Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Welcomes You!

I am the GOOD SHEPHERD.

> I know my own and my own know me ...

Sunday, April 21, 2024 @ 8AM 4333 Cleveland Ave, Stevensville, MI 49127

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

Contemporary

John 10,14, ESV

The Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday

As We Gather

John 10:16: "And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd." Everything is therefore one church or congregation, one faith, one hope, one love, one baptism, and such things. This remains true today and always until Judgment Day. You must therefore not understand it in such a way that the whole world and all people will believe in Christ. Because we must always have the holy cross, the greater portion will always be those who persecute Christians. Consequently, one must always preach the Gospel so that one may bring some more to become Christians. The kingdom of Christ stands in becoming, not in being. This is a short explanation of the Gospel. (Martin Luther, Sermon on the Good Shepherd 1523, in The Church Comes from All Nations, p26)

Opening Song

Come see the Son

Come, see the Son of the living God hanging on a tree, dying there for you and me. Come, see the bringer of truth and grace nailed there for us, agony across his face.

This is love displayed, this is mercy perfectly portrayed in Christ, the cross of Christ.

Come, see the innocent Son of God punished there for us, rescuing us with his blood. Come, see the healer of wounded souls crucified for us, broken there to make us whole. **CHORUS**

Come, see the tomb where they laid him down; the stone is rolled away, nothing but the grave clothes now. Come, see the King is alive again, risen from the dead, ushering a new age in. This is victory, this is life for everyone who will believe in Jesus Christ.

> Come and worship him, come and sing to him, come and live for him, Jesus Christ.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

Invocation

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

 \blacksquare 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.
- **G** 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.
- G 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.
- 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]

Song of Praíse

On the Darkest Day of All

On the darkest day of all the Light of all the world was crowned with thorns and lifted on a cross. Forsaken and alone, the Son became our sin, Surrendering His life for love of us.

Then the darkness of the tomb was shattered by the Son, The grave could not contain His radiant light. The stone was rolled away, death's victory reversed In Christ, the resurrection and the life.

Christ was raised, never to die again, And He reigns in everlasting light. We are saved; forever we'll live in Him, For we share His resurrection life.

In the darkness of this world the hope of glory shines. The shadows of this age will pass away. His triumph is assured, our future is secure, for Jesus rose to life on Easter day.

CHORUS

Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus is alive. Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus is alive. Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus is alive. CHORUS

Salutation

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

Collect of the Day

▶ Let us pray. Almighty God, merciful Father, since You have wakened from death the Shepherd of Your sheep, grant us Your Holy Spirit that when we hear the voice of our Shepherd we may know Him who calls us each by name and follow where He leads; through the same 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, Article XII, 2-3 The Church

Thank God, a seven-year-old child knows what the Church is, namely, the holy believers and lambs who hear the voice of their Shepherd [John 10:11–16]. For the children pray, "I believe in one holy Christian Church." This holiness does not come from albs, tonsures, long gowns, and other ceremonies they made up without Holy Scripture, but from God's Word and true faith.

Readings from Holy Scripture

First Lesson

¹As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ²greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

⁵On the next day their rulers and elders and scribes gathered together in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

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

Gradual

- **P** Christ has risen from the dead.
- **G** God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,
- P He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
- **C** he has put all things under his feet.

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Epistle Lesson

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

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Acts 4:1-12

¹⁹By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; ²⁰for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; ²²and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. ²³And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴Whoever keeps his commandments abides in him, and he in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

P This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Preparation for the Gospel

Celebrate Jesus

Celebrate Jesus, celebrate, Celebrate Jesus, celebrate. Celebrate Jesus, celebrate, Celebrate Jesus, celebrate.

He is risen, He is risen, and He lives forevermore. He is risen, He is risen, come on and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

Celebrate Jesus, celebrate, Celebrate Jesus, celebrate. Celebrate Jesus, celebrate, Celebrate Jesus, celebrate.

Stand

Sit

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10^{th} chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹[Jesus said:] "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

John 10:11-18

Sermon Song

Come People of the Risen King

Come people of the Risen King; Who delight to being Him praise; Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace. From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him, where steady arms of mercy reach, to gather children in.

Rejoice, rejoice! Let ev'ry tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come those whose joy is morning sun, And those weeping through the night; Come those who tell of battles won, And those struggling in the fight. For His perfect love, will never change, And His mercies never cease, But follow us through all our days, With the certain hope of peace.

CHORUS

Come young and old from ev'ry land, men and women of the faith; Come those with full or empty hands find the riches of His grace. Over all the world, His people sing shore to shore we hear them call the truth that cries through ev'ry age, "Our God is all in all." CHORUS

Sermon "Jesus, The Authoritative Shepherd." John 10:11-18

Stand

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.

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

See, What a Morning

See what a morning, gloriously bright, With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem; Folded the grave clothes, Tomb filled with light, as the angels announce "Christ is risen!" See God's salvation plan wrought in love, Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice, Fulfilled in Christ the Man, For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

See, Mary's weeping, "Where is He laid?" As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb. Hears a voice speaking, calling her name; It's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again! The voice that spans the years, Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us, Will sound till He appears, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

One with the Father, Ancient of Days, Through the Spirit Who clothes faith with certainty. Honor and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and authority. And we are raised with Him; Death is dead, Life has won, Christ has conquered. And we shall reign with Him, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

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

Closing Hymn

Draw Near the Tomb (Resurrection Day)

Draw near the tomb, as earth begins to wake, The shadows pierced by dawn's first light. Angels descend, the ground begins to shake. "Why do you seek the crucified?"

He is not here. He is risen from the dead! Come see the stone is rolled away. He is alive, he is risen like he said. Go tell the world it's resurrection day.

Watch as they go, in wonder and in fear, And hurry from the empty grave. Tears turn to joy as Christ himself appears. The world will never be the same.

Jesus is here. He is risen from the dead, And worthy of eternal praise. He is alive, he is risen like he said. Now every day is resurrection day.

Fall at his feet, pour out your love and praise, And see the world through brand new eyes. Hear Jesus say, "There's no need to be afraid." As resurrection people rise.

He is not here. He is risen from the dead! Come see the stone is rolled away. He is alive, he is risen like he said. Go tell the world it's resurrection day.

+ Silent Prayer +

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John 10:14 – "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me." What does it mean to know the Lord? It starts with being known by the Lord: He claims us as His own and calls us by name. Then, once we are His, we learn to know Him, and in knowing Him, we learn to imitate Him. That is how the Christian life of good works and generosity grows from the Lord's grace.



Prayers

Members who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

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Family or friends who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Ann Rausch - mother-in-law of Vicki Rausch Austin Arndt - grandson of Linda Steinke Carl Pages - brother of Joyce 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 Erin Sage - friend of Thelma Szoke Grant Plath - friend of Joanne Ciboch Jenna Veine - granddaughter of Mary Spaulding Joe Lhotka - Judy Jackemeyer's grandson Jesse Hunnell - son-in-law of Barb Radde Karol Syring - daughter of Ken Vieregge Liam Pugh - grandson of Paula Benner Lissa Dehring - niece of Joyce Totzke Matt Jones - friend of Chad Hartman Mel Machemer - son of Ellen Machemer 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

Erin Mackenzie in the Dominican Republic and Deaconess Caitlin Worden de Ramirez in Peru.

PRAYING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Mark & Terry Steffens Linda Steinke Mark & Kathy Stone Martin & Marilyn Strefling Sandra Strefling Chuck & Diane Strohacker

Church News!

God sets a table before us and anoints us with the oil of gladness; our cup overflows (see Psalm 23:5; 45:7). Welcome to worship! 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!

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

In loving memory of our parents. Given by Dennis & Lyla 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*.

Radio Broadcast

Our service was recorded last Sunday and will air today. This broadcast is dedicated to the glory of God, In honor of our 32nd Anniversary (4/25/92). Given by Mike & Susan Jackemeyer.

THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.

We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:



Erin Mackenzie (St. Louis, MO) serves the Lord through the LCMS as a missionary in the Latin America and Caribbean region, based in the Dominican Republic. As the regional volunteer coordinator, she connects LCMS members with the day-to-day activities of foreign missionaries and local leaders, with the goal of educating and inspiring them to become advocates, long-term supporters and servants in their own churches and

communities. When volunteers serve on-field anywhere from one week to six months — always at the invitation of missionaries and partner church leaders — Erin is involved in every step of the process. Through this work, she seeks collaboration where possible and desires to equip all LCMS volunteers for effective service. Erin's hobbies include reading, running, playing Scrabble and trying new recipes. Pray for Erin by asking God that she effectively builds relationships with local members and partners so that Christ might be made known more widely and effectively.

TUES/WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASSES – The midweek Bible class will continue studying *The Art of Dying.* Join us: **Tuesday evenings at 7pm or Wed mornings at 9:30am.**

THURSDAY MORNING *NEW TOPIC* BIBLE CLASS WITH PASTOR QUARDOKUS - Pastor Quardokus continues his current Bible study, "God's Answers to My Personal Christianity." Join us **Thursday mornings at 10AM.**

1ST & 2nd GRADE TEACHER TO CALL – Please submit name suggestions for a 1st or 2nd grade teacher to Neil Webb by Monday, 05/6/24. Thank you!

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.

NURSERY STAFFED. Angie Webb, our kindergarten teacher, has become aware that there are a few families who could benefit from someone staffing the nursery. So starting after Easter, she and her daughter Grace, will staff the nursery during the late service. All ages welcome! No reservations needed!

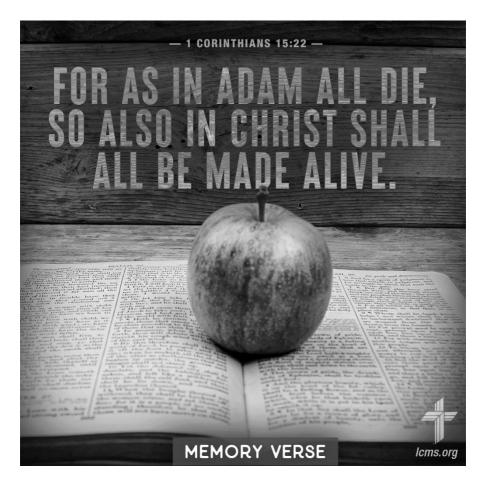
BOX TOP RECEIPTS – PTL wants to thank everyone who has turned in grocery receipts this year to earn money for our school. Remember to turn your receipts in within two weeks of purchase, otherwise they are not accepted. Thank you again!

RUMMAGE SALE – The rummage sale is only two months away (June 20th thru June 22nd). Start stacking your pile(s) of items you want to get out of your home and into our 2024 Rummage Sale! There is now a *jewelry donation* box under the church mailboxes. Our biggest "ask" at this moment is for individuals with trucks and willing (and able) to assist in picking-up larger donations (furniture, etc.) from members. If you're interested, please contact Thelma Szoke (269-369-2821) or Alex Mast (269-944-8480). Thank you!

SONS OF SOLOMON / DAUGHTERS OF WISDOM – The Sons of Solomon is an ecumenical prayer habitus of catholic Christian men worldwide who daily 1. Pray the Psalms in Jesus' name 2. Ponder the Proverbs 3. Carry a bible and crucifix. The quiet heart of a chaste and trustworthy woman is worth more than rubies. Submit your fear of man to the holy trust you have in Your Almighty God. He is gracious and merciful, full of compassion, and abounding in the loyalty of love. This is encouragement for building Godly men and Godly women, started by an LCMS pastor, Rev Fisk. Help yourself to a booklet in the narthex, and check out the website: sonsofsolomon.net

GREECE TRIP – Are you interested in a pilgrimage to Greece? We will have an informational meeting on Monday May 20, at 7pm. Pictures. Samples. Questions and answers. Come join us!

2024-2025 BUDGET FORUM – Join us in the *all purpose room* **Wednesday, April 24 from 7-8:30pm** and **Saturday April 27 from 8:30 to 10am** to discuss the budget for 2024-2025.



Weekly Services		Attendance		
Thursday 4/11/24		7PM	20	
Sunday 04/14/24		8AM	103	
Online Attendees: 21	10:4	45AM	78	
Total: 20			al: 201	
Tuesday Bible Class	04/0	09/24	12	
Wednesday Bible Class	04/3	10/24	24	
Thursday Bible Class	04/3	11/24	22	
Sunday Bible Class	04/3	14/24	30	
*Week of 04/14/24 total budgeted recei	pts	ots \$11,206.12		
YTD Contribution	ons	\$664,895.43		
YTD Bud	get	\$694,615.38		
YTD Over (Und	\$-29,719.95			
*This area represents budgeted receipts for plate and envelope giving, plus undesignated memorials. This totals \$860,000 for the year ending June 30, 2024.				

[ERS' MEETING TODAY @ 9:15 VO

	Sunday, April 21	8AM	Contemporary Worship Service
0		9:15AM	VOTERS' MEETING
			SUNDAY SCHOOL
22		10:45AM	Worship Service
3	Monday, April 22		
	Tuesday, April 23	7PM	"The Art of Dying" Bible Class
	Wednesday, April 24	9:30AM	"The Art of Dying" Bible Class
2		7-8:30PM	Budget 2024-2025 Forum
	Thursday, April 25	10:00AM	Bible Class
		7PM	Communion Worship Service
	Friday, April 26	9am-4pm NO SCHOOL	Fine Arts Festival @ CLS
	Saturday, April 27	8:30-10AM	Budget 2024-2025 Forum
	Sunday, April 28	8AM	Communion Worship Service
		9:30AM	Bible Class
		9:30AM	SUNDAY SCHOOL
		10:45AM	Communion Worship Service

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