

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church  
*Welcomes You!*

“FEAR NOT,  
*Little Flock,*

FOR IT IS YOUR FATHER'S GOOD PLEASURE  
TO GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM.”

LUKE 12:32, ESV



**Thursday, August 4, 2022  
@ 7PM**

**Sunday, August 7, 2022  
@ 8AM & 10:45AM**

**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 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

# The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

## As We Gather

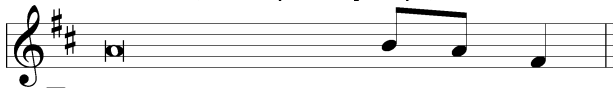
Almighty and gracious Father, we give You thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of Your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen (For All the Saints, Vol. II, 1341)

## Matins

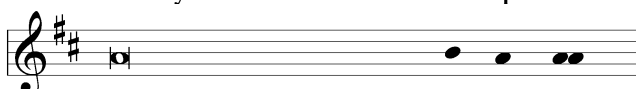
Stand



**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.

# Psalmody

## Antiphon

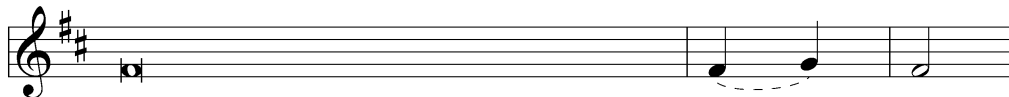


**[L]** Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.

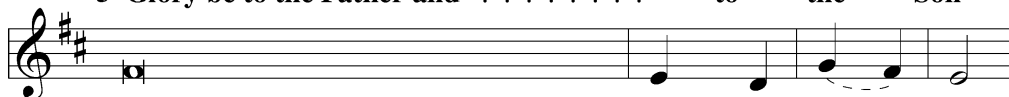


**[C]** O come, let us wor-ship Him.

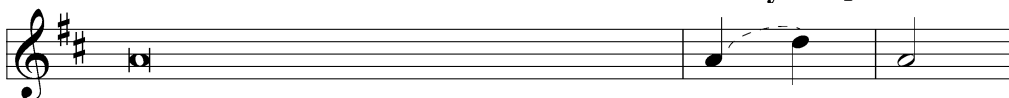
## Venite



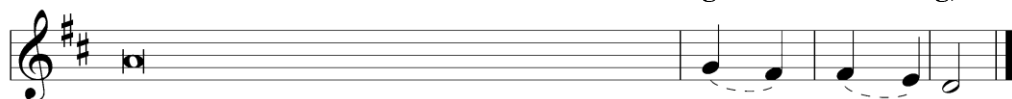
**[C]** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
 2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
 3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,  
 5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



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



**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.

Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; 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

*An explanation of what we believe as Lutherans*

*Luther's Large Catechism,  
The Lord's Prayer, The Fourth Petition, 71-73*

<sup>71</sup> Give us this day our daily bread.

<sup>72</sup> ... When you mention and pray for daily bread, you pray for everything that is necessary in order to have and enjoy daily bread. On the other hand, you also pray against everything that interferes with it. Therefore, you must open wide and extend your thoughts not only to the oven or the flour bin, but also to the distant field and the entire land, which bears and brings to us daily bread and every sort of nourishment. For if God did not cause food to grow and He did not bless and preserve it in the field, we could never take bread from the oven or have any to set upon the table.

<sup>73</sup> To sum things up, this petition includes everything that belongs to our entire life in the world, for we need daily bread because of life alone. It is not only necessary for our life that our body have food and clothes and other necessities. It is also necessary that we spend our days in peace and quiet among the people with whom we live and have dealings in daily business and conversation and all sorts of doings [1 Thessalonians 4:11; 2 Thessalonians 3:12; 1 Timothy 2:2]. In short, this petition applies both to the household and also to the neighborly or civil relationship and government. ...

## Readings from Holy Scripture

### Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

**P** Fear the LORD, | you his saints,\*

**C** for those who fear him lack | nothing!

**P** Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,\*

**C** but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

*Luke 12:32*

### Epistle Lesson

Hebrew 11:1-16

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>For by it the people of old received their commendation. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. <sup>5</sup>By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. <sup>6</sup>And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. <sup>7</sup>By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

*(Continued)*

<sup>13</sup>These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

**Luke 12:22-34**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! <sup>25</sup>And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. <sup>30</sup>For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup>“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Responsory

Verse

To Refrain

- 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 Spirit.

Refrain

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

Sit

“Not unto Us” .....Hymn 558

1 Not un - to us, not un - to us be glo - ry,  
2 A - maz - ing grace— that chose us ere the worlds were  
3 O faith - ful love— that shep - herd - ed through faith - less  
4 Not un - to us but to Your name be glo - ry,

Lord; Not un - to us but to Your name be praise;  
made; A - maz - ing grace— that sent Your Son to save;  
years; For - giv - ing love— that led us to Your truth;  
Lord, For grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.

Not un - to us but to Your name all hon - or be  
A - maz - ing grace— that robed us in Your righ - teous-  
Un - yield - ing love— that would not let us turn from  
A - bide with us till trav - 'ling days are o - ver and

giv'n For match-less mer-cy, for - give - ness, and grace.  
ness And taught our lips to sing glo - ry and praise.  
You But sent us forth to speak par - don and peace.  
done, And pil - grim feet lead us home, Lord, to You.

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# Sermon

## “Fear not, Little Flock”

Luke 12:22-34

## Canticle

Stand

“O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe” .....Hymn 666

1 O lit - tle flock, fear not the foe Who mad - ly  
 2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs To Him who  
 3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor  
 4 A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer; Great Cap - tain,

seeks your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.  
 can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.  
 hell's sa - tan - ic crew A - gainst us shall pre - vail.  
 now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a - gain!

And though your cour - age some-times faints, His seem - ing  
 Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - eon  
 Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with  
 So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y

tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.  
 shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.  
 us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.  
 cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

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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.*



Stand

*(You may be 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** Amen

Benedicamus



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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+ Silent Prayer +

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## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:

THE PREACHER & THE LITURGIST ..... Rev. Dr. Philip Quardokus  
 THE ORGANIST ..... Mark Steffens  
 THE ORGANIST (Thursday) ..... Mary Spaulding  
 ELDER(S) ON DUTY (Thursday) ..... Rich Wandel  
 ELDER(S) ON DUTY (8AM) ..... Dennis Kern  
 ELDER(S) ON DUTY (10:45AM) ..... Len Timm  
 ALTAR GUILD ..... Terri Gerken, Celeste Grau  
 USHERS (8AM) ..... Bob Appelget, John Cooper  
 ..... Andrew Copi, Paul Jackemeyer, Ron Hungerford  
 USHERS (10:45AM) ..... Dale Zombory – Captain, Phillip Cole  
 ..... Glenn Scowcroft, Vince Virsik, Scott Dine

**Luke 11:11 – “What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent?”** A generous, giving spirit comes from knowing that you have a generous, giving Father. He will care for our needs. We are therefore free to reflect His generosity in our lives. We can be generous in raising our children, supporting the Church, and serving our neighbor in the community. In these three areas – home, Church, and society – the Lord has called us to show His grace and generosity to those around us.



## Members who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Addie Scheffler	Barbara Maul	Ferny Rantz	Miro Virsik
Alex Mast	Connie Schwanger	Joseph Klupp	Nancy Duke
Alli Wallace	Dave Knuth	Kathy Karnik	Nathan Gerken
Allee Bauer	Debbie Tietz	Ken Ziebart	Silas Mast
Amanda Clark	Don Jeschke	Laura Leshner	Susan Jackemeyer
Amee Mantai	Don "Mick" Yeske	Lee Yeske	Terri Gerken
Andy Weisser			

## Family or friends who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

**Al Miranda** - *grandfather of Aubrey Cochran*  
**Cate Reed** - *granddaughter of Doris Beezley*  
**Dan & Lynn Beezley** - *son & daughter-in-law of Doris Beezley*  
**Jackie Klepper** - *mother of Patty Allred*  
**Karol Syring** - *daughter of Ken Vieregge*  
**Kyle Brentana** - *family friend of Denise McClintock*  
**Les Lamarre** - *friend & neighbor of Mary Spaulding*  
**Nancy Gerald** - *daughter of Gerry & Wilma Malinasky*  
**Paul Glick** - *grandson of Mark & Becky Russell*  
**Sharon Oberhaus** - *mother of Susan Jackemeyer*  
**Sandy Spaulding** - *daughter-in-law of Mary Spaulding*  
**Sherry Orchard** - *sister-in-law of Susan Collins*  
**Tom Loucks** - *father of Taylor Loucks*

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

Mark and Megan Mantey in Uganda, and Deaconess Caitlin Worden de Ramirez in Peru.

## PRAYING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Christopher & Kayla Frank	Joanne Ciboch
Kristin McLaughlin	Michael & Terrie Smith

# Church News!

**WELCOME!** We enthusiastically thank you for joining us in celebration of our Heavenly Father. If you do not have a local church home, we invite you to join our church family. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with Pastor Measel today. Visitors, don't forget to grab a free *visitors bag* located on our welcome desk.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are dedicated to the Glory of God.

***Due to the abatement, the flower chart is inaccessible. We apologize for this as the upcoming bulletins will reflect and honor those who have signed up.***

**FLOWER CHART** – Consider honoring a family member or special occasion by sponsoring Sunday altar flowers. The cost is **\$35.00**. After church services, the bouquet is delivered to a shut-in members or an individual on our prayer list. Thank you!

## RADIO BROADCAST

Our service was recorded last Sunday and will air today.

This broadcast is dedicated to the glory of God,  
***in honor of Dale & Carolyn Zombory's 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.***

*Given by Dale & Carolyn Zombory*

**RADIO SPONSORSHIP** – Christ Lutheran records two radio broadcasts per month. 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 in order to secure a specific date!

## THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.

*We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:*



Mark and Megan Mantey serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as career missionaries in Uganda. Mark serves as project manager for the seminary, managing the financial aspects and collaborating in the creation of a long-term business plan. As an instructor of Christian education and counseling, Megan teaches classes at the seminary and advises on its program development. Mark and Megan are also grateful to be involved in the daily life of the local community and the Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU). Through these interactions, they build partnerships that assist the LCU in sharing the love of Christ and proclaiming the Gospel. Pray for the Mantey's as they serve the Lord's people in Uganda by asking for wisdom and discernment in their work and their relationships with the national church and local community.

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

**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS** – **9am-3pm, Monday – Thursday.** We recommend calling prior to visiting due to summer vacations.

**RADIO LISTENERS & ONLINE ATTENDEES** – Don't forget to let us know if you are attending our service via our website or the radio. You can tell us through email (clcOffice@christstevensville.com), phone (269-429-7222), or text (269-588-4800).

**TRACKING ATTENDANCE** – Thank you to everyone currently signing in via the podium next to the sanctuary doors. We are in the beginning stages of *phasing out* the pew attendance books.

**HELP WANTED / PART-TIME POSITIONS AVAILABLE**—CLS is looking to fill a few part-time positions for the 2022-2023 School Year: **Young 5s Aide** in the afternoons; **PE/Gym teacher** (mainly in the afternoons). If you or someone you know is interested in joining our team, please give his or her information to Mr. Webb for consideration. Thank you!

**RE-KEYING THE BUILDING** – The process of re-keying both the school doors and the church doors is currently underway! Once the job is completed, new keys will be distributed to a limited number of individuals. Access to the building will be controlled via *keycard*. Please contact Kristie Koehn in the church office if you require a keycard for access. Keycards previously issued remain active and will continue to work.



**WATER DAMAGE REPAIRS** – Repairs will be taking place **this upcoming week**. The *Commons* area, *All Purpose Room*, and *the halls leading to the gym* **will continue to be blocked for one more week**. Thank you for your patience!

**ROOF UPDATE** – Asbestos remediation are underway! This means that the *All Purpose* room, *Commons* area, and *hallway to the gym* will continue to be confined with a plastic barrier.

**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.



### Weekly Services

### Attendance

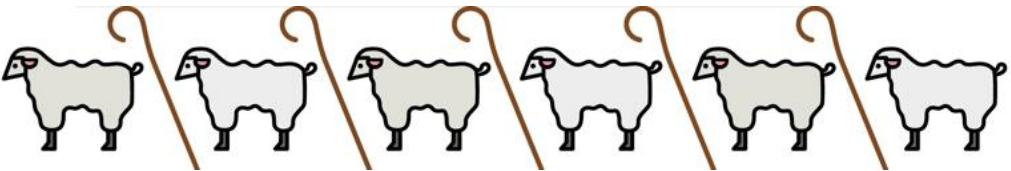
Thursday 07/28/22	7pm Service	27
Sunday 07/31/22	8am Service	101
Online Attendees: <b>77</b>	10:45am Service	78

**Total 206**

Sunday Bible Class	07/31/22	28
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### Budget Totals

Week of 7/31 total budgeted receipts	<b>\$11,281.00</b>
Average Weekly Budgeted Disbursements	\$18,795.00
YTD Contributions	\$68,574.00
YTD Budget	\$112,770.00



Sunday, August 7	8:00AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	*Matins* Worship Service Bible Class *Matins* Worship Service
Monday, August 8	7PM	All Boards Meeting
Tuesday, August 9	9AM - 11AM	Grief Support Group 
Wed, August 10		
Thursday, August 11	10am 7PM	BIBLE CLASS Communion Worship Service
Friday, August 12		
Saturday, August 13		
Sunday, August 14	8:00AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Communion Worship Service Bible Class Communion Worship Service



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