Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



Romans 8:31-39

Thursday, September 29, 2022

@ 7PM

Sunday, October 2, 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 Seventeenth Sunday after Penlecost



As We Gather

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ. Lutheran Women in Mission are encouraged and equipped to live out their lives in active mission ministries and to support missions around the world through their sacrificial gifts of Mite Box offerings and tireless service. As God's children, we rest in the assurance that He loves us and sent His Son to redeem us. God is our rock and salvation. That firm foundation enables us to reach out into a changing world in need of the Gospel.

Prelude

"Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" (Christus Choir)......Hymn 902

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.

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.

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.

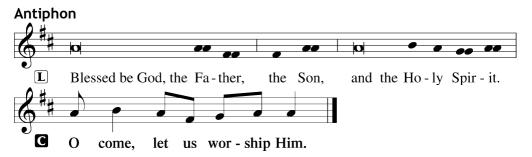
All glory to the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One! To You, O blessèd Trinity, Be praise throughout eternity!

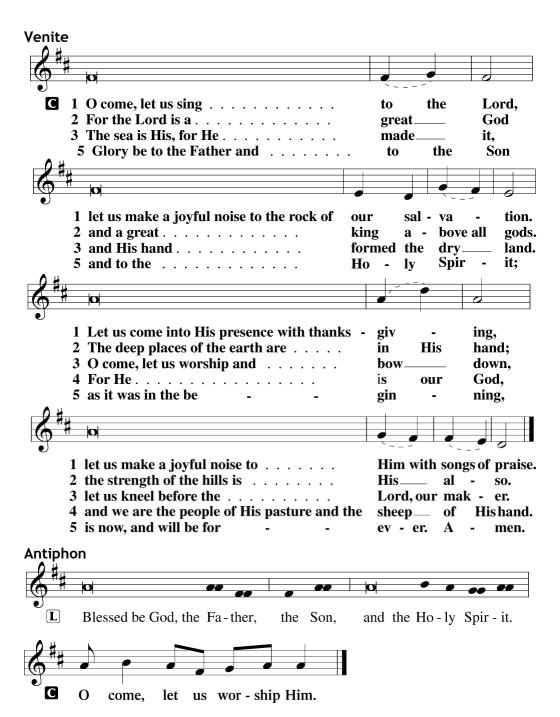
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Matins



Psalmody





LWML Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our sure hope and salvation, grant us rest in Your love and grace. You are our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Teach us by Your Spirit to trust in You alone and not to make flesh our strength, that we may look to You alone for our salvation, 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

The Apology of the Augsburg Confession Article IV, Justification, 72

We are for Christ's sake counted righteous, or are acceptable to God through faith itself. "To be justified" means that just people are made out of unjust people, or born again. It also means that they are pronounced, or counted, as just. For Scripture speaks in both ways. So we wish to show this first: Faith alone makes a just person out of an unjust person; in other words that person receives forgiveness of sins.

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Readings from Holy Scripture Old Testament Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.
²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear?
Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong?
Destruction and violence are before me;

⁴So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

strife and contention arise.

^{2:1}I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

²And the LORD answered me:

"Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.

³For still the vision awaits its appointed time;

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it hastens to the end—it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it;

it will surely come; it will not delay.

- ⁴"Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith."
- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel Luke 17:1-10

¹[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

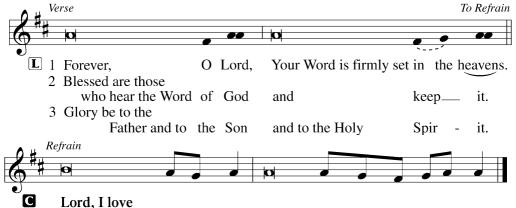
⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory



the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Sit





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Sermon "Wait for it" Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4



WHAT'S SOUR YOUR

1942-2022 — 80 Years of God's Grace





Canticle

Stand Te Deum 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to the Lord. be 2 Holy, holy, Lord God of Sab - a oth: 3 The noble army of martyrs praise You. 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa - ther ev - er last ing. 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo ry. 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You: 1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there - in. 2 The glorious company of the apostles praise_ You. 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on -Son: Christ; 1 To You cherubim and seraphim con-tin - ual - ly do cry: 2 The goodly fellowship of the. . . . proph - ets praise_ You. 3 also the Holy Ghost, the Com-fort er. 4 You are the everlasting Son of the Fa ther. 5 When You took upon Yourself to de liv er man, 6 You sit at the right hand of God 5 You humbled Yourself to be born of vir gin. a

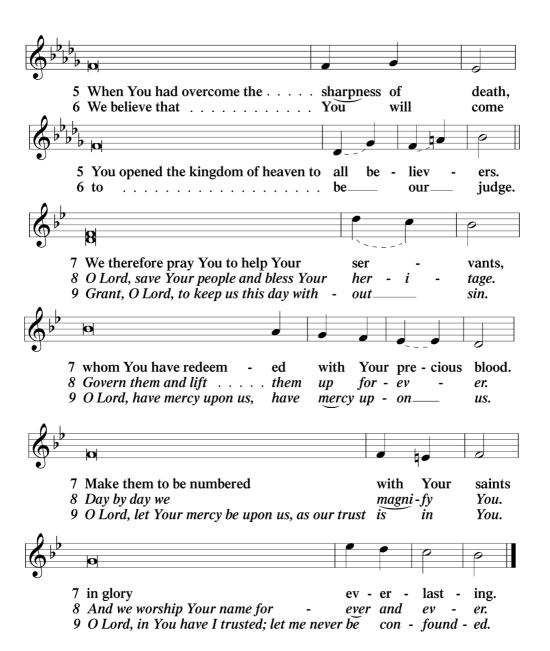
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The LWML Pledge

- **P** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).
- In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have;
- P God has entrusted to His people the task of teaching all nations. We thank Him for the 80 years He has blessed the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.
- and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us.
- **P** That the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation;
- We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life,
- **P** We are mindful of the shortness of time and uncertainties of life. Preserve our faithfulness and strengthen us for service in our communities and throughout the world.
- **C** to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen!

Sit

Gathering of Our Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings Gathering of LWML Mites

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.)



Lord's Prayer

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

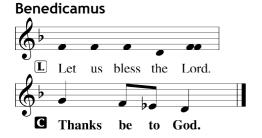
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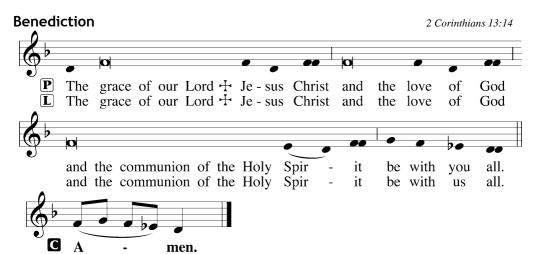
Prayers of the Church

Collect for Grace

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







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SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:	
THE PREACHER & THE LITUR	RGIST Rev. Martin P. Measel
THE ORGANIST	Mark Steffens
CHOIR	Christus
THE ORGANIST (Thursday)	Mary Spaulding
ELDER(S) ON DUTY	Mike Jackemeyer
ALTAR GUILD	Lori Brown, Karen Ziebart
USHERS	Steve Huycke – Captain, Tom Ulmer
	. Andrew Gerken, John Schulz, Mike Essig, Chuck Dinges



Members who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Addie Scheffler	Connie Schwanger	Ferny Rantz	Miro Virsik
Alli Wallace	Dave Knuth	Fred Knuth	Nancy Duke
Allee Bauer	David Williams	Jan Kalinas	Nathan Gerken
Amanda Clark	Don Jeschke	Joseph Klupp	Ron Bonczkowski
Amee Mantei	Don "Mick" Yeske	Ken Ziebart	Randy Larson
Andy Weisser	Ellen Machemer	Klaus Nixdorf	Susan Jackemeyer
Barhara Maul		Lee Yeske	

Family or friends who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Ada Green - friend of Mary Spaulding

Angie Chester - sister of Susan Jackemeyer

Al Miranda - grandfather of Aubrey Cochran

Betty Near - mother of Terri Gerken

Cate Reed - granddaughter of Doris Beezley

Fred Gerken – father of Andrew Gerken

Heather Hunnell - daughter of Barb Radd

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

Lynn Beezley - daughter-in-law of Doris Beezley

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

Veronica Wilkinson – mother of Cindy White

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. Adam and Christine Lehman in Puerto Rico, and Deaconess Caitlin Worden de

PRAYING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Richard & Susan Wandel Darren & Leslie Priebe Family Ron & Karen Vandermeer Mark Whitwam WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS. We are pleased to have you join us as we gather to receive God's gifts – the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation – which God promises to give us in His Holy

Word and Sacraments. If you are visiting, please introduce yourself to those around you and to the pastors. Pastor Measel is also available to address any questions you may have about what we teach and practice. Please sign our guest book on the *welcome center* credenza and help yourself to one of our visitor bags.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are dedicated to the glory of God, In honor of Al & Kathy Kasewurm's 57th Wedding Anniversary (10/02/65).

Given by Al & Kathy Kasewurm



In memory of Barbara Glinka, the aunt of Michael & Shannon Reinschreiber. Given by Shannon & Michael Reinschreiber.



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,

Thanking our Lord and Savior
for Tamara Ball's successful surgery and recovery.

Given by Dennis & Lila Metz.



RADIO SPONSORSHIP – Christ Lutheran records two radio broadcasts per month. Consider sponsoring a broadcast for \$150.00 to share with a family member or friend. Be sure to sign-up in order to secure a specific date! Our *Local Lutheran Worship Service Broadcasts* are on **WSJM 106.1 FM** on **Sunday mornings** from **9AM** – **10AM.** The services can also be heard by visiting www.wsjmsports.com and clicking on *listen live*.

THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.

We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:



The Rev. Adam and Christine Lehman serve the Lord through LCMS as missionaries in Puerto Rico, based in Ponce. Adam serves throughout the island as a church planter, working alongside other church leaders to grow the church in Puerto Rico. Through the relationships formed, Adam and Christine seek to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the people of Puerto Rico. Please pray for the Lehmans as they serve in Puerto Rico.

Pray for the church in Puerto Rico, and ask God to bless the work being done there through the preaching of His Word and the administration of His Sacraments. Please also pray that the hearts of people in the United States would be moved through the power of the Holy Spirit to pray for the Lehmans and to financially support them so that they can "go" with this family on this journey of faith.

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

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - The midweek bible study this year will be the Gospel of John as it soars with rich theological insight, enigmatic sayings, and signs and controversies of Jesus as the messiah. Classes are held on **Tuesdays** at **7:00PM** and **Wednesdays** at **9:30AM**.

GRIEF SHARE BIBLE STUDY/WORKSHOP – If you are interested in a *Grief Share Bible Study/Workshop*, please contact Becky Russell at 269-429-8770.

GRIEF SUPPORT BREAKFAST GROUP- Our next gathering is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **October 11**th from **9:00 to 11:00 a.m.** in the *All Purpose Room*. Plan to join us to participate, to enjoy a supportive atmosphere for your grief, to learn, to grow and to have fun and fellowship.

LWML 80th **BIRTHDAY** – LWML will be celebrating their 80th birthday at the *Fall Rally* **TODAY**, **October 2**nd in **Berrien Springs** with registration at **2pm** and a light birthday dinner to follow! Call Joyce Totzke (269-429-4518) to RSVP.

LWML MISSION GRANT: "ENDS OF EARTH" SCHOLARSHIPS [Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST) Ministries — \$50,000] - MOST Ministries teams impact the world for Jesus by providing opportunities for individuals to be part of a handson mission team. Teams are equipped to share the love of Jesus as they fit people with eyeglasses, build churches/schools, provide medical/dental care and health education, teach women marketable skills like sewing, or provide youth outreach through VBS, sports, music, or English language camps. Financial aid to meet rising travel costs will increase the number of volunteers able to serve alongside LCMS missionaries and national church leaders. For more information, go to lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-18

BACKPACK KITS – The box in the commons is filling up with donations! Here's a reminder of needed items: 70-80pg spiral notebook (wide or college ruled), 12in ruler (with both inches and centimeters), pencil sharpener, blunt scissors, unsharpened #2 pencils, blue or black ballpoint pens (no gel ink!), 24-crayon boxes, 2 ½" erasers. Thank you to everyone who has donated thus far!

LADIES LEAGUE LOOKING FOR INPUT – The Ladies League has purchased a *seat-back* cushion for those who have a problem sitting on the hard benches. We would like some feedback from you. If you visit the building and see the suion on the credenza, please take it, use it, and let us know how it works. If this cushion is helpful, we are prepared to purchase multiples. **Please help us out and don't forget to let us know your thoughts.** Thank you!

ADULTS DINE OUT COMING SOON! - An ADO will be held on **Friday, October 14**th, at **D'Agostino's Navajo Bar & Grille** in Bridgman. We meet at the restaurant at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a fun night of good food and fellowship!

SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23RD – The *Fellowship Committee* is planning a "Pastor Appreciation" brunch in between services on Sunday, October 23rd. Join us in thanking Pastor Measel for his dedication, teaching, counsel, and leadership. A delicious brunch will be served! Sign-up sheets will be available in the commons as the date gets closer. A freewill offering will be taken to cover the cost of the food.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT ON OCTOBER 31! Join Christ Lutheran School's PTL for a community outreach event in our parking lot from 4 – 6:00 p.m. Decorate your car or pull up a chair and share some treats with our neighbors! If you would like to donate individually wrapped candy, look for one of the collection boxes in the building.

GOT ROCKS?! YEP!! – If you've spent any time in our back parking lot this summer, you've probably noticed piles of rocks that have dwindled down to one pile. Those rocks have been evicted from the roof and need to be rehomed so if you can use them, please help yourself.

Luke 17:10 – "So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.' " We can never put God in our debt. Even if we lived in perfect compliance with the Law, we would still only be unworthy servants. Our giving to the Lord's work in the Church is a sign that we recognize our role as servants. Furthermore, we give because we recognize our own need for that work of the Lord in the Church. And what a blessing it is to give to the Church so that the ministry of His Word and Sacraments may reach all in community.



Weekly Services **Attendance** Thursday 09/22/22 7pm Service

Sunday 09/25/22 8am Service 71 10:45am Service 63 Online Attendees: 72

Total 156

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Tuesday Bible Class	09/20/22	18
Wednesday Bible Class	09/21/22	18
Sunday Bible Class	09/25/22	22

Budget Totals

Week of 9/25 total budgeted receipts	\$10,775.50
Average Weekly Budgeted Disbursements	\$18,795.00
YTD Contributions	\$223,837.99
YTD Budget	\$225,540.00







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