

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

LOVE IS PATIENT,
LOVE IS KIND.



1 Corinthians 13:4



PRAYER & PREACHING
Sunday, February 2, 2025 @ 8AM
4333 Cleveland Ave, Stevensville, MI 49127
Sunday Services @ 8AM & 10:45AM
Sunday Bible Class 9:30AM
Thursday Evening Service at 7PM
Christian Day School: PreK – 8th Grade

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

As We Gather

“I knew you, I consecrated you, I appointed you,” the Lord said to Jeremiah. By His Word the Lord called young Jeremiah to be a prophet, even though Jeremiah did not think he was capable. The Lord provided what Jeremiah lacked, touching Jeremiah’s mouth and promising to be with him to deliver him. When we gather for worship, God’s Word comes to us. During this Epiphany season, coming as it does on the heels of Christmas, we are reminded that God’s Word ultimately comes to us in and through Jesus Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks, and a demon is cast out; Peter’s mother-in-law is healed. Jesus, the Word made flesh, fulfills what God promised to Jeremiah. Jesus, the Word of God, invites us to speak of Him with our mouths and in lives that bring hope and healing to others. For by water and the Word in Baptism, God has said to us, “I know you, I consecrate you, I appoint you.” (Creative Worship, CPH, 2/3/19)

Prayer & Preaching

Stand

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C **Teach me Your paths.**

P Sanctify us in Your truth.

C **Your Word is truth.**

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

C **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.**

Refrain



■ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -
claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."
Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done
glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the
earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -

hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son

and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will

be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Reading from the Book of Concord

An explanation of what we believe as Lutherans

*Luther's Large Catechism; Part II
The Apostles' Creed, Article III. 38, 39*

Neither you nor I could ever know anything about Christ, or believe on Him, and have Him for our Lord, unless it were offered to us and granted to our hearts by the Holy Spirit through the preaching of the Gospel. The work of redemption is done and accomplished. Christ has acquired and gained the treasure for us by His suffering, death, resurrection, and so on. But if the work remained concealed so that no one knew about it, then it would be useless and lost. So that this treasure might not stay buried, but be received and enjoyed, God has caused the Word to go forth and be proclaimed. In the Word He has the Holy Spirit bring this treasure home and make it our own. Therefore, sanctifying is just bringing us to Christ so we receive this good, which we could not get ourselves.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 1:4–10

⁴Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁵“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
and before you were born I consecrated you;
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

⁶Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.” ⁷But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’;
for to all to whom I send you, you shall go,
and whatever I command you, you shall speak.

⁸Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you,
declares the LORD.”

⁹Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me,

“Behold, I have put my words in your mouth.

¹⁰See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms,
to pluck up and to break down,
to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

^{31b}I will show you a still more excellent way.

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

⁴Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

¹³So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 4:31–44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, ³²and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. ³³And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, ³⁴“Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” ³⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. ³⁶And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” ³⁷And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region.

³⁸And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon’s house. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. ³⁹And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them.

⁴⁰Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. ⁴¹And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But he

rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

⁴²And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, ⁴³but he said to them, “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose.” ⁴⁴And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Responsory

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Stand

Apostles' Creed

C 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.

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.



Sermon

“Sticks and Stones”

Luke 4:31-44

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”

.Hymn 842

1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and
2 As You, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, So may we for
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, Source of life and

truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us
oth - ers live. Free - ly have Your gifts been grant - ed;
Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion,
truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us

Hal - lows	all	our	hu - man	race,	You	our	Head, who,	throned in
Free-ly	may	Your	ser - vants	give,	Yours	the	gold and	Yours the
Bid its	cru - el		dis - cords	cease.	By	Your	pa - tient	years of
Hal - lows	all	our	hu - man	race:	By	Your	pray - ing,	by Your

glo - ry, For Your own will ev - er plead: Fill us with Your
sil - ver, Yours the wealth of land and sea; We but stew-ards
toil - ing, By Your si - lent hours of pain, Quench our fe - vered
will - ing That Your peo - ple should be one, Grant, O grant our

love and pit - y, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
of Your boun - ty Held in sol - emn trust will be.
thirst of plea - sure, Stem our self - ish greed of gain.
hope's fru - i - tion: Here on earth Your will be done.

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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.

Prayer

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Collect of the Word

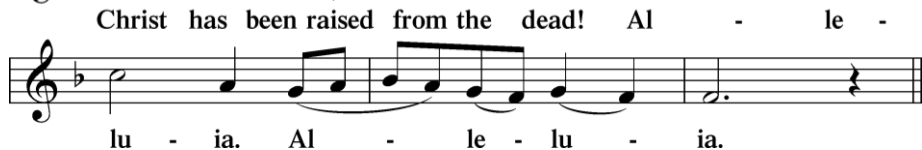
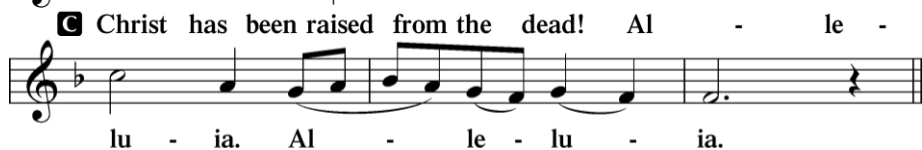
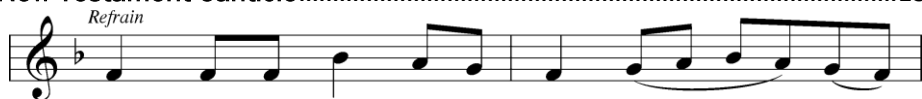
P Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

New Testament Canticle.....LSB 266



Refrain

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Blessing

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

“How Wide the Love of Christ”Hymn 535

1 How wide the love of Christ! It knows not class or race But
 2 How long the love of Christ! Its pa - tience will not cease Un -
 3 How high the love of Christ! Be - yond all thought it soars, And
 4 How deep the love of Christ, De - scend - ing to a cross! He
 5 All praise to You, O Christ, For love whose depth and height, Whose

holds our one hu - man - i - ty With - in its broad em - brace.
 til this bro - ken world is bound In ev - er - last - ing peace.
 yet up - on our pass - ing lives Un - mea - sured mer - cy pours.
 bears with - in His wound - ed hands All hu - man pain and loss.
 length and breadth fill time and space With end - less life and light!

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+ Silent Prayer +

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Matthew 8:26 – “And he said to them, ‘Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?’ Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm.” Jesus often contrasts fear and faith. Fear indicates a lack of faith, and faith drives out our fears. This is because to have faith in God means to trust Him and to know that we have a Father in heaven who loves us and cares for us. If we know this, what is there to be afraid of? Our fears often hold us back from godly living – but why be afraid? We know the Lord and His sacrificial love for us, so we do not need to be afraid to follow in His footsteps.

MEMORY VERSE

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

EPHESIANS 5:25B-27



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Church News!

Traditionally, the church on this day remembers the presentation of Jesus by his parents in the temple. We too present ourselves to God: our praise, petitions, sorrows and joys. **Welcome.** 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 **2024/25 chart in the commons.** Consider honoring a family member or special occasion by sponsoring Sunday altar flowers. **The cost is now \$40.00 for all future sponsorships.** **Feathers Floral is our new florist.** 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 Paul Ziemer.

Given by Florence Ziemer.

THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.

We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:



Mindy Thews serves the LCMS as the Lutheran education coordinator for the Asia region, based in Taiwan. In this role, she is a resource on curriculum development and pedagogy; facilitates and coordinates the translation, production and distribution of Lutheran materials for partner churches and their schools; and mentors teachers and groups all across the region. Mindy earned both a bachelor's degree in elementary education, with a science education minor, and a master's degree in environmental science from Concordia University Wisconsin, Mequon, Wis. As part of her college studies, she completed her student teaching at Hong Kong International School. Prior to accepting her current position, she taught at three Lutheran schools in the United States as well as at Concordia Middle School in Chiayi, Taiwan. Mindy's hobbies include reading, browsing Pinterest for classroom inspiration and riding rollercoasters. Pray for Mindy as she serves in Taiwan by asking God to give her peace and strength as she continues to understand the culture and traditions and strives to acquire a stronger grasp of the language. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of the students and educators in the region, so all may come to know the saving power of Jesus Christ. Let us give thanks to God that Mindy is serving His children in this part of the world.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY: THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES – The midweek Bible class that just started last week will continue studying the *Book of Acts*. Join us: **Tuesday evenings at 7pm or Wed mornings at 9:30am.**

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS WITH PASTOR QUARDOKUS - Pastor Quardokus starts a ***NEW* Bible study** about the *Book of Ephesians* beginning **Thursdays at 10AM.** Hope to see you there!

LADIES LEAGUE – Ladies League will be hosting a meeting on **Wednesday, February 19th at 7pm** in the all purpose room. Hope to see you there!

CHILI COOK OFF – Join us in the gym on **Saturday, February 22nd @ 5pm** for Fellowship's Chili Cook Off. We need you to sign-up in the commons if you're attending the cook off and/or if you're competing. Join us for great food and great company!

NEXT MOVIE NIGHT! – Join us **Saturday, March 1st from 3PM-5PM** in the *all purpose room* to watch more of *The Chosen*. Hope to see you there!



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Preschool & Young 5's
1st Tuesday in February 4-7 pm

OPEN HOUSE

- Project-based outdoor learning in partnership with
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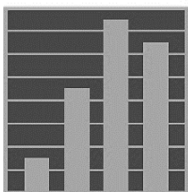
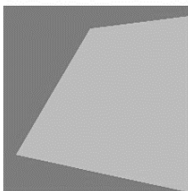
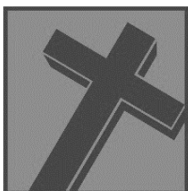
Kindergarten

Round-Up

1st Thursday in
March 7-8 pm

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CHURCH CLERK'S REPORT

Weekly Services

Attendance

Thursday 01/23/25	7PM	10
Sunday 01/26/25	8AM	92
Online Attendees: 35	10:45AM	105

Total: 207

Wednesday Bible Class	01/15/25	21
Thursday Bible Class	01/23/25	10
Sunday Bible Class	01/26/25	28

*Week of 01/26/25 total budgeted receipts	\$7,508.00
YTD Contributions	\$532,884.94
YTD Budget	\$496,153.85
YTD Over (Under)	\$36,731.09
Weekly Budgeted Plate & General Fund Memorials	\$16,538.46
Over (Under)	-9,030.46



Sunday, February 2 <i>4th Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Prayer & Preaching Worship Svc Bible Class Contemporary Worship Service
Monday, February 3		
Tuesday, February 4	7PM	Bible Class
Wednesday, February 5	9:30AM	Bible Class
Thursday, February 6	10AM 7PM	Bible Class Communion Worship Service
Friday, February 7		
Saturday, February 8		
Sunday, February 9 <i>5th Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Communion Worship Service Bible Class Communion Worship Service



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