

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church  
*Welcomes You!*



*"...there am I  
among them."*

*Matthew 18:20, ESV*

**Thursday, September 7, 2023  
@ 7PM**

**Sunday, September 10, 2023  
@ 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**

## Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### As We Gather

In our Gospel Lesson today we have four important sections of Holy Scriptures: Who Is the Greatest?; Temptations to Sin; The Parable of the Lost Sheep; and If Your Brother Sins Against You. Each of these portions of the Bible are worthy of our special consideration. Together they embody valuable lessons on love: God's love for us and our response by loving people around us. -*Pastor Quardokus*

### "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" ..... Hymn 902



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in  
2 Un - seal our lips to sing Your praise In end - less  
3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O ho - ly,  
4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with  
hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and  
ho - ly Lord Most High!" And in the light of  
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.  
light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.  
that blest place We then shall see Your face to face.  
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through - out e - ter - ni - ty!

# 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** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*1 John 1:8-9*

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*[John 20:19-23]*

# Service of the Word

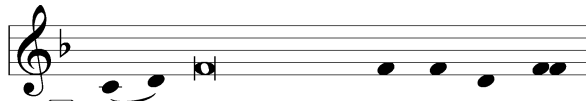
## Introit



- P** How great are your works, | O Lord!\*
- C** **It is good to give thanks | to the Lord,\***  
**to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;**
- P** to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,\*  
and your faithful- | ness by night,
- C** **to the music of the lute | and the harp,\***  
**to the melody | of the lyre.**
- P** For you, O Lord, have made me glad | by your work;\*  
at the works of your hands I | sing for joy.
- C** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**
- P** How great are your works, | O Lord!\*
- Your thoughts are | very deep!

*Ps. 92:1-4; antiphon: Ps. 92:5*

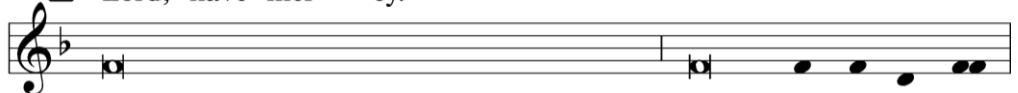
## Kyrie



- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.



- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



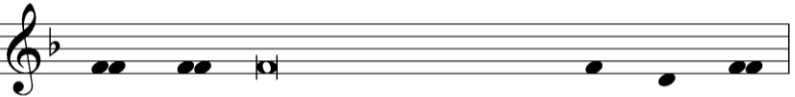
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**[A]** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## Gloria In Excelsis



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**C** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## Salutation



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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 Small Catechism  
The Lord's Prayer: The Fifth Petition*

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

*What does this mean?*

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins nor deny such petitions on account of them. We are not worthy of any of the things for which we pray, neither have we deserved them. But we pray that He would grant them all to us by grace. For we daily sin much and indeed deserve nothing but punishment. So will we truly, on our part, also heartily forgive and readily do good to those who sin against us.

## Readings from Holy Scripture

### Old Testament

**Ezekiel 33:7-9**

<sup>7</sup>“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

**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.**

*Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.*

## Epistle Lesson

## Romans 13:1–10

<sup>1</sup>Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. <sup>2</sup>Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. <sup>3</sup>For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, <sup>4</sup>for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup>Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. <sup>6</sup>For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. <sup>7</sup>Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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

*Stand*

## Alleluia

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter

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

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” <sup>2</sup>And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them <sup>3</sup>and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup>“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, <sup>6</sup>but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

<sup>7</sup>“Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! <sup>8</sup>And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. <sup>9</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

<sup>10</sup>“See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>12</sup>What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? <sup>13</sup>And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. <sup>14</sup>So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

<sup>15</sup>“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. <sup>16</sup>But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

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

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

*Sit*

**"My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker" .....** Hymn 820



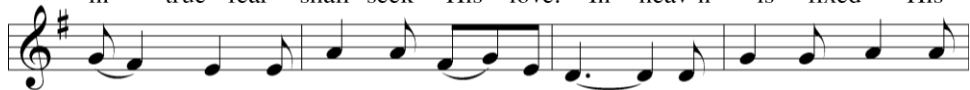
1 My soul, now praise your Mak - er! Let all with - in me  
2 He of - fers all His trea - sure Of jus - tice, truth, and  
3 For as a ten - der fa - ther Has pit - y on his  
4 His grace re - mains for - ev - er, And chil - dren's chil - dren



bles His name Who makes you full par - tak - er Of  
righ - teous - ness, His love be - yond all mea - sure, His  
chil - dren here, God in His arms will gath - er All  
yet shall prove That God for - sakes them nev - er Who



mer - cies more than you dare claim. For - get Him not whose  
yearn - ing pit - y o'er dis - tress; Nor treats us as we  
who are His in child - like fear. He knows how frail our  
in true fear shall seek His love. In heav'n is fixed His



meek - ness Still bears with all your sin, Who heals your ev - 'ry  
mer - it But sets His an - ger by. The poor and con - trite  
pow - ers, Who but from dust are made. We flour - ish like the  
dwell - ing, His rule is o - ver all; O hosts with might ex -



weak - ness, Re - news your life with - in; Whose grace and  
spir - it Finds His com - pas - sion nigh; And high as  
flow - ers, And e - ven so we fade; The wind but  
cel - ling, With praise be - fore Him fall. Praise Him for -



care are end - less And saved you through the past; Who  
heav'n a - bove us, As dawn from close of day, So  
through them pass - es, And all their bloom is o'er. We  
ev - er reign - ing, All you who hear His Word— Our



leaves no suf - f'rer friend - less But rights the wronged at last.  
far, since He has loved us, He puts our sins a - way.  
with - er like the grass - es; Our place knows us no more.  
life and all sus - tain - ing. My soul, O praise the Lord!

Sermon  
“That None Are Lost”  
Matthew 18:1–20

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed**

**☐ I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayer of the Church

*(You may be seated if necessary.)*

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

#### "What Shall I Render"

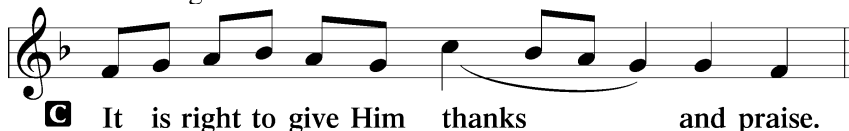
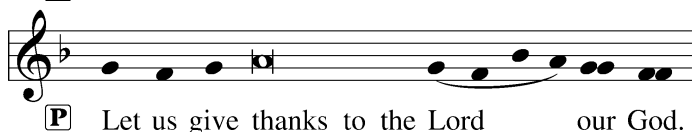
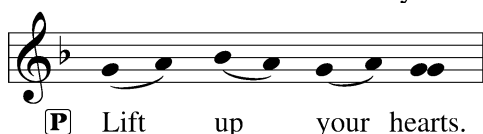
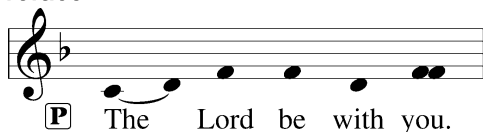
The musical score is written on six staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem."

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# Service of the Sacrament

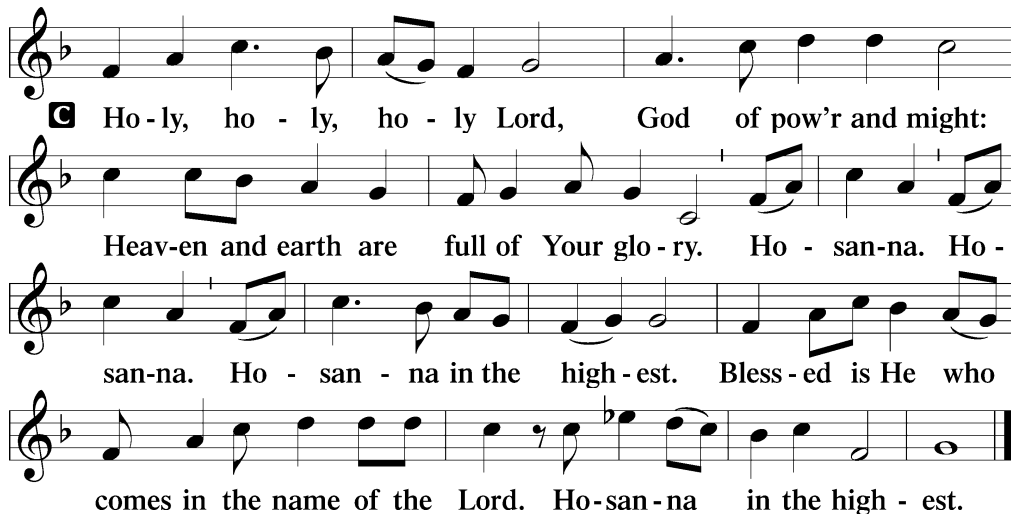
*(Please see our Communion Statement in the announcements on Page 18.)*

## Preface



**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, ever more praising You and saying:

## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

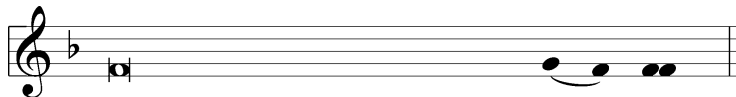
## Lord's Prayer

**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.

## The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."
- P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Distribution Hymn

## "Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared" ..... Hymn 622



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for  
 2 Al - though You did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel  
 3 Yet, Sav - ior, You are not con - fined To an - y  
 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious



our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y  
 hosts are dwell - ing, And in Your pres - ence  
 hab - i - ta - tion; But You are pres - ent  
 Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y



and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion  
 they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,  
 e - ven now Here with Your con - gre - ga - tion.  
 and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to  
 And though Your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry  
 Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Un - moved by  
 This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are



You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.  
 and Your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,  
 an - y dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.  
 pos - si - ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y.

5 Though reason cannot understand,  
 Yet faith this truth embraces:  
 Your body, Lord, is even now  
 At once in many places.  
 I leave to You how this can be;  
 Your Word alone suffices me;  
 I trust its truth unfailing.

6 Lord, I believe what You have said;  
 Help me when doubts assail me.  
 Remember that I am but dust,  
 And let my faith not fail me.  
 Your supper in this vale of tears  
 Refreshes me and stills my fears  
 And is my priceless treasure.



7 Grant that we worthily receive  
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins,  
May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for Your grace  
And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.

8 For Your consoling supper, Lord,  
Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place  
The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be  
A blessèd comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.

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### Post-Communion Canticle

#### Thank the Lord



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

### Stand

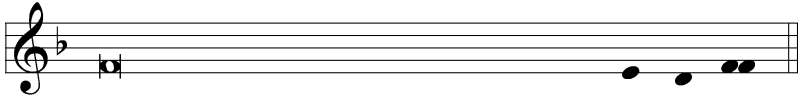
#### Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**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 ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

Closing Hymn

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” ..... Hymn 649



1 Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne We pour our ar - dent prayers;  
3 We share our mu - tual woes, Our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
4 When here our path - ways part, We suf - fer bit - ter pain;  
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free



The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds Is like to that a - bove.  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our com-forts and our cares.  
And of - ten for each oth - er flows The sym - pa - thiz-ing tear.  
Yet, one in Christ and one in heart, We hope to meet a - gain.  
And per - fect love and friend-ship reign Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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+ Silent Prayer +

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ELDER(S) ON DUTY (8AM) .....	Andy Copi, Delmar Lange
ELDER(S) ON DUTY (10:45AM) .....	Phillip Cole
ALTAR GUILD .....	Celeste Grau, Terry Steffens
USHERS (8AM) .....	Mike Smith, Sr. – Captain, Bob Brunke
.....	Chuck Schwanger, David Radtke, Tom Watson
USHERS (10:45AM) .....	Jeff Oeseburg – Captain, Isaac Measel
.....	Brad Oeseburg, Jacob Webb, Isaiah Webb

**Matthew 18:4 – “Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”** What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is childish – we are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts: with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we’ll take His advice!

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** is celebrated in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood (*Matthew 26:26-28*) to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their own detriment (*1 Corinthians 11:28-30*) and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, (*1 Corinthians 10:16-18*) any whom are not members, not yet instructed, or whom hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked to first speak with the pastor.

**THE FRONT PEW ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE SANCTUARY** is reserved during communion services for those whom have physical difficulty approaching the altar for communion. Communion services are held the second and fourth Sunday of each month. Please be seated in this pew if you want the pastor to bring you communion.

# Church News!

In the words of the Israelites: **"The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."** (Exodus 15:2, ESV).

**Welcome to worship!** If you are visiting, please sign our guest book and treat yourselves to one of our *visitor* bags located on the "welcome" center desk.

**FLOWER CHART** – If you want to sponsor altar flowers, be sure to add your name to the **2023 chart in the commons**. 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!

## *Altar Flowers*

The flowers on the altar today are dedicated to the glory of God,

***In loving memory of Art & Lucille Grau.***

*Given by Celeste Grau.*



**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](http://www.wsjmsports.com) and clicking on *listen live*.

## *Radio Broadcast*

Our service is being recorded today and will air next Sunday.

This broadcast is dedicated to the glory of God,

***In loving memory of William Spaulding, Sr.***

*Given by Mary Spaulding.*

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

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



Rev. Eric and Johanna Stinnett serve the Lord through LCMS in Ethiopia. Eric teaches at Mekane Yesus Seminary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This seminary is dedicated to training faithful Lutheran pastors and other church workers to serve in Ethiopia. Eric was born in Great Falls, Mont. He earned a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from the University of Montana, Missoula. He received his Master of Divinity from

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. Johanna was born in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. She earned bachelor's degrees in biology and nursing from the University of Windsor and is a registered nurse. Before heading to Ethiopia, Johanna served as an obstetrics nurse at Hutzel Women's Hospital, Detroit. Eric and Johanna have four beautiful children – Rachael, Naomi, Luke and Levi – who join them on the mission field. Pray for Eric, Johanna and their children as they serve in Ethiopia by asking that God gives their entire family strength and peace as they continue to adjust to life overseas, learning the culture and the language.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS WITH PASTOR QUARDOKUS** - Bible class led by Pastor Quardokus held on **Thursday mornings at 10:00AM**. Class will begin a *new study of the prophet Micah* on **Sept 14<sup>th</sup>**.

**GOSPEL OF JOHN BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES** – The midweek bible class will continue studying the unique Gospel of John, starting with the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter. Luther says: "the evangelist John is a master above all the other evangelists, for he treats of the doctrine of Christ's divinity and his humanity persistently and diligently. He joins the two natures together." (AE 23:77) Join us: **Tue evening at 7pm, Wed morning at 9:30, starting Sept 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**.

**GRIEF SHARE** - Our next gathering is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 12th from 9 to 11AM** in the all purpose room. Please bring your own beverage and/or breakfast snack if you would like. Plan to join us to participate, to enjoy a supportive atmosphere for your grief, to learn, grow, and to have fun and fellowship.

**WELCOME BACK SUNDAY SCHOOL!** – Sunday school will be back in session **TODAY at 9:30am**. Parents, please be sure to stop by and sign your student(s) in before class begins so Mr. Matheny knows whether you are staying in the building or simply dropping your child off. If you are dropping off, please confirm your contact information in case of an emergency. After class, please pick your child up from the Media Center classroom; Mr. Matheny only releases students when their parent or guardian comes to pick them up. If you have any questions, please email [sundayschool@christstevensville.com](mailto:sundayschool@christstevensville.com). Thank you!

**HOLY CROSS DAY SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>** – Christ Lutheran Church will be conducting a special class and worship service to recognize the *Feast of the Holy Cross*. The class will begin at **6:00pm** in the *All Purpose Room*, followed by **Divine Worship at 7:00pm**. Join us for this recognition of the symbol that has become known throughout the world, the cross of Christ.

**LADIES LEAGUE MEETING** – The first Ladies League meeting will be **Wednesday, September 20th at 6pm**. *We are hosting a potluck* and want all the ladies of Christ Lutheran to join us! You are not required to bring a dish to attend the potluck – just come for food, fun, and fellowship with other ladies of the church! Learn more about the many service opportunities that are part of the Ladies League organization. Look for a sign-up sheet in the commons area soon. Hope to see you there! God bless.

**COMEDY NIGHT** – Christ Lutheran's *Board of Fellowship* is hosting a special night of comedy on **Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** at the **Bridgman American Legion Post 0331** [4241 Legion St Bridgman MI 49106]. Local stand-up comedian, Craig Tornquist will entertain us with his funny songs, celebrity impressions, and hilarious audience participation routines. The festivities of fellowship begin at **6pm** with drinks and an hors d'oeuvre potluck! Craig Tornquist takes the stage at **7pm**. *Tickets are available for purchase in-between services for \$10.*

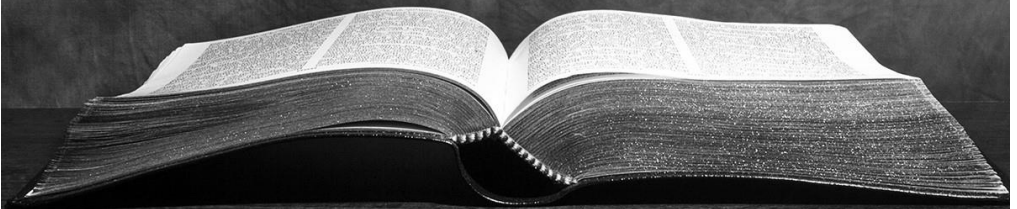
**HYMN FESTIVAL** – A hymn festival praising God for his angel servants is set for **Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 4:00 PM** *here* at Christ Lutheran. It will be led by **Kevin Hildebrand**, Cantor at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne Indiana and a festival choir and instrumentalists from Christ and Trinity [St. Joseph]. Plan on joining with us to praise God in His firmament.

**TEACHER NEEDED! SALEM LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL** – In need of Preschool Director/Teacher for ages 3-5. Position is part-time, Monday-Friday from 7:45-12:15, with some evenings required. Director must have Associates or Bachelor's Degree in education. Experience is preferred. Please send resume to [saalem\\_lcms@comcast.net](mailto:saalem_lcms@comcast.net) or to 275 Marvin, Coloma, MI 49038.

## MEMORY VERSE

**THIS IS LOVE, that we  
walk according to his  
commandments; this is  
the commandment, just  
as you have heard from  
the beginning, so that  
YOU SHOULD WALK IN IT.**

— 2 JOHN 6 —

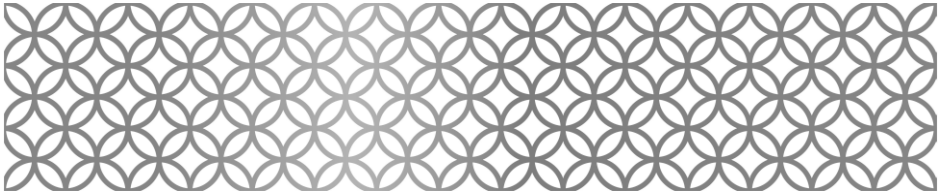




Weekly Services		Attendance
Thursday 08/31/23	7PM	24
Sunday 09/03/23	8AM	79
Online Attendees:	10:45AM	58
		<b>Total 161</b>
Sunday Bible Class	09/03/23	20

*Week of <b>09/03</b> total budgeted receipts	<b>\$10,183.26</b>
YTD Contributions	\$132,873.26
YTD Budget	\$165,384.62
YTD Over (Under)	\$-32,511.36

*\*This area represents budgeted receipts for plate and envelope giving, plus undesigned memorials.  
This totals \$860,000 for the year ending June 30, 2024.*



Sunday, <b>Sept 10</b>	8:00AM <i>9:30am</i> <i>9:30am</i> 10:45AM	Communion Worship Service <b>BIBLE CLASS</b> SUNDAY SCHOOL Communion Worship Service
Monday, <b>Sept 11</b>		
Tuesday, <b>Sept 12</b>	9AM – 11P <i>7pm</i>	Grief Share <b>BIBLE CLASS</b>
Wed., <b>Sept 13</b>	<i>9:30am</i>	<b>BIBLE CLASS</b>
Thursday, <b>Sept 14</b>	<i>10am</i> 6PM 7PM	<b>BIBLE CLASS</b> Holy Cross Class Holy Cross Day Service
Friday, <b>Sept 15</b>		
Saturday, <b>Sept 16</b>		
Sunday, <b>Sept 17</b>	8:00AM <b>9:30AM</b> <i>9:30am</i> 10:45AM	Contemporary Worship Service <b>Voters' Meeting</b> SUNDAY SCHOOL Worship Service



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