

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Welcomes You



April 29, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.
May 2, 2021 – 8:00 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

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

As We Gather

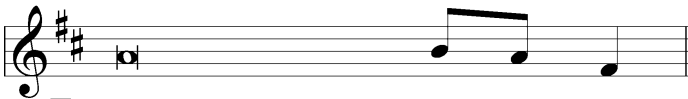
The New Testament uses many different images to express the intimate relationship between Jesus and those who believe in Him, and John gives us many of the most familiar expressions of this relationship: Jesus is the shepherd and we are the sheep; He is the vine and we are the branches ... In this passage, however, language is pressed to the limits to express the indissoluble union and inextricable participation of one life in another. For those who receive Jesus, the whole Jesus, His life clings to their bones and courses through their veins. He can no more be taken from a believer's life than last Tuesday's breakfast can be plucked from one's body. (Martin B. Copenhagen, Receiving Jesus *The Christian Century*, July 27-August 3, 1994, 719)

Matins

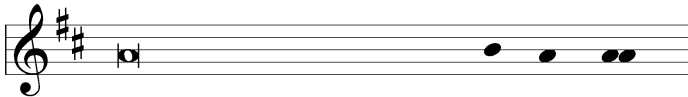
Stand



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.
Advent: Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.
Lent: Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Psalmody

Antiphon (Common)

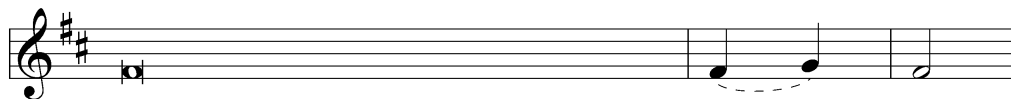


L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



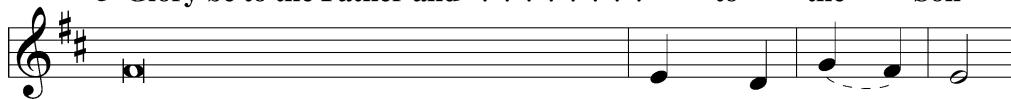
C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite

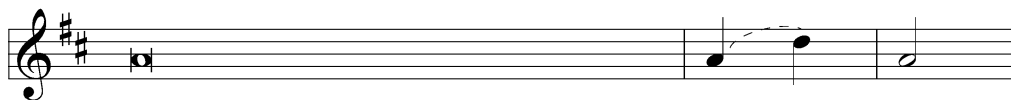


- C** 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
 2 For the Lord is a great God
 3 The sea is His, for He made it,

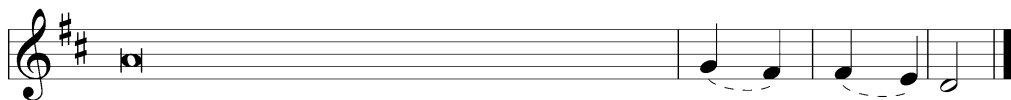
- 5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
 2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
 3 and His hand formed the dry land.
 5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



- 1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
 2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
 3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
 4 For He is our God,
 5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



- 1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
 2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
 3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
 4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon (Common)



L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray

O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; 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

*Luther's Large Catechism; Part II
The Apostles' Creed, Article III. 55, 56*

Everything, therefore, in the Christian Church is ordered toward this goal: we shall daily receive in the Church nothing but the forgiveness of sin through the Word and signs, to comfort and encourage our consciences as long as we live here. So even though we have sins, the grace of the Holy Spirit does not allow them to harm us. For we are in the Christian Church, where there is nothing but continuous, uninterrupted forgiveness of sin. This is because God forgives us and because we forgive, bear with, and help one another [Galatians 6:1-2].

But outside of this Christian Church, where the Gospel is not found, there is no forgiveness, as also there can be no holiness. Therefore, all who seek and wish to earn holiness not through Gospel and forgiveness of sin, but by their works, have expelled and severed themselves from this Church [Galatians 5:4].

Readings from Holy Scripture

First Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³⁰So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³²Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter
and like a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he opens not his mouth.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

P This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,

P He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C he has put all things under his feet.

adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

Epistle Lesson

1 John 4:1-11

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

P This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

C **If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

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

¹[Jesus said:] “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ²Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Responsory

Common

[illegible]

L 1 Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
 2 Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep— it.
 3 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.

Refrain



The Refrain is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It begins with a whole note chord of F#4 and C#5. This is followed by a half note G#4, a quarter note E5, a quarter note D#5, a half note C#5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, and a final whole note chord of F#4 and C#5.

C Lord, I love
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Sit

Hymn ~ “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” Hymn 633

1	At	the	Lamb's	high	feast	we	sing	Praise	to
2	Praise	we	Him,	whose	love	di -	vine	Gives	His
3	Where	the	pas -	chal	blood	is	poured,	Death's	dread
4	Praise	we	Christ,	whose	blood	was	shed,	Pas -	chal

our vic - to - rious King,
sa - cred blood for wine,
an - gel sheathes the sword;
vic - tim, pas - chal bread;

Who has washed us in the tide
Gives His bod - y for the feast—
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

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Sermon “The True Vine” John 15:1-8

Canticle

Stand

Hymn ~ “We Praise You and
Acknowledge You, O God” Hymn 941



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry-one:
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,
The mar-tyrs of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



“O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
“O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!"
And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!"
You o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

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Gathering of Our Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings

*There will be no passing of the offering plates.
Please place your offering in the plates in the narthex.*

Offertory ~ "Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay" Hymn 505



Tri - une God, be Thou our stay; O let us per - ish nev - er!



Cleanse us from our sins, we pray, And grant us life for - ev - er.



Keep us from the e - vil one; Up - hold our faith most ho - ly,



And let us trust Thee sole - ly With hum - ble hearts and low - ly.



Let us put God's ar - mor on, With all true Chris - tians run - ning



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Stand

You may remain seated if necessary.

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

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.

Collects



L O Lord, hear my prayer.



C And let my cry come to You.

Prayers of the Church

Collect for Grace

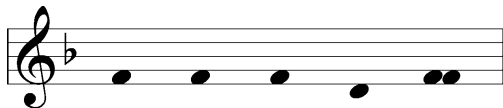
L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; 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.

Stand

Benedicamus



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

2 Corinthians 13:14



P The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God
L The grace of our Lord ✠ Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.
 and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with us all.



C A - men.

Closing Hymn ~ "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" Hymn 720



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No
 2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And
 4 For You, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, Are
 5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.
 we re - joice And cry "My Lord and God!"
 You are near And seek where You are found.
 and the Word, Be - neath the bread and wine.
 as You are, With full and end - less sight.



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as
 fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound To call on You when
 found in means di - vine: Be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You

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+ Silent Prayer +

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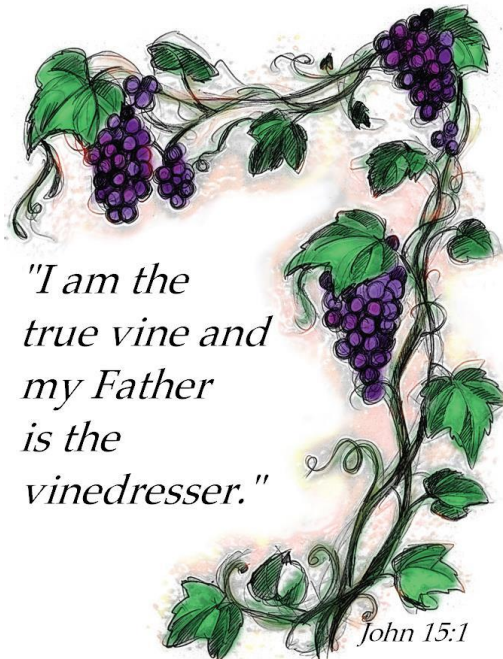
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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:

THE PREACHER & LITURGIST	Rev. Martin P. Measel
THE ORGANIST	Mark Steffens
THE ORGANIST (Thursday)	Mary Spaulding
ELDER ON DUTY	Dennis Kern
THE ELDER (Thursday)	Richard Wandel
ALTAR GUILD (Thursday)	Dianna Huycke, Ginny Jennings
ALTAR GUILD (Sunday)	Rosemarie Castonguay, Christine Quardokus
USHERS (8:00)	Steve Huycke – Captain, Tom Ulmer,
.....	Andrew Gerken, John Schulz, Mike Essig, Chuck Dinges, Matthew Starkey



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.
- ◆ 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.

Thank you for being considerate of your neighbor.

Pastor Measel, Pastor Yeager, Board of Elders

We have resumed offering the common cup, along with the individual cups, in our weekly worship services. The word Maundy comes from the Latin mandatum, which means commandment. It alludes to Jesus' new commandment in John 13:34 to love one another. More importantly, this is the day on which Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. See Matthew 26:17–30; Mark 14:12–26; Luke 22:1–39. We encourage you to use the common cup safely. Read and follow the church's COVID safety precautions.

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

Amanda Clark	Deleigh McClintock	Kathy Karnik	Miro Virsik
Addie Scheffler	Denice McClintock	Laurie Ulmer	Nancy Duke
Amee Mantei	Dave Knuth	Laura Leshner	Mary Panzica
Connie Schmidt	Jean Mort	Laura Schornhorst	Nathan Gerken
Barbara Maul	Jim Walters	Ferny Rantz	Penny Haldy

Family or friends who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery***Continued Prayers:*****Aubrey Hamby** – nephew of Dee Payovich**Austin Arndt** – grandson of Linda Steinke**Carol Syring** – daughter of Ken Vieregge**Cate Reed** – granddaughter of Doris Beezley**Christine Lowmaster** – niece of Sharon Lowmaster**Ginger Nurkala** – sister of Betty Spencer**Jackie Klepper** – mother of Pattie Allred**Jim Russell** – brother of Mark Russell**Keith Avery** – friend of Ralph & Devona Dinges**Luke Strohacker** – grandson of Chuck & Diane Strohacker**Marian Gerken** – mother of Andy Gerken**Paula Hicks** – niece of Dee Payovich**Phil Oberhaus** – brother of Susan Jackemeyer**Ron Bessick** – friend of Sharon Lowmaster**Taryn Schroder** – sister of Tamara Paulun**William Maul** – brother of Charlie 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** – nephew of Pastor Quardokus, **Mitchell Carter** – grandson of Bob Dixon.**Missionaries**

Jamielynn (Tinkey) Flores in the Dominican Republic, Deaconess Caitlin Worden de Ramirez in the Dominican Republic and Rev. Roger James in the Philippines.

PRAYER REQUESTS – Each Sunday we offer prayers to those that are ill, hospitalized, or recovering from surgery. Since we are often unaware of the status of the friends and relatives for whom we pray in church, *prayers will be offered for up to one month. After that time the name will be transferred to and left on the Christ Times prayer page until we are asked to remove it.* Should the situation require a lengthier recovery time, please call the office to request the name be left on for an additional month. May God grant healing, comfort, peace, and teach us to rely on Him in times of need.

Bulletin Announcements for May 2, 2021

“REJOICE IN THE LORD AND BE GLAD” (Psalm 32:11). Welcome to all who have come to worship God. May happiness fill our hearts as we approach the throne of grace. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself to the pastors and sign our guest book on the welcome center credenza. Please visit us again! Visitors, please feel free to take one of our visitor’s bags located on the welcome center desk.

ALTAR FLOWERS – The flowers on the altar today are dedicated to the Glory of God!

2021 FLOWER CHART – The flower chart for 2021 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 Flower** cost remains at \$15.00. After the services, they are delivered to a shut-in or someone that is sick or hospitalized. Thank you!

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 2021 chart for radio broadcasts is now 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 remains \$150.00. ***Be sure to sign up soon to secure the date you would like!***

*Our service was recorded last Sunday and will air today.
This broadcast is dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of
Harriet Gotsch on the occasion of her 103rd birthday,
given by Sharon Lowmaster*

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:

Phil & Dori Medo
Phillip & Amy Cole Family
Donald Mensinger Family

John & Cindy Allen
Joe & Irene Klupp
Charles & Diane Strohacker 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:



Jamielynn (Tinkey) Flores, B.S.N., R.N., has served the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as a missionary in the Latin America and Caribbean region since July 2016. In August 2020, Jamielynn married Rafael Flores, who is a seminary student at Concordia the Reformer Seminary, and they now serve together in the Dominican Republic. In her role as regional life coordinator, Jamielynn uses her nursing background and skills to promote health initiatives alongside church plants in the Dominican Republic and throughout the region. She provides resources that meet the needs of both partner churches and mission plants as they approach topics of life and death, family and relationships. Please pray for Rafael and Jamielynn as they serve the churches and people around the Latin America and Caribbean region, especially in the Dominican Republic. Pray for their daily witness to Jesus Christ in both word and deed. Pray for their safety in their travels and daily activities. Pray for Rafael in his studies so that he may have the strength and endurance to finish in order to continue serving the church someday as pastor, according to God's will. Give thanks for the clear Gospel that is being preached across the region and the opportunities Rafael and Jamielynn have to continue serving God's church in this way.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS – Sunday morning bible class will resume **TODAY**. The class will be a study on The Book of Jonah.

TUESDAY EVENING & WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS – Bible classes led by Pastor Measel have resumed. The class is a study on The Book of Jonah. Please join us!

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS WITH PASTOR QUARDOKUS RETURNS! – Bible class led by Pastor Quardokus will return on Thursday, May 6 at 10:00 a.m. He will be concluding the study of Mark beginning where the class left off in Mark 12. This study is in the middle of Holy Week. In the upcoming sessions the class will study Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter as recorded in the Gospel of Mark.

LADIES LEAGUE MEETING - A Christ Lutheran Ladies League meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 5th** at 6:00 p.m. at North Lake Park. Please bring your own meal.

TUESDAY EVENING GRIEF SHARE GROUP – The evening grief share group will meet on Tuesday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the media center of the school building. Call Toni Schalon for more information (429-7362).

HEART OF COOK GRANT AWARDED TO CLS - Christ Lutheran School has been awarded a Heart of Cook grant of \$500! This grant will fund the building materials for the new raised garden beds for the CLS Outdoor Education program. Thank you, Indiana & Michigan Power! To God be the glory!

John 15:2 – “Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord’s work for us, we are grafted by grace into His vine. We desire to be more like Him and grow into His image. That’s growth in fruit bearing, and it always comes with some pruning.



The National Day of Prayer will be observed at the Bridgman City Hall on Thursday, May 6, at 12:15 p.m. Gather Around The Flagpole at 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman. Questions? Call Betty at 466-5815.

**Lord, Pour Out Your Love,
Life and Liberty
2 Corinthians 3:17**

Charting Our Course – Statistics from Last Week

<u>Thursday</u>	<u>04/22/2021</u>		
	19		
<u>Easter Sunday</u>	<u>04/25/2021</u>		
8:00 A.M.	94		
10:45 A.M.	<u>75</u>	Adult Bible Class	23
Total:	188	Weekday Classes	33
<u>Streaming Views</u>			
Sunday	72		
Prior Week Total Budgeted Receipts		\$12,432	
Average Weekly Budgeted Disbursements		\$18,683	



This Week at Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday, May 2	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Worship Service Bible Class Contemporary Worship Service
Monday, May 3		
Tuesday, May 4	6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Grief Support Group – School Media Center Bible Class Bible Class
Wednesday, May 5	9:30 a.m.	
Thursday, May 6	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bible Class Communion Worship Service
Friday, May 7		
Saturday, May 8		
Sunday, May 9	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Communion Worship Service Bible Class Communion 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.

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