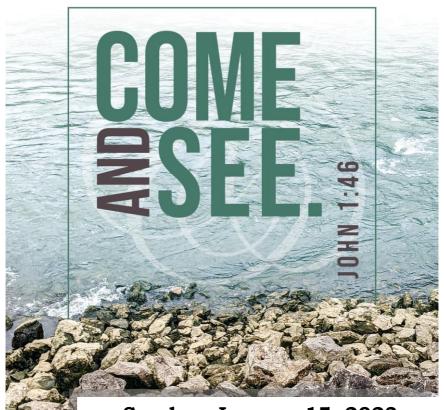
# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Welcomes You!



Sunday, January 15, 2023 @ 8AM

## CONTEMPORARY

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 Second Sunday after



#### As We Gather

The full identity of Jesus, which is revealed during the Epiphany season, demonstrates beyond a doubt that He is both human and divine. In the nativity accounts, the Gospel writers focus on the humanity of Jesus—that He is born a human baby and grows up with full humanity. In Epiphany, His divinity is revealed as well through His miraculous acts. As Paul wrote to the followers of Christ in Colossae of Jesus: "In Him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority" (Colossians 2:9–10). We rejoice in coming to know more fully the Christ who fills us with His Spirit and His love.

## Opening Song

## What Kind of Throne

What kind of throne is a manger of hay,
No majesty shown there, no dignity claimed,
For one who deserves to be crowned
and enthroned on our praise?
What kind of king is so modestly born,
When glory unmeasured is humble and small?
This is the hope of the world and the true light of all.

So I'll bow down to worship the humblest of kings
And I'll bring Him the best that I have.
I'll say that I love Him and that I am His,
And I'll give Him the throne of my heart,
I'll give Him the throne of my heart.

What kind of Savior makes weakness His strength,
In frailty depending on those he would save,
And veiling the power that always belonged to His name?
What kind of child causes heaven to sing,
With angels proclaiming the hope that He brings?
This is the glory of God, this is Jesus the King!

#### **REFRAIN**

## Confession and Absolution

Stand

#### Invocation

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

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen. Matthew 28.19b; [18:20]
- P O LORD, I call upon You; hasten to me!
- **C** Give ear to my voice when I call to You!
- **P** Let my prayer be counted as incense before You,
- **C** and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!
- P Blessed be the LORD, my rock,

**©** blessed are the people whose God is the LORD!

Ps. 141: 1-2

Ps. 144:1.15

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.
- C Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.
- P We confess that we have not always brought glory to You through our words and our deeds.
- C Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.
- P We confess that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.
- C Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.
- P We confess that we have not always been defenders of the weak and the needy as advocates of those not yet born and defenders of those in the final stages of life.
- C Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.
- P We confess that we have not used every opportunity given us to witness to the faith that is ours and have let the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh set the agendas for our lives and actions.
- **C** Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.
- **P** We repent of all that is sinful in our lives, both that which we know and of those things unknown to us that are against Your righteous Law.
- C Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.
- **P** Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ♥ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

- May the God of peace sanctify you wholly, and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.
- C Amen.

Entrance Song

## The Light Of Christ

The light of Christ has come into the world, The light of Christ has come into the world.

All men must be born again to see the kingdom of God; the water and the Spirit bring new life in God's love.

#### **CHORUS**

God gave up His only Son out of love for the world, so that all who believe in Him will live forever.

### **CHORUS**

The light of God has come to us so that we might have salvation; From the darkness of our sins we walk into glory with Christ Jesus.

## **CHORUS**

#### INTROIT

Pastor: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in

Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Women: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His

handiwork.

Men: Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge.

Women: There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard.

Men: Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the

end of the world. In them He has set a tent for the sun.

People: 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.

Pastor: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Psalm 19:1-4a, b; antiphon v. 14

Song of Praise

## White As Snow

White as snow, white as snow,
Though my sins were as scarlet, Lord I know,
Lord, I know that I'm clean and forgiven.
Through the power of Your blood,
Through the wonder of Your love,
Through faith in You I know that I can be
White as snow.

## Collect of the Day

- P Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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

Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Article IV, Justification, 103, 104

Here and there among the Fathers similar testimonies exist. For Ambrose says in his letter to a certain Irenaeus:

Furthermore, the world was subject to God by the Law because, according to the command of the Law, all are indicted. And yet, by the works of the Law, sin is perceived, but guilt is not taken away. The Law, which declared all people sinners, seemed to have done harm. But when the Lord Jesus Christ came, He forgave to all people the sin, which no one could avoid. And, by the shedding of His own blood, He blotted out the handwriting that was against us. This is what he says in Romans 5:20, "The law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more." Because after the whole world became subject, Christ took away the sin of the whole world, as John testified, saying in John 1:29, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" And for this reason let no one boast about works, because no one is justified by his deeds. But he who is righteous has righteousness given to him because he was justified from the washing of Baptism. Faith, therefore, is that which frees through the blood of Christ, because he is blessed "whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered" (Psalm 32:1).

These are the words of Ambrose, which clearly favor our doctrine. He denies justification to works and teaches that faith sets us free through the blood of Christ.

## Readings from Holy Scripture

#### Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 49:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar.

The LORD called me from the womb,

from the body of my mother he named my name.

<sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me:

he made me a polished arrow;

in his quiver he hid me away.

<sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

<sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain;

I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD,

and my recompense with my God."

<sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says,

he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him;

and that Israel might be gathered to him-

for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—

<sup>6</sup>he says:

"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel;

I will make you as a light for the nations

I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD,

the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,

to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,

the servant of rulers:

"Kings shall see and arise;

princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;

because of the LORD, who is faithful,

the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

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

## **C** Thanks be to God.

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,

<sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— <sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— <sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### Verse

- P Alleluia. Behold, the Lamb of God,
- **C** who takes away the sin of the world! Alleluia.

John 1:29b

Stand

Holy Gospel John 1:29-42a

**P** The Holy Gospel according to John, the first chapter.

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

<sup>29</sup>The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

<sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ

Sermon Song

## Hope of the Nations

Jesus, hope of the nations, Jesus, comfort for all who mourn; You are the source of heaven's hope on earth; Jesus, Light in the darkness; Jesus, truth in each circumstance: You are the source of heaven's light on earth; In history You lived and died; You broke the chains You rose to life. You are the hope living in us; You are the Rock in whom we trust: You are the light, shinning for all the world to see: You rose from the dead, conquering fear, Our prince of Peace drawing us near: Jesus, our hope, living for all who will receive; Lord, we believe. RFPFAT

Sermon
"Broken"
John 1:29-42a

## Apostles' Creed

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.

## You Are My All In All

You are my strength when I am weak, You are the Treasure that I seek, You are my All in All. Seeking You as a precious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a fool. You are my All in All.

Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name. Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name.

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame;
Rising again, I bless Your name.
You are my All in All.
When I fall down you pick me up;
When I am dry, you fill my cup.
You are my All in All.
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name,
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name,
Jesus, Lamb of God, Worthy is Your name,
Worthy is Your name.
Worthy is Your name.

Stand

## Prayer of the Church

## **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.

#### Benediction

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

  The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

  The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.

## Shine, Jesus Shine

Lord, the light of Your love is shining, In the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus Light of the world, Shine upon us, Set us free by the truth You now bring us; Shine on me. Shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's Glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence, From the shadows into Your radiance; By the blood I may enter Your brightness; Search me, try me, consume all my darkness; Shine on me. Shine on me.

#### Chorus

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, So our faces display Your likeness; Ever changing from glory to glory, Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story. Shine on me, shine on me.

## **CHORUS**

+ Silent Prayer +

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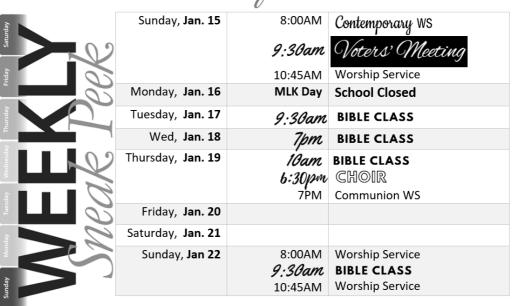


Weekly Services			Atter	ndance	
Thursday, 01/05/23		7pm		40	
Epiphany Svc	Online Atte	ndees		36	
			To	tal <b>76</b>	
Sunday 01/08/23		8AM		91	
	10:4	45AM		96	
	Online Atte	Online Attendees:		70	
			Tot	al <b>257</b>	
Tuesday	Tuesday Bible Class		01/03/23		
Wednsday	Wednsday Bible Class		01/04/23		
Sunday	Sunday Bible Class		3/23	23	
Budget Totals					

geted receipts

Week of 01/08 total budgeted receipts	\$ 20,750.00
Average Weekly Budgeted Disbursements	\$ 18,795.00
YTD Contributions	\$ 543,413.72
YTD Budget	\$ 526,260.00







## Members who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Addie Scheffler Alli Wallace Allee Bauer Amanda Clark Amee Mantei Barbara Maul Barb Rodgers Connie Schwanger Dave Knuth Don Jeschke Don "Mick" Yeske Elliot Measel Faith Timm

Ferny Rantz Harriet Gotsch Harry Jaeger Jan Kalinas Joan Shembarger Joseph Klupp Lee Yeske Miro Virsik Nancy Duke Nathan Gerken Pat Jaeger Susan Jackemeyer

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

Ada Green - friend of Mary Spaulding
Angie Chester - sister of Susan Jackemeyer
Ann Rausch - mother-in-law of Vicki Rausch
Al Miranda - grandfather of Aubrey Cochran
Cate Reed - granddaughter of Doris Beezley
Connie Schmidt - former member of Christ Lutheran
Donna Arndt - daughter of Linda Steinke
Gary Wright - the brother of Carol Matheny
Heather Hunnell - daughter of Barb Radde
Jackie Klepper - mother of Patty Allred
Joe Lhotka - Judy Jackemeyer's grandson
Karol Syring - daughter of Ken Vieregge
Ken Gotsch - son of Harriet Gotsch
Kyle Brentana - family friend of Denise McClintock

Lynn Beezley - daughter-in-law of Doris Beezley
Marian Gerken - mother of Andrew Gerken
Nancy Gerald - daughter of Gerry & Wilma Malinasky
Paul Glick - grandson of Mark & Becky Russell
Rev. Rodney Morrison, Jr. - former vicar of Christ Lutheran
Richard Stelter - cousin to Doris Beezley
Robert White - father of David White
Ron Szweda - brother of Kathryn Robinson
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

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

The Rev. Philip and Deaconess Rachel Jaseph in Uraguay, and Deaconess Caitlin Worden de Ramirez in Peru.

#### PRAYING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Terry & Eileen Barricklow William & Sue Batson Doris Beezley

Wayne & Dottie Belke William & Paula Benner Heather & Adam Bhatti Family A CORDIAL WELCOME TO EACH OF YOU! May you receive strength and guidance today that enables you to handle life's challenges. If you are visiting, please take time to sign our guest book and introduce yourself to the Pastor before you

leave. Please feel free to take one of our visitor's bags located on the welcome center desk.

The flowers on the altar today are dedicated to the glory of God, in honor of the season of Epiphany.

**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.

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**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:



Jana Inglehart serves the Lord through LCMS as the regional communication specialist for the Latin America and Caribbean region, based in the Dominican Republic. In this missionary role, she assists national churches and missionary pastors in *church planting* through the provision of media tools used to give witness to the Gospel. She works with pastors to create visual aids and written materials to help the laity grow in God's Word. Jana is working to establish a lay Bible vocation-based

online institute for individuals who have little or no access to a trained pastor or evangelist. She provides technical support and assistance to four seminaries helping them promote their teachings online which, in turn, greatly multiplies the number of people who can be reached with sound Biblical teaching. Another facet of Jana's work is taking photographs and shooting videos of the mission work taking place in this region, as well as writing and editing articles for LCMS print media, websites and blog sites. These tasks help to spread the word about what God is doing through His people in Latin America and the Caribbean. Pray for Jana as she serves in the Dominican Republic and the Latin America and Caribbean region.

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**.

#### LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS MISSION VEHICLE FUND — \$70,000

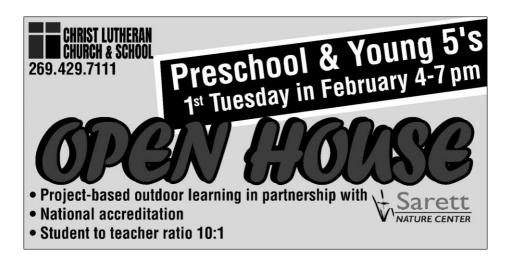
Lutheran Bible Translators have been working with the Department of Mission and Theology of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus and The Institute of Sierra Leonean Languages to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people in their own languages. The LWML grant will help purchase two vehicles to enable the workers to reach people located in remote areas of their countries. For more information, go to lwml.org/2021-2023-mission-grant-22.

**CONSTANT CONTACT** - The congregation is using a new email format, *Constant Contact*, to send out periodic emails. If you are not receiving these emails and want to be added to the recipient list text: CHRIST2022 to 22828 or email glenn.scowcroft@gmail.com. Don't forget to check your spam file as messages may not be making it to your inbox.

**2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES -** New envelopes are available in the commons! Due to the new year, it's possible your offering number has changed so please discard your 2022 envelopes. Thank you!

"THANK YOU!" FROM THE KITCHEN – Our school cook, Tabatha Winter, wants to thank everyone who donated gifts cards, money, etc., to our school lunch program during the Christmas season. It is most certainly appreciated!

John 1:29 – "The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" The Israelites of old offered a lamb to God at Passover so that death might pass over them and do no harm. Over those long centuries of sacrifice, did they understand that this was actually God's gift? That God would be the true Giver of the true Lamb? Truly, we can never out-give God, for all that we have is His.



# **REGISTRATION 2023 / 2024**

## **AGE REQUIREMENTS**

- Preschool 4 years old on or before 12/01/2023
- Young Fives 5 years old on or before 12/01/2023

#### **REGISTRATION FEE**

- \$150 Per Student
- The Registration Fee officially registers your child and reserves a spot for them in the class

The Registration Fee is non-refundable

## PROGRAM ESSENTIALS

PRESCHOOL	YOUNG FIVES		
Half-Day	<u>Half-Day</u>	<u>Full-Day</u>	
Monday-Friday	Monday-Friday	Monday-Friday	
8:15-11:00AM	12:30-3:10PM	8:15AM-3:10PM	

## We encourage church members to register early!

For more information or to schedule a tour please contact Mrs. Amy Cole (269) 429-7111 or acole@christstevesnville.com



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