

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Welcomes You!



Contemporary Service

Sunday, May 15, 2022
@ 8AM

4333 Cleveland Ave, Stevensville, MI 49127

Sunday Services @ 8AM & 10:45AM

Sunday Bible Class 9:30AM

Thursday Evening Service at 7PM

Christian Day School: PreK – 8th Grade

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

CONFIRMATION

S U N D A Y

As We Gather

Confirmation is our Lord's idea. He bids us to make disciples by baptizing and teaching (Matthew 28:16-20). For most of these drawn near today, baptizing with water and the Holy Triune Name was done long ago. Now confirmation rejoices that some intense teaching has also been done, according to our Lord's mandate. The joy of baptism and teaching never ends. Life as Jesus' disciple means waking each day remembering that "I am baptized" and eager to learn what He would have us do as His servants. (Pastor Bruzek)

Opening Song

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 grown,
We labor in His fields of
Grace as He leads sinners home.

CHORUS

Jesus, You are my rescue;
Jesus, You are my rescue,
I give You ev'rything I am!
2 more times
You are giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blessed,
Fountain of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!

CHORUS

✠ Preparation ✠

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

Stand

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 I will extol You, O Lord, for You have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me. O Lord my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.

C **O Lord, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

P In repentant faith, we come before our Lord in confession,
Almighty God,

C **we confess to You that we are sinful by nature. We have searched for You where You never promise to be and have failed to recognize You as You come to us today as our risen Redeemer. We have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and have been reluctant to be Your witnesses and to do Your will. For the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, we pray, forgive us.**

- P** Sing praises to the Lord, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy name. For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime.
- C Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**
- P** To You, O Lord, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:
- C Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me! O Lord, be my helper!**
- P** Beloved in the Lord, God has heard our confession, and because of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has answered with Good News and revealed Himself as our Savior—our risen Redeemer. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- P** You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,
- C that my glory may sing Your praise and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever! Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit Ps. 98:2-6; antiphon: Ps. 98:1

- P** Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
- C His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**
- P** The LORD has made known his salvation;
- C he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**
- P** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.
- C All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**
- P** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
- C break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**
- P** Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
- C with the lyre and the sound of melody!**
- P** With trumpets and the sound of the horn
- C make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

- P** Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!
- C His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

Kyrie

- P** O Lord, **C Have Mercy on us.**
- P** O Christ, **C Have Mercy on us.**
- P** O Lord, **C Have Mercy on us.**

Sing to the King

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign.
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain.
Life and salvation His empire shall bring,
And joy to the nations, when Jesus is King.

**Come, let us sing a song,
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus;
He is all we need.
Lift up a heart of praise,
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus;
Sing to the King.**

For His returning we watch and we pray;
We will be ready the dawn of that day.
We'll join in singing with all the redeemed,
'Cause Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.

**Come, let us sing a song,
A song declaring that we belong to Jesus;
He is all we need.
Lift up a heart of praise,
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus;
Sing to the King.**

Salutation

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

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.

Reading from the Book of Concord

An explanation of what we believe as Lutherans.

*Luther's Small Catechism
The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed*

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

First Lesson

Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying, ³“You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them.” ⁴But Peter began and explained it to them in order: ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me. ⁶Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, ‘Rise, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I said, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But the voice answered a second time from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, do not call common.’ ¹⁰This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven. ¹¹And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea. ¹²And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’ ¹⁵As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?” ¹⁸When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, “Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life.”

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 Reading

Revelation 21:1-7

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. ⁴He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

⁵And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. ⁷The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

P This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

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.**

Rom. 6:9; John 14:23

Stand

Preparation for the Gospel

Celebrate Jesus

Celebrate Jesus, celebrate, Celebrate Jesus, celebrate.

Celebrate Jesus, celebrate, Celebrate Jesus, celebrate.

He is risen, He is risen, and He lives forevermore.

He is risen, He is risen, come on and celebrate
the resurrection of our Lord.

Celebrate Jesus, celebrate, Celebrate Jesus, celebrate.

Celebrate Jesus, celebrate, Celebrate Jesus, celebrate.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter.

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

¹²[Jesus said:] “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

¹⁶“A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’?” ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

Sermon Song

Draw Near the Tomb

Draw near the tomb,
as earth begins to wake,
the shadows pierced
by dawn's first light.
Angels descend,
The ground begins to shake:
“Why do you seek the crucified?”
He is not here.
He is risen from the dead!
Come see the stone is rolled away.
He is alive, He is risen like He said.
Go tell the world it's resurrection day.

Watch as they go,
in wonder and in fear,
and hurry from the empty grave.
Tears turn to joy as Christ himself appears.
The world will never be the same.
Jesus is here.
He is risen from the dead,
And worthy of eternal praise.
He is love, He is risen like He said.
Now ev'ry day is resurrection day.

Fall at His feet,
Pour out your love and praise,
And see the world through brand new eyes.
Hear Jesus say,
"There's no need to be afraid."
As resurrection people, rise.
He is not here.
He is risen from the dead!
Come see the stone is rolled away.
He is alive. He is risen like He said.
Go tell the world it's resurrection day.

Sermon
"Introductions..."
John 16:12-22

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.**

Sit

Gathering of Our Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings

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

Offertory

Beneath The Cross

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
I find a place to stand;
And wonder at such mercy,
That calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me,
Hold wounds which tell me, "Come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus,
My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
His fam'ly is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams,

Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor
The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus,
See the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
The path before the crown,
We follow in His footsteps,
Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
To be His perfect bride.
Beneath the cross of Jesus,
We will gladly live our lives.

Stand

(You may be seated if necessary.)

Prayer of the Church

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.

Collect for Grace to receive the Word

P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

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 +I- give you peace.

C Amen

Let It Be Said Of Us

Let it be said of us
That the Lord was our passion
That with gladness we bore
Ev'ry cross we were given
That we fought the good fight
That we finished the course
Knowing within us
The pow'r of the risen Lord.

**Let the cross be our glory
And the Lord be our song
By mercy made holy
By the Spirit made strong
Let the cross be our glory
And the Lord be our song
'Til the likeness of Jesus
Be through us made known
Let the cross be our glory
And the Lord be our song.**

Let it be said of us
We were marked by forgiveness
We were known by our love
And delighted in meekness
We were ruled by His peace
Heeding unity's call
Joined as one body
That Christ would be seen by all.

CHORUS

+ Silent Prayer +

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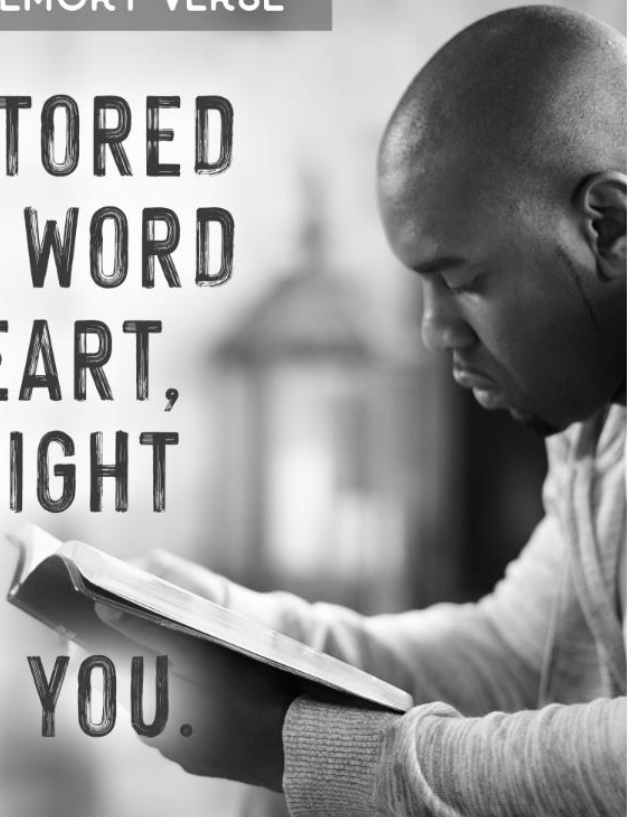
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MEMORY VERSE

**I HAVE STORED
UP YOUR WORD
IN MY HEART,
THAT I MIGHT
NOT SIN
AGAINST YOU.**

PSALM 119:11





Members who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Addie Scheffler	Chris Alles	Joel Collins	Laurie Ulmer
Alex Mast	Connie Schwanger	Joseph Klupp	Lee Yeske
Allee Bauer	Dave Knuth	Joe Panzica	Miro Virsik
Alli Wallace	Don “Mick” Yeske	Juli Mast	Nathan Gerken
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Andy Weisser	Jane Kabelman	Ken Ziebart	Susan Jackemeyer
Barbara Maul	Janet Zielke	Laura Leshner	Terri Gerken
Beth Davis			

Family or friends who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Betty Neer – *mother of Terri Gerken*

Jackie Klepper – *mother of Patty Allred*

Karol Syring - *daughter of Ken Vieregge*

Les Lamarre - *friend & neighbor of Mary Spaulding*

Our country, president, armed forces and all those who serve our country, including **Allison Blake, Luc Whitman** – grandson of Don & Pat Hutter, **James Vieregge**, USMC – grandson of Ken Vieregge, **Joseph Schafer** – nephew of Pastor Quardokus, **Matt Weiss**, nephew of Fred & Jeanne Huff

Missionaries

Rev. Dr. Michael and Jen-Yi “Irene” Paul in Taiwan, and Deaconess Caitlin Worden de Ramirez in the Dominican Republic.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Individuals are listed on our prayer list for *one month*. After this, we will transfer their name to our *Christ Times prayer page* unless asked otherwise.

May 15, 2022



WARM GREETINGS, FRIENDS! “I WILL SING PRAISES TO MY GOD ALL MY LIFE LONG” (Psalm 146:2, NRSV). It is with delight that we welcome all who have come to praise our heavenly Father. Let us befriend one another with words of warmth and love and sing praises to God. Let us lovingly reach out to God and one

another. If you are visiting or attending our church for the first time, please sign our guest book and 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,
in honor of our 2022 Confirmands.

FLOWER CHART – If you want to give altar flowers on a particular Sunday in memory of loved ones or in honor of a special occasion – please sign up! The cost of altar flowers is **\$35.00**. After church services, the bouquet is delivered to one our shut-in members or someone on our prayer list. Thank you!

RADIO SPONSORSHIP – Christ Lutheran records two radio broadcasts per month as this gives our members more opportunities for sponsorship. Please consider sponsoring a broadcast (you can 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 celebration of Mother’s Day.*

THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.

As caring Christians, please remember the following members of Christ Lutheran in your prayers this week:

*Adrienne Payovich
Ralph and Devona Dinges
Tom & Natalee Drews & Family*

We are 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. Dr. Michael and Jen-Yi “Irene” Paul serve the Lord as missionaries through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Taiwan. In this role, Michael serves as a theological educator for the China Evangelical Lutheran Church. He teaches in congregations and at China Lutheran Seminary, Hsinchu. He also writes and translates Lutheran Chinese resources and helps mentor new church workers. Pray for Michael and Jen-Yi “Irene” as they serve in Taiwan by asking God to give them wisdom to use their time wisely with the many opportunities to teach God’s Word and share His love with the people in Taiwan.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS WITH PASTOR QUARDOKUS - Bible class led by Pastor Quardokus is held on Thursday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

HELP WANTED / NEEDED! Did you know our Scrip program started here at CLS 20 years ago and was used to fund both the large *orange* playground and the *Little Tikes* playground? Did you know the Scrip program used to give as much as \$5000 a year to the PTL through profits raised? Did you know some families earn as much as \$500/year towards their tuition & fees? Do you want to be a part of this fundraising program with great potential? Do you have a few extra hours to spare a week? We could use your help! I want someone lined up by the time this school year ends (6/8/2022) so I can train volunteers over the summer. You can catch me at school or email me at sjackemeyer@christstevensville.com. Thanks, *Susan Jackemeyer*

MEAL TRAIN – Thank you to everyone who has signed up thus far as our church family is such a blessing! We know of the power of being a servant to our fellow sisters-in-Christ. If you are able, please reach out to the office (269-429-2222) to sign up for Mrs. Jackemeyer's meal train as it will continue through the summer.

ADULTS DINE OUT (ADO) —The next Adults Dine Out will be held at 6:30 p.m. on **Friday, May 20th at Mark III** (4179 M-139, St. Joseph). Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome to join us for a meal and fellowship. **Please remember to sign up** on the form in the commons area as we need an accurate count for the reservation. Thank you!

LADIES LEAGUE TOUR CHAPIN MANSION – Join us as we tour the Chapin Mansion in Niles on ***Saturday, May 21st***. We are meeting at the church at 9:30. (We may stop for lunch too!).



SPRING BAND CONCERT – Mark your calendars for Christ Lutheran School's *Spring Concert*, under the direction of Carl Steffens, to be held on **Tuesday, May 24th at 7:00 p.m.**



ARE YOU GRADUATING THIS YEAR?! – If you are *graduating from high school* this year, please contact our church office (phone or email) **by June 5th** and provide the name of your high school and the college you plan to attend. *College graduates*, please provide the school from which you are graduating and your degree. We invite you all to attend our *graduation service on June 12th*.

CREATION MUSEUM TRIP – We are scheduling another trip to the *Ark Encounter and Creation Museum*. For those who went last year and still have your tickets to the museum, the tickets will be usable on this trip. The dates will be **Friday 6/10 to Saturday 6/11**. Here are the details: 1) There is a block of rooms (1K or 2Q) reserved at the Best Western in Florence KY, under the name Christ Lutheran Church. The hotel has a pool and hot breakfast. The front desk number is 859-525-0090. Call and mention our church name and reserve and pay for your own room. As a church we are receiving a tax free rate of \$126.14 per room. 2) **We will leave Friday morning at about 9**, spend the afternoon at the Ark, spend Saturday at the Creation Museum, and head home in the late afternoon. You are welcome to drive on your own, but if you'd like to carpool, let me

know and I will arrange rides. 3) Ticket prices are: Ark \$55 (\$45 sr rate), Creation Museum \$45 (\$40 sr rate), combo \$85 (\$75 sr rate). You can buy the tickets there.

Let me know if you have any questions. *Pastor Measel*

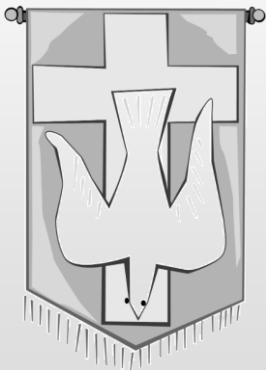
SAVE THE DATE! CAR SHOW – Christ Lutheran will be hosting a car show this upcoming Father’s Day, *Sunday* June 19th from 2-4PM. If you, or someone you know, have a classic car, antique car, hot rod, or any type of specialty car – please come to show off your car! The show is free and open to the public so don’t forget to tell your friends! We will also be servicing ice cream so bring your family and enjoy some fun in the sun!

Revelation 21:1 – “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.” The things of this world are passing away. We are waiting for a new heaven and a new earth, which have been promised to us in Christ. This knowledge is foundational for our stewardship of what God has put into our hands. What is truly important? What is worthy of our support? How has God called us to use “unrighteous mammon” for the good of our neighbor and His kingdom?

The Rite of Confirmation

The following Christians have completed their pre-confirmation training and today stand before God and this congregation to confess the faith into which they were baptized.

Following the Confirmands name and Bible verse, their parents and sponsors are listed.



Confirmation Class 2022

Allie Lesher

John 20:31

Zach & Ashley Lesher

Kale Silcox

Ephesians 2:8-9

Scott & Anna Silcox



We know that *Confirmation* is not a sacrament and that it is not commanded in the Bible. However, it is important to remember that everything we do in confirmation is commanded in the Bible. If we were to do away with confirmation, we would still need to continue with the process that we call confirmation.

The pastor says in the beginning of the Rite of Confirmation, “Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said: ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to

me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age.’”

Jesus directs us to baptize and when we bring our children to Him in baptism we are fulfilling His will. But He makes it clear that Christian discipleship does not end with baptism. He also directs us to teach them everything that He has commanded.

It has become rather fashionable in some corners of the church to downplay the importance of doctrine and teaching in favor of emotions and feelings. Yet Jesus says, “Teach them everything.” Even if we were to do away with confirmation, we would still be required to teach our young people the whole will and counsel of God. Following confirmation instruction there should be no secrets left about what we teach in our church.

Confirmation is a time to celebrate the faithfulness of each student who has devoted himself to the study of God’s word. It is also a time to rejoice that these fellow believers join us in publicly confessing the faith.

Jesus said: “Whoever confesses me before men, I will also confess him before my Father in heaven. But he that denies me before men, I will deny him before my Father in heaven.” If we no longer observed confirmation, we would still need to provide an opportunity for each Christian to publicly confess the faith.

Please join me in praying that all of our confirmands will remain faithful to their public confession of faith and so receive the crown of righteousness. Indeed, with them numbered may we be, here and in eternity!

Pastor Quardokus



Voters' MEETING TODAY @ 9:30AM



Weekly Services

Attendance

Thursday	05/5/22	7pm Service	30
Sunday	05/8/22	8am Service	84
Online Attendees: 85		10:45am Service	75

Total 189

Tuesday Bible Class	05/03/22	12
Wednesday Bible Class	05/04/22	22
Thursday Bible Class	05/05/22	16
Sunday Bible Class	05/08/22	18

Total 68

Budget Totals

Prior Week Total Budgeted Receipts	\$28,521
Average Weekly Budgeted Disbursements	\$18,572



Sunday, May 15	8:00AM	Contemporary Worship Service VOTERS MEETING CONFIRMATION Worship Service
	9:30AM	
	10:45AM	
Monday, May 16		
Tuesday, May 17	7PM	Bible Class
Wednesday, May 18	9:30AM	Bible Class
Thursday, May 19	10AM 7PM	Bible Class Communion Worship Service
Friday, May 20	6:30PM	Adult's Dine Out @ Mark III
Saturday, May 21	9:30AM	Ladies League Tour Chapin House
Sunday, May 22	8:00AM	Communion Worship Service Bible Class 1ST COMMUNION Worship Service
	9:30AM	
	10:45AM	



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