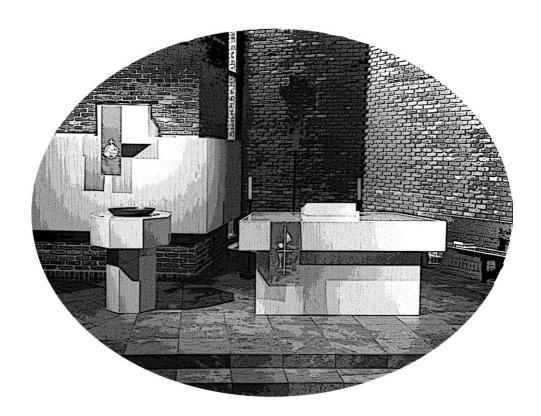
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Welcomes You



Contemporary Worship Service October 18, 2020 – 8:00 A.M.

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church & School 4333 Cleveland Avenue, Stevensville, MI 49127 Phone: (269) 429-7222 - Church (269) 429-7111 - School www.christ-luth.org Sunday Services: 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class: 9:30 a.m.. Thursday Evening Service at 7:00 p.m.

Christian Day School: Preschool through 8th grade

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Contemporary Divine Service

As We Gather

Jesus declares, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." Christians always live in this tension. We are citizens of God's kingdom and also citizens of an earthly kingdom. Of course, God's kingdom is always superior to political powers. If these two come into conflict with each other, we join with Peter and the apostles affirming, "We must obey God rather than man" (Acts 5:29). Yet we must recognize that government exercises a legitimate authority in our lives which also has been established by God (Romans 13). Civil laws and regulations are also established for our good and blessing.

Pastor Quardokus

Opening Song

In the Name of God the Father

In the name of God the Father, for the glory of the Son,
In the power of the Spirit, now in faith we come.
We are gathered in your presence as the people of the King
And you raise our hearts to heaven as we sing.

REFRAIN

We lift up your name, O God,
You are worthy of our praise,
So great in power and glorious in grace,
So high and holy, the mighty three in one;
In your name we come.

We will call upon your mercy as we celebrate your grace,
And we'll bring our joys and troubles as we seek your face.
We will share the peace you've given
as we feast upon your word;
And you make us into light for all the world.

REFRAIN

Open our lips, open our lips, and we shall declare your praises.
Open our eyes open our eyes to you.
Open our hearts, open our minds, we're trusting you to change us, open our lives, let Jesus shine anew.

REFRAIN

Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen. (Matthew 28:19–20)

Confession and Absolution

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

(1 John 1:8-9)

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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

Entrance Song

Ancient of Days

Blessing and honor, glory and power, Be unto the Ancient of Days; From ev'ry nation, All of creation Bow before the Ancient of Days.

Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory,
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne In worship;
You will be exalted, O God, and Your Kingdom shall not pass away,
O Ancient of Days.

(Repeat Song)

Kyrie

- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P 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 mercy.
- For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

Salutation

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Reading from The Book of Concord

The Apology of the Augsburg Confession Article XVI: Political Order, 53-55

We have confessed that legitimate public ordinances are good creations of God and divine ordinances, which a Christian can safely use. This entire topic about the distinction between the spiritual kingdom of Christ and a political kingdom has been explained in the literature of our writers. Christ's kingdom is spiritual [John 18:36]. This means that the knowledge of God, the fear of God and faith, eternal righteousness, and eternal life begin in the heart. Meanwhile, Christ's kingdom allows us outwardly to use legitimate political ordinances of every nation in which we live, just as it allows us to use medicine or the art of building, or food, drink, and air. Neither does the Gospel offer new laws about the public state, but commands that we obey present laws, whether they have been framed by heathens or by others. It commands that in this obedience we should exercise love.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 45:1-7

¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed: ²"I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other,

besides me there is no God;

I equip you, though you do not know me,

⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me:

I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷I form light and create darkness,

I make well-being and create calamity,

I am the LORD, who does all these things.

- **P** This is the word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- P He will command his angels concerning you
- C to guard you in all your ways.
- P Bless the LORD, O my soul,
- C and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Ps. 91:11; 103:1

Epistle Lesson

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Preparation for the Gospel:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life! Alleluia!

Holy Gospel Matthew 22:15-22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" ²¹They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You, O Christ

Sit

Sermon Song ~

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my Light, my strength, my Song;
This cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, When strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh:
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mineBought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death-This is the power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand; Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Sermon
"Whose Inscription?"
Matthew 22:15-22

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Gathering of Our Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings

(We request all who are present to legibly sign the attendance book that is at the end of your row. Please pass this on to the person next to you.)

Offertory

How Can We Thank You Lord

How can we thank you Lord.
For all your love and daily blessings?
How can we ever thank you, Lord,
For giving the gift of your only Son?
We bring our gifts with a thankful heart
And grateful praise in this celebration
Bless us at your table Lord,
Unite, forgive, and grant us peace.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and
 → give you peace.
- C Amen.

Closing

Lift High The Name of Jesus

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King.

Make known the power of His grace,

The beauty of His peace.

Remember how His mercy reached

and we cried out to Him.

He lifted us to solid ground,

to freedom from our sin.

Oh, sing my soul and tell all He's done 'til the earth and heavens are filled with His glory.

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord.

His pow'r in us is greater than,
is greater than this world.

To share the reason for our hope,
to serve with love and grace

That all who see Him shine through us
might bring the Father praise.

CHORUS

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light.

No other name on earth can save,
can raise a soul to life.
He opens up our eyes to see
the harvest He has grown.
We labor in His fields of grace
as He leads sinners home.

CHORUS

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Join us next Sunday, October 25th for our Reformation Services at 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

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
Connie Schmidt Mary Panzica

Addie Scheffler Denice McClintock Laurie Ulmer Miro Virsik
Mary Panzica

Nancy Duke

Addie Scheffler Denice McClintock Laura Lesher Nancy Duke Amee Mantei Dave Knuth Laura Schornhorst Ron Szoke

Bea Rudlaff Ferny Rantz

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

Tarvn Schrader – sister of Tamara Paulun

William Maul – brother of Charles Maul

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.

^{*} 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.

Bulletin Announcements for October 18, 2020

A SINCERE WELCOME TO EACH OF YOU! We are pleased to have you join us in a time of praising God, learning God's plan for life, and sharing our voices, talents and friendship in worship and fellowship. and please sign our guest book. If you are visiting, please take time to sign your name in our guest book and introduce yourself to one of the pastors before you leave. Please join us again soon.

ALTAR FLOWERS – The flowers on the altar today are dedicated to the Glory of God, in loving memory of Jon Shembarger, given by Joan Shembarger.

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 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:

Andrew Copi Family

Dennis & Kristie Koehn Family

Thomas & Julie Moneta Family

Klaus & Debbie Nixdorf

John & Kim Schulz

Mick & Lee Yeske

We will be praying for these members during our worship services today. Each week we ask you to remember a different group of members in your daily prayers.

We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:



Rev. Charles and Cheryl Ferry serve on behalf of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) throughout Asia and are based in Chiayi, Taiwan. As the Asia Regional Director, Charles is responsible for LCMS work, personnel and relationships in 20 countries. He unites local church leaders and LCMS resources to strengthen partner churches through theological

education, translation and mercy projects. Pray for Charles and Cheryl as they serve in Asia. Pray for their family as they adjust to living in Taiwan. Pray they are used daily to lovingly minister to the local people with whom they serve and live. Pray specifically that Charles is spiritually guided as he strives to teach, serve and lead. Let us give thanks that the Ferry family is serving in this part of the world.

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.

WE ALL KNOW WHAT MICHIGAN WINTERS ARE LIKE. BRRRR! 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. Let's Connect with our Community as we Run the Race!

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.

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!

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

Matt. 22:21 – "... Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.' "So what is Jesus saying? Doesn't everything belong to God? Yes, and God has a place for everything. Some of what He gives us goes to Caesar. Some must come back to the work of His Church. And some goes to support the families He has given us. All belongs to God, and He has work for us to do with what He has given us in the home, in the Church, and in society.

Charting Our Course - Statistics from Last Week

Thursday Service	10/08/2020		
	20		
Sunday	10/11/2020		
8:00 A.I	M. 92		
10:45 A.I	M. <u>48</u>	Adult Bible Class	
Total:	160	Weekday Classes	
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Prior Week Total Budgeted Receipts	\$26,345
Average Weekly Budgeted Disbursements	\$18,683



This Week at Christ Lutheran

Sunday, October 18	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Contemporary Worship Service Pastor Appreciation Breakfast Storytime Sunday School Series Worship Service
Monday, October 19		
Tuesday, October 20	7:00 p.m.	Peace University Bible Class
Wednesday, October 21	9:30 a.m.	Peace University Bible Class
Thursday, October 22	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 Communion Worship Service Private Communion
Friday, October 23		
Saturday, October 24		
Sunday, October 25	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Reformation Sunday Communion Worship Service Joshua Bible Class Peace University Bible Class Storytime Sunday School Series Communion Worship Service

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