Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



Contemporary

Sunday, March 17, 2024 @ 8AM

4333 Cleveland Ave, Stevensville, MI 49127
Sunday Services @ 8AM & 10:45AM
Sunday Bible Class 9:30AM
Sunday School 9:30AM
Thursday Evening Service at 7PM

Christian Day School: PreK – 8th Grade



As We Gather

[Jesus] gave his blood as the price for our salvation, and by undergoing death for a time he condemned the sovereignty of death forever. The Lamb that was innocent was killed. But by a wonderful and longed-for display [of his power] he efficaciously weakened the strength of the lion that had killed him. The Lamb that took away the sins of the world brought to naught the lion that had brought sins into the world. It was the Lamb that restored us by the offering of his flesh and blood, so that we would not perish. (Venerable Bede, 673-735)

Opening Song

Once Again

Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice; You became nothing, poured out to death. Many times I've wondered at Your gift of life, And I'm in that place one again, I'm in that place once again.

Once again I look upon the cross where You died, I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside, Once again I thank You, once again I pour out my life.

Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice; You became nothing, poured out to death. Many times I've wondered at Your gift of life, And I'm in that place once again, I'm in that place once again.

CHORUS

Now you are exalted to the highest place, King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow. But, for now, I marvel at this saving grace, And I'm full of praise one again. I'm full of praise once again.

CHORUS

Thank You for the cross. Thank You for the cross.
Thank You for the cross my Friend.
Thank You for the cross. Thank You for the cross.
Thank You for the cross my Friend.
CHORUS

Confession and Absolution

Stand

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

Invocation

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

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ⅓ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

I Need You

Lord, look upon my need; I need You, I need You. Lord, have mercy now on me; Forgive me, O Lord forgive me and I will be clean. CHORUS REPEAT

O Lord, You are familiar with my ways, There is nothing hid from You. O Lord, You know the number of my days, I want to live my life for You.

Lord, look upon my need; I need You, I need You. Lord, have mercy now on me; Forgive me, O Lord forgive me and I will be clean.

Service of the Word

- P Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!
- I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- P Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.
- Then I called on the name of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"
- For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me!

Psalm 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: Psalm 43:1

Kyrie

P O Lord, C Have Mercy on us.

P O Christ, C Have Mercy on us.

P O Lord, C Have Mercy on us.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you

C And with thy spirit.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; 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 Lutheran

Smalcald Articles, Part II, Article I. Christ and Faith

¹ The first and chief article is this, that Jesus Christ, our God and Lord, "was put to death for our trespasses and raised again for our justification" (Rom. 4:25). ² He alone is "the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). "God has laid upon him the iniquities of us all" (Isa. 53:6). ³ Moreover, "all have sinned," and "they are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, by his blood" (Rom. 3:23-25).

⁴ Inasmuch as this must be believed and cannot be obtained or apprehended by any work, law, or merit, it is clear and certain that such faith alone justifies us, as St. Paul says in Romans 3, "For we hold that a man is justified by faith apart from works of law" (Rom. 3:28), and again, "that he [God] himself is righteous and that he justifies him who has faith in Jesus" (Rom. 3:26).

⁵ Nothing in this article can be given up or compromised, even if heaven and earth and things temporal should be destroyed. For as St. Peter says, "There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). "And with his stripes we are healed" (Isa. 53:5).

Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, ³²not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

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

Gradual

- P O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
- The founder and perfecter of our faith,
- P For the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame,
- And is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. ³Because of this he is obligated to offer sacrifice for his own sins just as he does for those of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honor for himself, but only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him,

"You are my Son,

today I have begotten you";

⁶as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. ⁸Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.

⁹And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him, ¹⁰being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Mark 10:32–45

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³²And they were on the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them. And they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. And taking the twelve again, he began to tell them what was to happen to him, ³³saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles. ³⁴And they will mock him and spit on him, and flog him and kill him. And after three days he will rise."

³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴²And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit



Beneath The Cross

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

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
His fam'ly is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams,
Now one, through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor
The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus,
We the children call by God.

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

Sermon "Glory!"

Mark 10:32-45

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ★ everlasting. Amen.

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

Lamb Of God

Your only Son no sin to hide
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God

Your gift of love they crucified
They laughed and scorned Him as He died
The humble King they named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God I love the holy Lamb of God Oh wash me in His precious blood My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

I was so lost I should have died
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God
CHORUS

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

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done? Omniscient, all knowing. He counts not their sum. Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore. Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more. Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn. Our sins they are many; His mercy is more. Praise the Lord, His mercy is more. Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn. Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam? What Father, so tender, is calling us home? He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor. Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

CHORUS

What riches of kindness He lavished on us. His blood was the payment; His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford. Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

CHORUS

+ Silent Prayer +

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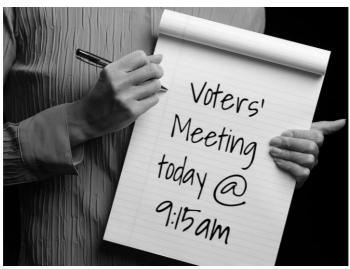
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Mark 10:45 – "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Jesus gives everything He has: He gives Himself. That self-giving is the model for our giving in all aspects of our lives. In our family, in our church, and in the world at large, Jesus calls us to follow His example of self-giving. We can only do this if we are connected to His self-giving in faith.







Members who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Amee Mantei Andrea Nystuen Barbara Maul **Barb Rodgers** Connie Schwanger

Dave Knuth

David Castonguay Dave Radtke Don Jeschke Faith Timm Ferny Rantz Jenny Hunt

Ken Vieregge Laura Gever Linda Steinke Louie Nuechterlein Miro Virsik

Nancy Duke Nathan Gerken Norma Priebe Robert Kish, Sr. Susan Jackemeyer

Family or friends who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Ann Rausch - mother-in-law of Vicki Rausch Austin Arndt - arandson of Linda Steinke

Carl Pages - brother of Jovce Totzke

Cate Reed - granddaughter of Doris Beezley

Chris Watson - son of Tom Watson

Christian Myers - son of friend of Thelma Szoke

Donna Winter - daughter of Sandy Dixon Grant Plath - friend of Joanne Ciboch

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Joe Lhotka - Judy Jackemeyer's grandson

Jackie Klepper - mother of Pattie Allred

Jesse Hunnell - son-in-law of Barb Radde

Karol Syring - daughter of Ken Vieregge

Kelcie Bryant - granddaughter of Dennis & Lyla Metz

Liam Pugh - arandson of Paula Benner Lissa Dehring - niece of Joyce Totzke

Nancy Gerald – daughter of Jerry & Wilma Malinasky Rev. William Griffin - former member of Christ Lutheran

Robert White - father of David White Ron Szweda – brother of Kathryn Robinson

Sandy Spaulding - daughter-in-law of Mary Spaulding

Sherry Orchard - sister-in-law of Susan Collins Tamara Ball - Daughter of Dennis & Lyla Metz 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, Ethan Rieck - nephew of David & Laura Geyer. Seminarian Matthew Machemer – son of Ellen Machemer.

Missionaries

Jerry Mays in Tanzania and Deaconess Caitlin Worden de Ramirez in Peru.

PRAYING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Sally Reschke Kathryn Robinson **Barb Rodgers**

Brian & Stephanie Root James & Beverly Ross Karen Ross

Church News! Dear ones, welcome to worship as we gather in Jesus' name as one family in God's embrace. Amen. If you are visiting, please sign our guest book located on the welcome center desk.

FLOWER CHART – If you want to sponsor altar flowers, be sure to add your name to the 2023 or 2024 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!

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*.

Radio Broadcast

Our service was recorded last Sunday and will air today. This broadcast is dedicated to the glory of God, *In loving memory of my husband, Al Drews.*Given by Virginia Drews.

THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.

We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:



Jerry Mays (Kearney, NE) serves the Lord through the LCMS in Tanzania. In this role, Jerry builds relationships as he teaches English to seminary students and people in the community. He also provides musical accompaniment on the trumpet for the church and seminary, and he offers trumpet lessons to people in the community as part of his outreach. He has served two stints in the Peace Corps: in Micronesia (1971–1973) and in Albania (2019–2020). The majority of

his career has been spent working in management and division operations for the Nash Finch Company in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Over the years, he has done some notable volunteer work, including providing military honors to veterans as a volunteer bugler with Bugles Across America (BAA), teaching personal finance classes to high school students, and serving his congregation as chairman. In his free time, Jerry enjoys running, reading, playing trumpet and bugle, and tutoring students. Pray for Jerry as he serves in Tanzania by asking God to give him good health and safety, and to help him as he learns Swahili. Pray also for the people that Jerry meets, that their hearts would be opened to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Give thanks to God for Jerry and all the missionaries who serve His people in the African region.

TUES/WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASSES – The midweek Bible class will continue studying **THE ART OF DYING.** We'll learn about death from a biblical view, walk thru the funeral service (you can do some pre-planning if you like), and go thru the book 'The Art of

Dying'. Did you know there are temptations that are common to people facing death? Learn about how Jesus gets us through. Join us: **Tuesday evenings at 7pm or Wed mornings at 9:30am.**

THURSDAY MORNING *NEW TOPIC* BIBLE CLASS WITH PASTOR QUARDOKUS - Pastor Quardokus is beginning a new Bible study on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. It is titled, "God's Answers to My Personal Christianity." The class will be engaged in conversations concerning important questions posed by Christians focusing on God's answers as found in the Bible.

CARE TAKER? – Do you have a care giving background or do you know someone who is? Are you available at least 3 times a week in the St. Joseph area? If so, we have a church couple that would benefit greatly from your service. You will be compensated for your time so if you're interested, please contact Ursula Nuechterlein (312-318-1212).

NEW UNDIES NEEDED – At their February 7th meeting, the Ladies League voted to collect NEW underwear for God's Hands 4 Kids (foster care, adoption, and vulnerable kids support). Underwear in sizes ranging from toddler to 18 years of age are needed. Some children go into programs with only the clothing they have on so there is a great need for NEW underwear for boys and girls. There is a box labeled "Undies" on the table in the commons area for your donations of NEW underwear. The final collection will be **March 24, 2024.** Thank you for your support. – *Ladies League*

SHARE EASTER JOY! – It's that time again (can you believe it?!). Pick up a list of our shut-in members' names from the basket in the commons, then write a note or card. Please place your completed messages in the same basket by Palm Sunday (**March 24**th). Ladies League will deliver them for you. Thank you for reaching out to our Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Easter Blessings!

EASTER BREAKFAST – Join us for a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, fruit and pastries on Easter Sunday. The breakfast is being prepared by the fellowship committee and will be served from 8:30AM-10:30AM. Please sign-up on the sheet located in the commons area. Free-will donations will be accepted.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING! – LWML of *Immanuel Lutheran Church* invites girls of all ages to a luncheon just for them. Maya Schuhknecht, Miss Michigan 2023, will provide an inspirational message and demonstrate her award-winning speed painting talent. Join us on **Saturday, May 18th at 1pm**. Adults \$5.00 and girls under 12 are free. Seating is limited, call 269-465-6031 for tickets and information.

HELP WANTED – Our school is growing! This means our Board of Christian Education is working hard to ensure we are fully staffed to accommodate our Fall 2024 students. Due to the nationwide shortage of teaching professionals, we are exploring multiple staffing options. If you know a candidate interested in part-time or full-time work, please reach out to Principal Webb or Board Chair, Tamara Paulun.



Weekly Services			Attendance		
Wednesday 03/06/24	1PM		108		
Online Attendees: 24	7PM		31		
Total: 139					
Sunday 03/10/24	8AM		92		
Online Attendees: 38	10:45AM		75		
			Tota	l: 167	
Tuesday Bible C	Tuesday Bible Class		5/24	16	
Wednesday Bible Class		03/06/24		21	
Thursday Bible C	lass	03/07/24		17	
Sunday Bible Class		03/10/24		20	
*Week of 03/10/24 total budgeted receipts \$15,031.			,031.00		
YTD Contributions			\$605,176.75		
YTD Budget			\$611,923.08		
YTD Over (Under)			\$-6,746.33		

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





Sunday, March 17 FIFTH SUNDAY LENT	8AM 9:15AM 10:45AM	Contemporary Worship Service VOTERS' MEETING Worship Service
Monday, March 18		
Tuesday, March 19	7PM	"The Art of Dying" Bible Class
Wednesday, March 20	9:30AM 1PM 7PM	"The Art of Dying" Bible Class Midweek Worship Service Midweek Worship Service
Thursday, March 21	10:00AM 6:30PM	Bible Class CHOIR PRACTICE
Friday, March 22		
Saturday, March 23		
Sunday, March 24	8AM 9:30AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Communion Worship Service Bible Class SUNDAY SCHOOL Communion Worship Service



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