

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Welcomes You



November 19, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.
November 22, 2020 – 8:00 & 10:45 A.M.

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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

Last Sunday of the Church Year

Divine Service Setting One

As We Gather:

The end of the Church Year is a time for sober reflection and joyful expectation of Christ's return. There is a time for frivolity and merriment but this time of year is set aside for serious contemplation of our lives and the end times. As each day we see horrific news, we are reminded of the sinful world in which we live. We cling to Jesus' promise to return and bring an end to these evil days. We pray that by the working of the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament that we will persevere in faith to the end. May we always cling to the cross of Christ for hope and peace.

Pastor Quardokus

Hymn ~ "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" Hymn 902

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;
 Our hearts in true devotion bow.
 Your Spirit send with light divine,
 And let Your truth within us shine.

- 2 Unseal our lips to sing Your praise
 In endless hymns through all our days.
 Increase our faith and light our minds;
 And set us free from doubt that blinds.

- 3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry,
 "O holy, holy Lord Most High!"
 And in the light of that blest place
 We then shall see You face to face.

- 4 All glory to the Father, Son,
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To You, O blessèd Trinity,
 Be praise throughout eternity!

Confession and Absolution

Stand

Invocation..... Page 151

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

P In the name of the Father and of the † 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



In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,*
the home of | righteousness.

**O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;*
let me know how fleeting | I am!**

Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,*
and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?*
My hope | is in you.

Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.*
Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

**Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace |
at my tears!***

For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my | fathers.

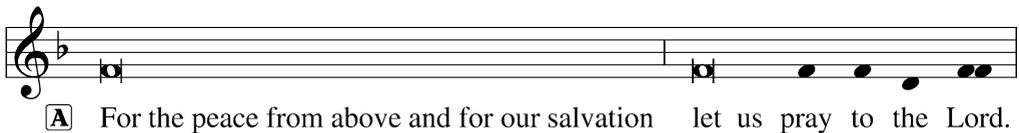
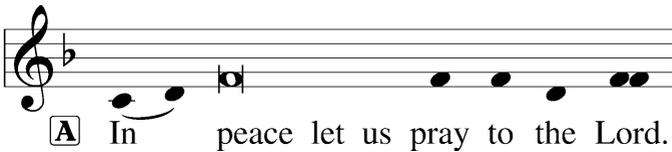
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

**and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,*
the home of | righteousness.

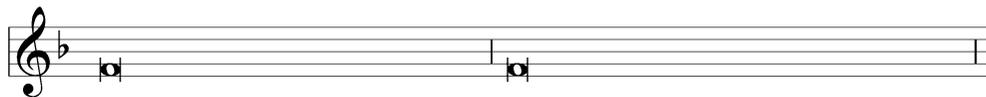
Ps. 39:4-5a, 7-8, 12; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV

Kyrie Page 152

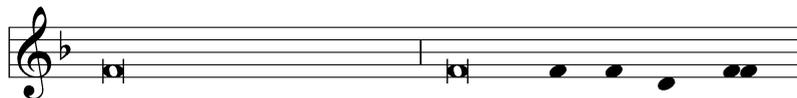




C Lord, have mer - cy.



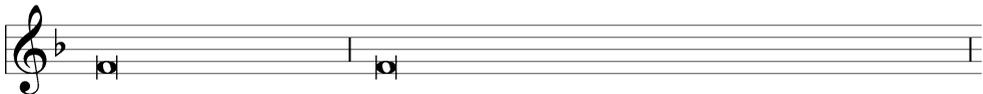
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



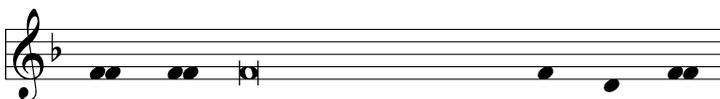
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise

This Is the Feast

Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

P Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; 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 Apostles' Creed, The Third Article*

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.

What does this mean? I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*

in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Rev. 7:14; Psalm 84:5

Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him,

then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

P Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega

C **the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Alleluia.**

Revelation 22:13

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 25:31-46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter

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

³¹[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴ Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸ And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹ And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’”

(Continued)

⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn ~ “Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me” Hymn 756

- 1 Why should cross and trial grieve me?
 Christ is near
 With His cheer;
Never will He leave me.
Who can rob me of the heaven
 That God’s Son
 For me won
When His life was given?

- 2 When life’s troubles rise to meet me,
 Though their weight
 May be great,
They will not defeat me.
God, my loving Savior, sends them;
 He who knows
 All my woes
Knows how best to end them.

- 3 God gives me my days of gladness,
 And I will
 Trust Him still
When He sends me sadness.
God is good; His love attends me
 Day by day,
 Come what may,
Guides me and defends me.
- 4 From God's joy can nothing sever,
 For I am
 His dear lamb,
He, my Shepherd ever.
I am His because He gave me
 His own blood
 For my good,
By His death to save me.
- 5 Now in Christ, death cannot slay me,
 Though it might,
 Day and night,
Trouble and dismay me.
Christ has made my death a portal
 From the strife
 Of this life
To His joy immortal!

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Sermon
“Now What?”
Matthew 25:31-46

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.

(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.*

Service of the Sacrament

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

Stand

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



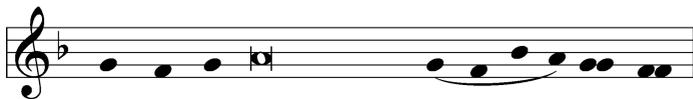
C And al - so with you.



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

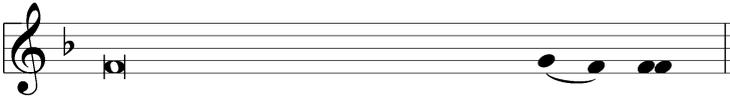
C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the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

☐ 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 ~ “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” Hymn 621 (Sunday)

- 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending
Comes our homage to demand.
- 2 King of kings yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav’nly food.
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending
From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow’rs of hell to vanquish
As the darkness clears away.

4 At His feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
“Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis ~ Song of Simeon



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been ful-
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which You have pre -
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re -
veal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el.
Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it;
as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Post-Communion Collect

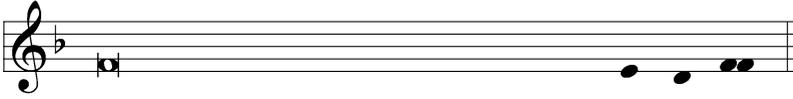
P Let us pray.

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.



C A - men.

Hymn ~ “The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns” Hymn 532

- 1 The Head that once was crowned with thorns
Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns
The mighty Victor’s brow.
- 2 The highest place that heav’n affords
Is His, is His by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords,
And heav’n’s eternal Light;
- 3 The Joy of all who dwell above,
The Joy of all below
To whom He manifests His love
And grants His name to know.

- 4 To them the cross, with all its shame,
 With all its grace, is giv'n;
 Their name an everlasting name,
 Their joy the joy of heav'n.
- 5 They suffer with their Lord below,
 They reign with Him above,
 Their profit and their joy to know
 The myst'ry of His love.
- 6 The cross He bore is life and health,
 Though shame and death to Him:
 His people's hope, His people's wealth,
 Their everlasting theme.

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+ Silent Prayer +

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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	Helen Quardokus	Mary Panzica
Connie Schmidt			

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

John and Erica Tape in the Dominican Republic, Deaconess Caitlin Worden de Ramirez in the Dominican Republic and Rev. Roger James in the Philippines.

Bulletin Announcements for November 22, 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. If you are visiting or attending our church for the first time, please sign the guest book help and yourself to a visitor bag located on the credenza in the narthex. Please visit 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 and in honor of Dave & Cindy White on the occasion of their 23rd 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 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:

Tom & Laurie Ulmer Family

Jason & Olivia Garrison Family

Ron & Karen Vandermeer Family

Florence Ziemer

Lydia Ruhno

Scott & Karen Dine Family

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

We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:



John and Erica Tape serve the Lord as career missionaries through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in the Latin America and Caribbean region, based in the Dominican Republic. As associate regional business manager, John assists the regional director and the regional business manager in managing the financial and business affairs of the LCMS. He also supports the region's missionaries and works with local

church partners on various projects.

Pray for the Tapes as they serve in the Latin America and Caribbean region. Ask that God would use all three of them to help share His message of salvation with people throughout the region.

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!

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!

THANKSGIVING BASKETS - This year rather than giving out food baskets for Thanksgiving, we will give a gift card and a homemade pie to those in need in our congregation and the community. If anyone would like to make a monetary donation, please see Christine or Pastor Yeager in the office, or you may place your donation in the offering plate. Be sure to mark the envelope "Food Baskets."

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS – The youth group will be collecting food to distribute at Christmas to those in need in our congregation and community. Please place your non-perishable donations under the Youth Bulletin Board in the Commons until December 13th. If you prefer to make a cash donation, please see Christine or Pastor Yeager in the office, or you may place your donation in the offering plate. Be sure to mark the envelope "Food Baskets."

POINSETTIA ORDERS are being taken. Honor or remember a loved one while adorning the church for Christmas. *Plants are \$8.00 each.* Please fill out a form found as an insert in the bulletin or in the commons area. Place them in the box provided with your check (payable to Christ Lutheran) or cash in the envelopes which are provided. The deadline for placing orders is *Sunday, December 6th.*

USHERS NEEDED – We are in need of a few men to join usher teams for the 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. services. It is a wonderful way to serve the Lord. It requires only serving four months out of the year. Please call or text Glenn Scowcroft at (269) 519-3030 if you would like to help.

LADIES LEAGUE ADVENT BRUNCH – Due to Covid concerns, the Ladies League Advent Brunch scheduled for December 5th has unfortunately been cancelled.

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS is the official periodical of the LCMS. Published 11 times a year, it provides Missouri Synod laypeople with stories and information that complement congregational life, foster personal growth in faith and help interpret the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective. Subscription year is March, 2021 through February, 2022 at a cost of \$11.60. Please fill out an order form found as an insert in the bulletin or on the welcome center credenza. Return the form to the office with your check (or cash) made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Subscriptions are due *December 8th*.

THE ANNUAL COOKIE WALK WILL BE BACK THIS DECEMBER! Delicious, homemade cookies will be baked and available to enjoy during December. We will not be asking for donations of cookies from the general congregation. Designated bakers will prepare cookies in their own home. All cookies this year will be preordered. Cookies will be available for \$5.00 per container – we will not be selling ‘by the pound’. We estimate that each \$5.00 container will hold 12oz of cookies. Cookies will be available for pick-up at church on Sunday, December 6th. Home delivery of your order is also available. Please use the order form enclosed as an insert in this bulletin. If you have any questions please call *Terry Steffens(429-5487) or Suellen Klein (429-7992)*.

LWML NOVEMBER GRANT - Women's Witness and Mercy Asia. Asia is a harvest field ripe for the gospel. Women in Mission realize that our grants to missionaries in the field bring God’s Word to a dying world. This grant will help support women in Asia with their unique mission setting. Go to <http://www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-12> for more information.

AMAZONSMILE DONATES TO CHRIST LUTHERAN - You can make an impact while you shop for Black Friday deals on Amazon. Simply shop at smile.amazon.com/ch/38-1572143 and AmazonSmile will donate to Christ Lutheran Church, at no cost to you.

Matthew 25:4 – “... but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.” Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the bridegroom’s words and believed what He told them. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of financial stewardship say about what you believe?

Charting Our Course – Statistics from Last Week

Thursday Service	<u>11/12/2020</u>		
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Sunday	<u>11/15/2020</u>		
8:00 A.M.	52		
10:45 A.M.	<u>24</u>	Adult Bible Class	--
Total:	76	Weekday Classes	--

Prior Week Total Budgeted Receipts	\$11,884
Average Weekly Budgeted Disbursements	\$18,683



This Week at Christ Lutheran

Sunday, November 22 2020	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	<i>Communion</i> Worship Service Bible Class Sunday School <i>Communion</i> Worship Service
Monday, November 23		
Tuesday, November 24		
Wednesday, November 25	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Thanksgiving Eve Service</i>
Thursday, November 26		
Friday, November 27		
Saturday, November 28		
Sunday, November 29	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	<i>First Sunday in Advent</i> Worship Service Bible Class Sunday School 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.