

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Welcomes You



REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 25, 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

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THE FESTIVAL OF THE REFORMATION

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As We Gather

The churches which designate themselves as Lutheran are more correctly called churches of the Augsburg Confession. For to be Lutheran does not mean to accept as authoritative or binding the teachings – much less the casual and informal utterances – of Martin Luther. It means, rather, to accept as binding and authoritative what Luther himself acknowledged, namely, the Word of God as received in the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures and that affirmation of the Word of God confessed in the declaration of faith made before the emperor and estates of the Holy Roman empire of the German nation at Augsburg on June 25, 1530... At Augsburg, the princes and cities that had experienced that Reformation declared, “In doctrine and ceremonies nothing has been received on our part against Scripture or the Catholic Church. For it is manifest that we have taken most diligent care lest some new and impious dogmas creep into our Churches.” (Arthur C. Piepkorn, Profiles in Belief (vol. II), Forum Letter vol. 30, no. 2, 1)

Prelude ~ “Abide, O Dearest Jesus”

Violin - Beth Oeseberg, Cello - Jeff Oeseberg
(For thought & meditation)

Abide, O dearest Jesus,
Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us
Nor we to sin give place.

Abide, O faithful Savior,
Among us with Your love;
Grant steadfastness and help us
To reach our home above.

Confession and Absolution

Processional Hymn

“Praise the Almighty” Hymn 797

(Please stand and face the cross as it enters)

1. Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!
Yes, I will laud Him until death;
With songs and anthems I come before Him
As long as He allows me breath.
From Him my life and all things came;
Bless, O my soul, His holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!

2. Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal;
Earthborn they are and soon decay.
Vain are their counsels at life's last portal,
When the dark grave engulfs its prey.
Since mortals can no help afford,
Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!

3. Blessèd, oh, blessèd are they forever
Whose help is from the Lord Most High,
Whom from salvation can nothing sever,
And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.
To all who trust in Him, our Lord
Will aid and counsel now afford.
Alleluia, alleluia!

4. Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,
Pardon and peace from Him obtain;
Ever the wants of the poor supplying,
Their faithful God He will remain.
He helps His children in distress,
The widows and the fatherless.
Alleluia, alleluia!

5 Praise, all you people, the name so holy
Of Him who does such wondrous things!
All that has being, to praise Him solely,
With happy heart its amen sings.
Children of God, with angel host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, alleluia!

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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

P In the name of the Father and of the $\cdot\ddagger\cdot$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

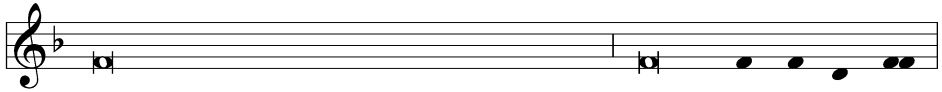
P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

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.**



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.



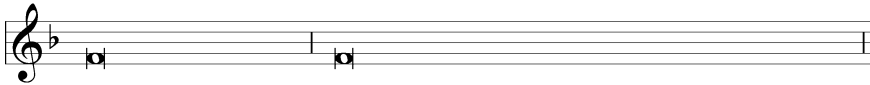
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



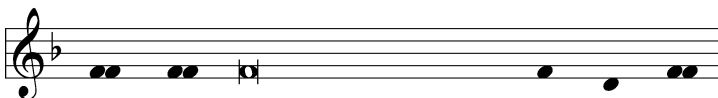
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Hymn - “All Glory Be to God on High” Hymn 947

- 1 All glory be to God on high
And thanks for all His favor;
No harm can touch or terrify
A child of God forever.
God shows His good and gracious will
And grants His peace, the world to fill—
All strife at last has ended.
- 2 We praise and laud and worship You;
We give You thanks forever,
O Father, for Your rule is true
And just and changes never.
With boundless pow’r, Your mighty reign
Fulfills whatever You ordain.
Lord, grant us ev’ry blessing!
- 3 O Jesus Christ, the only Son
Begotten of the Father,
Your saving death has made us one
With God and with each other.
O Lamb of God, to You on high
In our distress we sinners cry,
Have mercy on us, amen!
- 4 O Holy Spirit, our delight
And source of consolation,
Protect us from the devil’s might
Through Jesus, our salvation,
Who by His death upon a tree
Has rescued us from misery:
To this we hold forever.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day



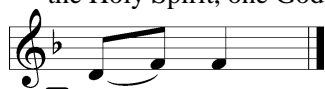
P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

P Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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.

Sit

Reading from The Book of Concord

The Apology of the Augsburg Confession
Article IV: Justification, 50-56

⁵⁰ Faith means not only a knowledge of the history, but the kind of faith that believes in the promise. Paul plainly testifies about this when he says in Romans 4:16, “That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed.” He judges that the promise cannot be received unless it comes through faith. Therefore, he puts them together as things that belong to one another. He connects the promise and faith. ⁵¹ It will be easy to decide what faith is if we consider the Creed, where this article certainly stands: the forgiveness of sins. ⁵² It is not enough to believe that Christ was born, suffered, was raised again, unless we add also this article, which is the purpose of the history: the forgiveness of sins. To this article the rest must be referred, namely, that for Christ’s sake, and not because of our merits, forgiveness of sins is given to us. For what need was there that Christ was given for our sins if our merits can make satisfaction for our sins?

⁵³ Whenever we speak of justifying faith, we must keep in mind that these three objects belong together: the promise, grace, and Christ’s merits as the price and atonement. The promise is received through faith. Grace excludes our merits and means that the benefit is offered only through mercy. Christ’s merits are the price, because there must be a certain

atonement for our sins. ⁵⁴ Scripture frequently cries out for mercy; the Holy Fathers often say that we are saved by mercy. ⁵⁵ Therefore, whenever mercy is mentioned, we must keep in mind that faith, which receives the promise of mercy, is required there. Again, whenever we speak about faith, we want an object of faith to be understood, namely, the promised mercy. ⁵⁶ For faith justifies and saves, not because it is a worthy work in itself, but only because it receives the promised mercy.

Readings from Holy Scripture

First Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

P This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the city | of our God!

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her | towers,*
consider well her ramparts, go through her | citadels,
that you may tell the next gener- | ation*
that this is God, our God forever and | ever.

Epistle Lesson

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the first staff, the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the" are written. The second staff continues the melody with similar note values. Below it, the lyrics "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written. The piece ends with a double bar line.

Holy Gospel

John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter

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

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn - “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Hymn 656

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev’ry need
That hath us now o’ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

- 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
 Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One,
 Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
 Of Sabaoth Lord,
 And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.
- 3 Though devils all the world should fill,
 All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
 They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
 He can harm us none.
 He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.
- 4 The Word they still shall let remain
 Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
 With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
 Though these all be gone,
 Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

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SERMON
“Freedom”
Romans 3:19-28

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 of the world to come. Amen.

(You may be seated if necessary.)

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.*

1 God’s Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way,
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.

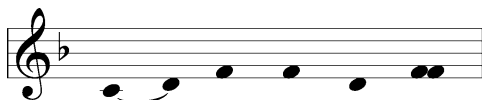
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Service of the Sacrament

(Please see our Communion Statement in the announcements on Page 22.)

Stand


Preface



P The Lord be with you.



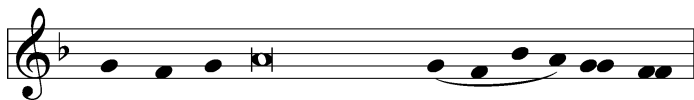
C And also with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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

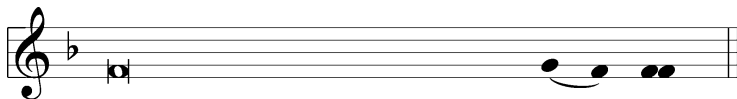
C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the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

“The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace” Hymn 580

- 1 The Gospel shows the Father’s grace,
Who sent His Son to save our race,
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died
That we might thus be justified.

- 2 It sets the Lamb before our eyes,
Who made the_ atoning sacrifice,
And calls the souls with guilt oppressed
To come and find eternal rest.
- 3 It brings the Savior's righteousness
To robe our souls in royal dress;
From all our guilt it brings release
And gives the troubled conscience peace.
- 4 It is the pow'r of God to save
From sin and Satan and the grave;
It works the faith which firmly clings
To all the treasures which it brings.
- 5 It bears to all the tidings glad
And bids their hearts no more be sad;
The weary, burdened souls it cheers
And banishes their guilty fears.
- 6 May we in faith its message learn
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess
And praise the Lord, our righteousness.

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Stand

Canticle - "God Has Spoken by His Prophets" Hymn 583

- 1 God has spoken by His prophets,
Spoken His unchanging Word;
Each from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil,
One firm anchor holds us fast:
God is king, His throne eternal;
God the first, and God the last.

2 God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father's glory,
With the Father ever one;
Spoken by the Word Incarnate,
God of God, before time was;
Light of Light, to earth descending,
He reveals our God to us.

3 God is speaking by His Spirit,
Speaking to our hearts again,
In the ageless Word declaring
His own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
One sure faith yet standing fast;
God abides, His Word unchanging;
God the first, and God the last.

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Post-Communion Collect

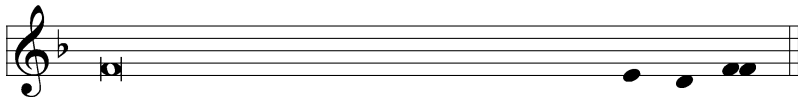
P Let us pray.

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.



G A - men.

Hymn ~ “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” Hymn 655

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

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+ Silent Prayer +

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..... Paul Jackemeyer, Andrew Measel & Bob Wolfanger - Trumpet
ELDERS ON DUTY.....(8:00) Mike Jackemeyer (10:45) Glenn Scowcroft
ALTAR GUILD.....Celeste Grau, Terry Steffens
USHERS Steve Huycke – Captain, Ron Bonczkowski, Tom Ulmer,
.....Andrew Gerken, John Schulz, Mike Essig, Matthew Starkey, Chuck Dinges
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..... Bob Wolfanger, Don Mensinger, Harry Steffen

Large Print Bulletins and Portals of Prayer are available from an usher. If you are interested in receiving a large print Portals of Prayer, please contact the office and one will be placed in your mailbox each quarter.

The November issue of the Christ Times is available today in the commons area and on the credenza in the narthex.

Be sure to pick up your copy today!



Christ Lutheran Church and School
Christ's People Proclaiming Christ's Love

The following safety precautions will be followed:

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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 continues online and in person.
- ◆ 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 stream Sunday services live at 8:00 a.m., which may be viewed thereafter. We offer private communion on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., 1:30p.m., and 8:00 p.m.

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	Laurie Ulmer	Miro Virsik
Addie Scheffler	Denice McClintock	Laura Leshner	Nancy Duke
Amee Mantei	Dave Knuth	Laura Schornhorst	Ron Szoke
Bea Rudlaff	Ferny Rantz		Mary Panzica
Connie Schmidt	Helen Quardokus		

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

Aubrey Hamby – nephew of Dee Payovich
Austin Arndt – grandson of Linda Steinke
Bruce Wurdeman – brother of Diane Strohacker
Gabe Szoke – brother of Ron Szoke
Gertrude Kuehn – mother of Debbie Tietz
Grace Gerken – niece of Andrew & Terri Gerken
Jim Russell – brother of Mark Russell
Kimberly Greening – daughter-in-law of
 Dwayne Greening
Paula Hicks – niece of Dee Payovich
Phil Oberhaus – brother of Susan Jackemeyer
Rebecca Wroblesky – fiancé of Kevin Dixon
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, **Mitchell Carter** – grandson of
 Bob Dixon.

Missionaries

Rev. Charles and Cheryl Ferry in Chiayi, Taiwan, Deaconess Caitlin Worden de Ramirez in the Dominican Republic and Rev. Roger James in the Philippines.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 25, 2020

AS WE CELEBRATE REFORMATION SUNDAY, we joyfully extend the hand of friendship to all who have come to offer reverence to God. It is a genuine privilege to gather as God's people to open ourselves to the presence of God and to praise God with loving hearts. If you are visiting, please take time to sign your name in our guest book and introduce yourself to the pastor before you leave. Visitors, feel free to take one of the visitor's bags located there. Please come again!

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 Eldon & Jean Keehn on the occasion of their 64th wedding anniversary.

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 honor of Helen Quardokus on the occasion of her 89th birthday on August 1.
given by Pastor & Valerie Quardokus*

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:

Chris & Kim Alles & Family
Mrs. Eleanor Hoge
Keith & Deborah Yeske

Doreen Smith Family
Eric & Sarah Beck
Jean Mort

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. Anthony and Jamie DiLiberto serve the Lord as missionaries of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Puerto Rico. Anthony is helping rebuild the existing Iglesia Luterana Principe de Paz (Prince of Peace Lutheran Church) congregation in Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. Many of its members moved to the United States after the hurricane. He is also working to plant a new church in an area of the island where there currently is no Lutheran presence. In addition, Anthony is involved in the long-term disaster relief efforts at the mission's various Casa de Amparo y Respuesta al Desastre (House of Refuge and Disaster Response) mercy houses. From these places, LCMS missionaries and Puerto Rican Lutherans offer food, water and other basic necessities to community members affected by the hurricane. Pray for the DiLibertos as they serve in Puerto Rico.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS – Join us on Thursday mornings as we explore the Book of Joshua and witness the people of Israel entering into the promised land. Please join Pastor Yeager at 10:00 a.m. in the all-purpose room. Bring along a friend!

STORYTIME SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES - The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis story time has started. We have begun with Book I: The Magician's Nephew. Each Sunday will include: chronological reading of the book and talk about how it relates to Jesus & faith. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. and is held in the 3rd & 4th classroom. Come and have fun and fellowship with friends!

MEAL TRAIN FOR THE LAURIE ULMER FAMILY – A meal train has been created for Laurie Ulmer by the kindergarten parents. She could use a little support while she is undergoing cancer treatment. Sign up to take a meal on the following link <https://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/KXGG6136>. If you have any questions, at the school.

4th ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT ON OCTOBER 31! We have been working with the Berrien County Health Department on safe plans for our annual Trunk or Treat. More information will be available in future newsletters. However, save the date of October 31st from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. We will hold it in our parking lot, rain or shine. If you would like to donate candy look for one of the collection boxes in the building. If you are interested in helping pass out candy to area children please contact PTL President, Tabatha Winter at 269-326-2526 or brudertabatha@yahoo.com

THE ANNUAL COOKIE WALK WILL BE BACK THIS DECEMBER! There will be changes but...there will be cookies! Check out the November Christ Times for more information.

WE ALL KNOW WHAT MICHIGAN WINTERS ARE LIKE. BRRRRR! Help keep someone's feet warm this winter. **New** men's socks are being collected for the local Salvation Army Men's Shelter. Look for the box in the Commons area. Donations accepted now until December 4th. **Please New Socks Only!** Let's Connect with our Community as we Run the Race!

SOUP KITCHEN NEWS - People are always asking, "Are we still doing soup kitchen?" The answer is yes! The only difference is that now we are preparing sack lunches with bottles of water instead of a hot lunch. We continue to need funds to purchase these food items. If you would like to donate to this important ministry, please consider a monetary donation instead. You may place your gift in the offering plate with the words "Soup Kitchen" on your check or envelope. You may also drop it off in the church office. Thank you!

FALL GROUNDS CLEAN UP – Please join us on Saturday, November 7, for our annual fall clean-up. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. and work until noon. Bring your rakes, shovels or any other garden type tools you have. We could especially use some gas-powered blowers. Do you have any friends that enjoy yard work??? Bring them along too! Many hands might light work!

IT’S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN – THE PTL PIE SALE IS HERE! - Orders are being taken for pumpkin, Dutch apple and cherry streusel. New this year as a limited edition, will be blueberry crumble. All pies are made from scratch and assembled here in our own Christ Lutheran kitchen. Order forms are included as an insert in this bulletin and also located in the narthex. Place your orders and payment in the box provided.

LWML OCTOBER GRANT - Touching The Living Word—Lutheran Braille Workers - Go to www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-11 for more information.

John 8:36 – “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” Today we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel, but he also called himself “the apostle of good works.” For only in being set free by the Gospel can we do good works. Jesus has set us free, and His blood covers over our sins. We stand before God as His beloved children, and we are invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

Charting Our Course – Statistics from Last Week

Thursday Service	<u>10/15/2020</u>		
	27		
Sunday	<u>10/18/2020</u>		
8:00 A.M.	84		
10:45 A.M.	<u>41</u>	Adult Bible Class	--
Total:	152	Weekday Classes	--
Prior Week Total Budgeted Receipts		\$11,109	
Average Weekly Budgeted Disbursements		\$18,683	



This Week at Christ Lutheran

Sunday, October 25	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	<i>Reformation Sunday</i> <i>Communion</i> Worship Service Joshua Bible Class <i>Peace University Bible Class</i> <i>Storytime Sunday School Series</i> Communion Worship Service
Monday, October 26		
Tuesday, October 27	7:00 p.m.	<i>Peace University Bible Class</i>
Wednesday, October 28	9:30 a.m.	<i>Peace University Bible Class</i>
Thursday, October 29	10:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Joshua Bible Class Private Communion Private Communion Worship Service Private Communion
Friday, October 30		
Saturday, October 31	1:00-4:00 p.m.	<i>Trunk or Treat</i>
Sunday, November 1	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	<i>All Saint's Day</i> Worship Service Joshua Bible Class <i>Peace University Bible Class</i> <i>Storytime Sunday School Series</i> 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 used 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.