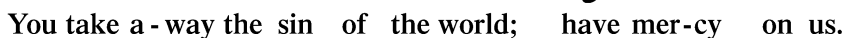
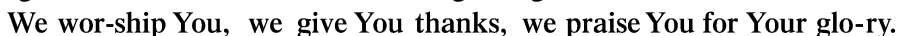
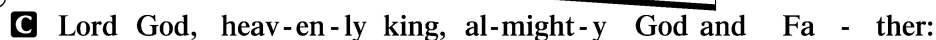
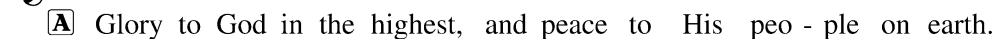
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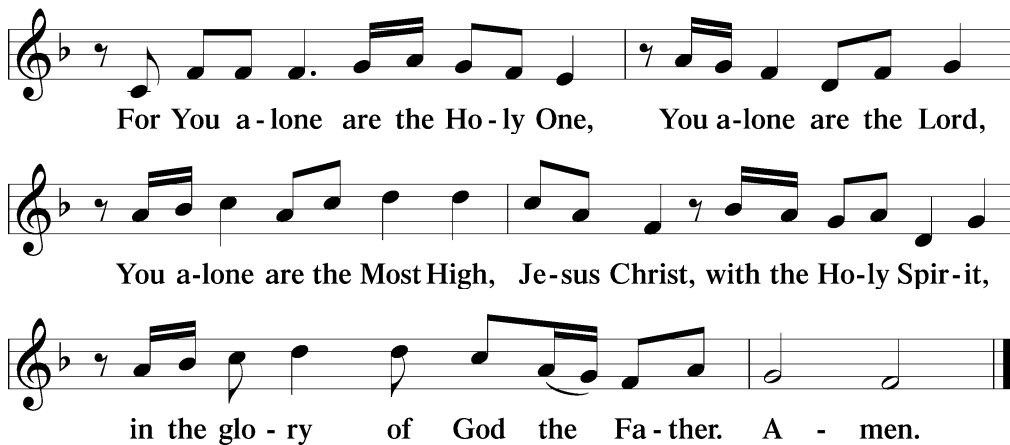


A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.

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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.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

P O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Reading from the Book of Concord

*Luther's Small Catechism
The Fifth Petition*

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean? We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

Romans 14:1-12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant

of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

P This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C 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 18:21-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18th chapter

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

²¹Then Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

(Continued)

²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You, O Christ

Sit

Hymn ~ “Shepherd of Tender Youth” Hymn 864

“Shepherd of Tender Youth” is the oldest surviving Christian poem in the Lutheran Service Book being written circa 200 Anno Domini and attributed to Clement of Alexandria (c. 170-220.) Note the care and concern for the Christian education of the young and the prayer for the continued presence of the Good Shepherd in all our lives.

- 1 Shepherd of tender youth,
Guiding in love and truth
Through devious ways;
Christ, our triumphant king,
We come Your name to sing
And here our children bring
To join Your praise.
- 2 You are the holy Lord,
O all-subduing Word,
Healer of strife.
Yourself You did abase
That from sin’s deep disgrace
You so might save our race
And give us life.

3 You are the great High Priest;
 You have prepared the feast
 Of holy love;
 And in our mortal pain
 None calls on You in vain;
 Our plea do not disdain;
 Help from above.

4 O ever be our guide,
 Our shepherd, and our pride,
 Our staff and song.
 Jesus, O Christ of God,
 By Your enduring Word
 Lead us where You have trod;
 Make our faith strong.

5 So now, and till we die,
 Sound we Your praises high
 And joyful sing:
 Infants and all the throng,
 Who to the Church belong,
 Unite to swell the song
 To Christ, our king!

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Sermon

God's Mercy, God's Forgiveness

Matthew 18:21-35

Stand

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.

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

Prayer of the Church

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 ~ “Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive” (Sunday) Hymn 843

- 1 “Forgive our sins as we forgive,”
 You taught us, Lord, to pray;
But You alone can grant us grace
 To live the words we say.
- 2 How can Your pardon reach and bless
 The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
 Old bitterness depart?
- 3 In blazing light Your cross reveals
 The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us,
 How great our debt to You!
- 4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
 And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,
 Our lives will spread Your peace.

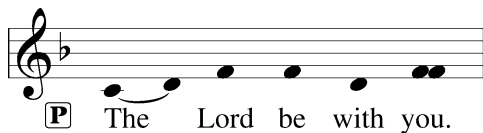
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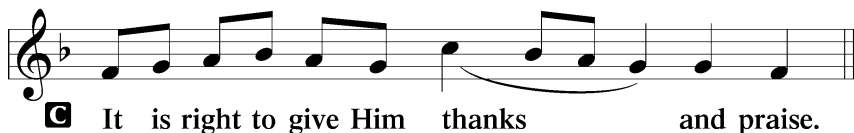
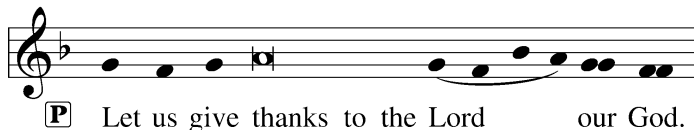
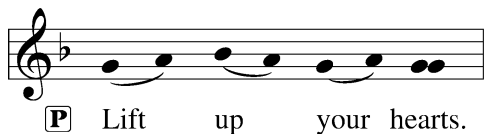
Installation of Christian Education Teachers & Workers

Service of the Sacrament

Stand

Preface





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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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:

Sanctus





Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

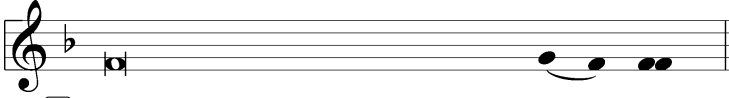
C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

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

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

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution Hymn ~ “Where Charity and Love Prevail” (Sunday)... Hymn 845

- 1 Where charity and love prevail
 There God is ever found;
 Brought here together by Christ’s love
 By love are we thus bound.
- 2 With grateful joy and holy fear
 His charity we learn;
 Let us with heart and mind and soul
 Now love Him in return.
- 3 Forgive we now each other’s faults
 As we our faults confess,
 And let us love each other well
 In Christian holiness.
- 4 Let strife among us be unknown;
 Let all contention cease;
 Be God’s the glory that we seek;
 Be ours His holy peace.
- 5 Let us recall that in our midst
 Dwells Christ, His only Son;
 As members of His body joined
 We are in Him made one.
- 6 For love excludes no race or clan
 That names the Savior’s name;
 His family embraces all
 Whose Father is the same.

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Stand

Thank the Lord



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

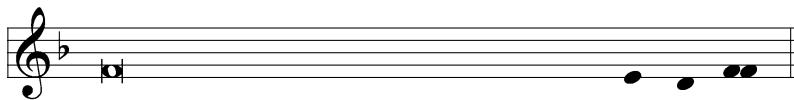
P Let us pray.

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



C A - - men.

Benediction



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.



Hymn ~ “O Blessed Spring” (Thursday) Hymn 595

- 1 O blessed spring, where Word and sign
Embrace us into Christ the Vine:
 Here Christ enjoins each one to be
 A branch of this life-giving Tree.

- 2 Through summer heat of youthful years,
Uncertain faith, rebellious tears,
 Sustained by Christ’s infusing rain,
 The boughs will shout for joy again.

- 3 When autumn cools and youth is cold,
When limbs their heavy harvest hold,
 Then through us, warm, the Christ will move
 With gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.

- 4 As winter comes, as winters must,
We breathe our last, return to dust;
 Still held in Christ, our souls take wing
 And trust the promise of the spring.

- 5 Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree,
Be praised for this blest mystery:
 That Word and water thus revive
 And join us to Your Tree of Life.

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Hymn ~ “Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters” (Sunday) Hymn 598

- 1 Once in the blest baptismal waters
 I put on Christ and made Him mine;
Now numbered with God’s sons and daughters,
 I share His peace and love divine.

Refrain

O God, for Jesus’ sake I pray
Your peace may bless my dying day.

2 His body and His blood I’ve taken
 In His blest Supper, feast divine;
Now I shall never be forsaken,
 For I am His, and He is mine. Refrain

3 And thus I live in God contented
 And die without a thought of fear;
My soul has to God’s plans consented,
 For through His Son my faith is clear. Refrain

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+ Silent Prayer +

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THE PREACHER	Rev. Christopher J. Yeager
THE LITURGIST	Rev. Martin P. Measel
THE ORGANIST	Mark Steffens
THE ORGANIST (Thursday)	Mary Spaulding
ELDERS ON DUTY	(8:00) Andrew Copi (10:45) Zach Leshner
ELDER ON DUTY (Thursday)	Glenn Scowcroft
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

All Boards & Parish Planning Meeting – Monday, September 14 - 7:00 p.m.
Voter’s Meeting – Monday, September 21 – 7:00 p.m.

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 Leshner	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**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 13, 2020

A CORDIAL WELCOME TO EACH OF YOU! May God's loving presence be very real to you, and may you receive strength and guidance today that will enable you to handle life's challenges. If you are visiting, please take time to sign your name in our guest book and introduce yourself to the pastors before you leave. Please feel free to take one of our visitor's bags located on the welcome center desk.

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, in honor of Al Kasewurm, Sharon Jeschke & Linda Drews on the occasion of their 75th birthdays, given by Kathy Kasewurm.

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 is being recorded today and will air next Sunday.
This service is dedicated to the Glory of God, in loving memory 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.

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:

Heather & Adam Bhatti Family
David Knuth Family
Dennis & Lyla Metz

Rev. Philip & Valerie Quardokus & Family
Jeff & Alli Wallace Family
Lyndsey & Nicholas Phillips

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:



Barbara Rebentisch serves the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Taiwan, based in ChiaYi. In this role, she translates and interprets between Mandarin and English to facilitate the communication of the Gospel in this part of the world. In particular, Barb is daily and regularly involved in the ongoing work to develop faithful resources in the Chinese language, intended to serve the entire Chinese-speaking world, both at home and abroad. Her service builds relationships with the community and leaders, sharing the Gospel with them through the written and spoken Word, and helping them to do the same with their neighbors. Ask God to give her good health as she embarks on this journey. Pray that she has clear thinking and clear expression in all that she communicates. Ask God to generously provide for the financial aspects of her mission work so that she can accomplish all that has been set forth for her to do

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, 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.

VOLUNTEER SUNDAY – Today is “Volunteer Appreciation” 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 will receive a gift. Help yourself to a “Christ Lutheran Church” engraved pen with stylus. They are located in a basket in the commons area.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT - September 18 @ 7:30pm - The Youth Board is hosting another movie night on Friday September 18. We encourage anyone in the congregation, or among our families in the school, to please join us for a night at Christ Lutheran Church. Our movie will be family friendly and our snacks will fill your tummy with satisfaction. Come enjoy this drive-in style movie featuring “The Incredibles.” **Come at 7:30 pm for fun and games before show time which will start at 8:30 pm.** 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 that promises to fulfill your movie going needs!

LADIES LEAGUE MEETING – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 – The first ladies' league meeting of the season will be held at North Lake Park, Grand Mere at 6:00 p.m. We will have election of officers and discuss the financial direction of the ladies' league. Bring your own supper and beverage. Hope to see you there!

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.

Romans 14:7 – “For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.”

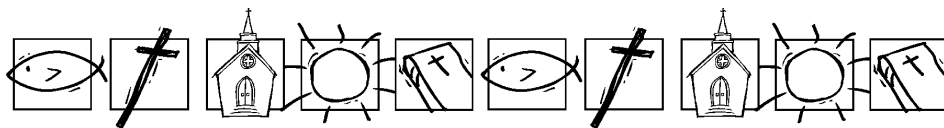
We just don’t belong to ourselves. We belong first of all to God, and, through Him, we belong to our neighbors. We are here to serve God in our service to one another. God has called you to this service through your vocation. As a Christian, you serve others in the church; as a neighbor, you serve others in society; and as a son or daughter, husband or wife, father or mother, you serve your family.

Thursday Service	<u>9/03/2020</u>		
	28		
Sunday	<u>9/06/2020</u>		
8:00 A.M.	69		
10:45 A.M.	<u>55</u>	Adult Bible Class	--
Total:	153	Weekday Classes	--

Prior Week Total Budgeted Receipts	\$48,467
Average Weekly Budgeted Disbursements	\$18,379

Leave room for Jesus. Sit 6 feet apart!

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



This Week at Christ Lutheran

Sunday, September 13	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	<i>Education Sunday</i> <i>Communion</i> Worship Service Zoom Bible Class <i>Communion</i> Worship Service
Monday, September 14	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	<i>All Boards Meeting</i> <i>Parish Planning Meeting</i>
Tuesday, September 15		
Wednesday, September 16	6:00 p.m.	Ladies League Dinner Meeting Grand Mere Park
Thursday, September 17	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 18		
Saturday, September 19		
Sunday, September 20	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship Service Zoom Bible Class Worship Service

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.