

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



Divine Service One Worship Service

Thursday, May 8, 2025 @ 7PM

Sunday, May 11, 2025 @ 8AM & 10:45AM

4333 Cleveland Ave, Stevensville, MI 49127

Sunday Services @ 8AM & 10:45AM

Sunday Bible Class 9:30AM

Thursday Evening Service at 7PM

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

As We Gather

You, my God, converted me, and I am converted. After I was converted by You, I repented. After I came to understand, I struck my breast. I was dead in sin, and You made me alive. I was able to contribute as much to my conversion as a dead person is able to contribute to his resurrection. If You had not drawn me, I would never have come to You. If You had not awakened me, I would never have watched for You. If You had not enlightened me, I would never have seen You. Sins were sweeter to me than honey and honeycomb. That they are now pungent and bitter, I owe to You, the one who gave me my spiritual taste. Virtuous works were more bitter to me than gall and aloe. That they are now pleasing and delightful, I owe only to You, the one who changed my corrupt fleshly judgment by the Spirit. I went astray as a sheep that was lost; I turned to the way of iniquity. But You, Good Shepherd, sought me and led me back to the flock of the saints. (Johann Gerhard, *Meditations on Divine Mercy*, pp.75-76)

Prelude

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" (Isaac Watts)..... Christus

My Shepherd will supply my need,
Jehovah is his Name.

In pastures fresh he makes me feed
Beside the living stream.

He brings my wand'ring spirit back
When I forsake his ways.

He leads me for his mercy's sake
In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death,
Thy presence is my stay.

One word of thy supporting breath
Drives all my fears away.

Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
Doth still my table spread.

My cup with blessings overflows,
Thine oil anoints my head.

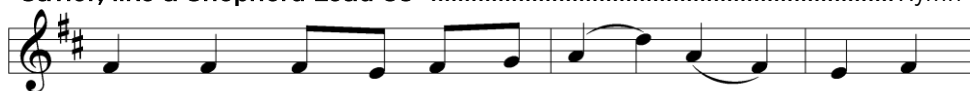
The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days.

O may thy house be my abode
And all my work be praise.

There would I find a settled rest,
While others go and come.

No more a stranger or a guest,
But like a child at home.

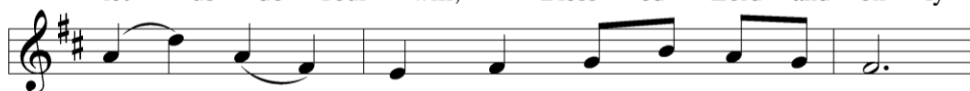
"Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" Hymn 711



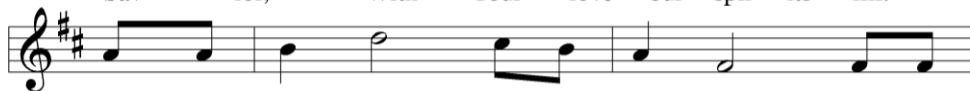
1 Sav - ior, like a shep - herd lead us; Much we
 2 We are Yours; in love be - friend us, Be the
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, Poor and
 4 Ear - ly let us seek Your fa - vor, Ear - ly



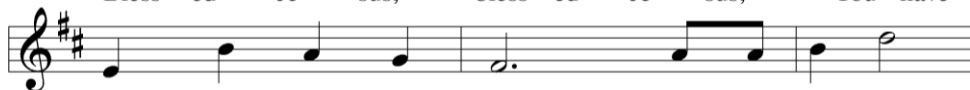
need Your ten - der care. In Your pleas - ant pas - tures
 guard - ian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin de -
 sin - ful though we be; You have mer - cy to re -
 let us do Your will; Bless - ed Lord and on - ly



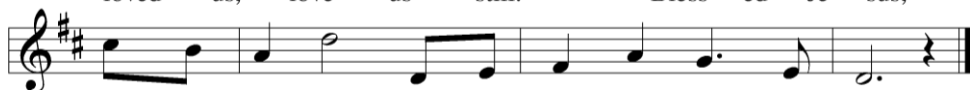
feed us, For our use Your fold pre - pare.
 fend us, Seek us when we go a - stray.
 lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Sav - ior, With Your love our spir - its fill.



Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, You have



bought us; we are Yours. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 chil - dren when we pray. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 let us turn to You. Bless - ed Je - sus,
 loved us, love us still. Bless - ed Je - sus,



bless - ed Je - sus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Hear us chil - dren when we pray.
 bless - ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to You.
 bless - ed Je - sus, You have loved us, love us still.

Text: Hymns for the Young, 1836, 4th ed., London, alt.
 Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816-68
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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 I am the good | shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

C The LORD is my | shepherd;*

I | shall not want.

P He makes me lie down in green | pastures.*

He leads me beside still | waters.

C He re- | stores my soul.*

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his | names sake.

P Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil, for you are | with me;*

your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

C You prepare a table before me in the presence of my | enemies;*

you anoint my head with oil; my cup | overflows.

P Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,*

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for- | ever.

C Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

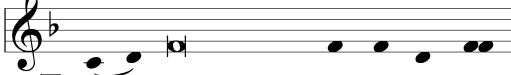
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P I am the good | shepherd.*

I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life | for the sheep.

Ps. 23; antiphon: John 10:14, 15b

Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



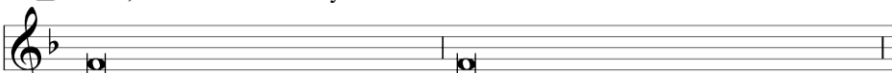
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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.



 **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

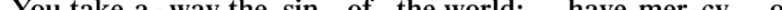
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C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



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 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 also with you.

Collect of the Day

P 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 Lutherans

*The Formula of Concord: Solid declaration
 The Comprehensive Summary, Foundation, Rule, and Norm, 14*

¹⁴ It is not only necessary that the pure, wholesome doctrine be rightly presented for the preservation of pure doctrine and for thorough, permanent, godly unity in the Church, but it is also necessary that the opponents who teach otherwise be reproved (1 Timothy 3; [2 Timothy 3:16;] Titus 1:9). Faithful shepherds, as Luther says, should do both things: (a) feed or nourish the lambs and (b) resist the wolves. Then the sheep may flee from strange voices (John 10:5–12) and may separate the precious from the worthless (Jeremiah 15:19).

Readings from Holy Scripture

First Lesson

Acts 20:17-35

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him. ¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them:

“You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again. ²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one’s silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Thursday

Gradual

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C 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 Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

"If ye love me" (Thomas Tallis) Christus

If ye love me,
keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may bide with you forever,
e'en the sp'rit of truth

Epistle Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

¹⁵ "Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

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. John, the 10th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

children's MESSAGE

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"..... Hymn 709



1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose good - ness
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My ran - somed
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But yet in
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill With Thee, dear



fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul He lead - eth And, where the ver - dant
love He sought me And on His shoul - der
Lord, be - side me, Thy rod and staff my



I am His And He is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gent - ly laid And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
Thine unction grace bestoweth;
And, oh, what transport of delight
From Thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever!

Sermon
“Shepherding Continues...”
Acts 20:17-35

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.**

(You may be seated if necessary.)

Prayer of the Church

Sit



Online Giving



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

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" Hymn 740



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724-82; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941
Tune: Choral-Buch . . . Brüder-Gemeinen, 1784, Leipzig
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Service of the Sacrament

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

Stand

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



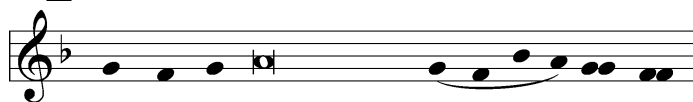
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



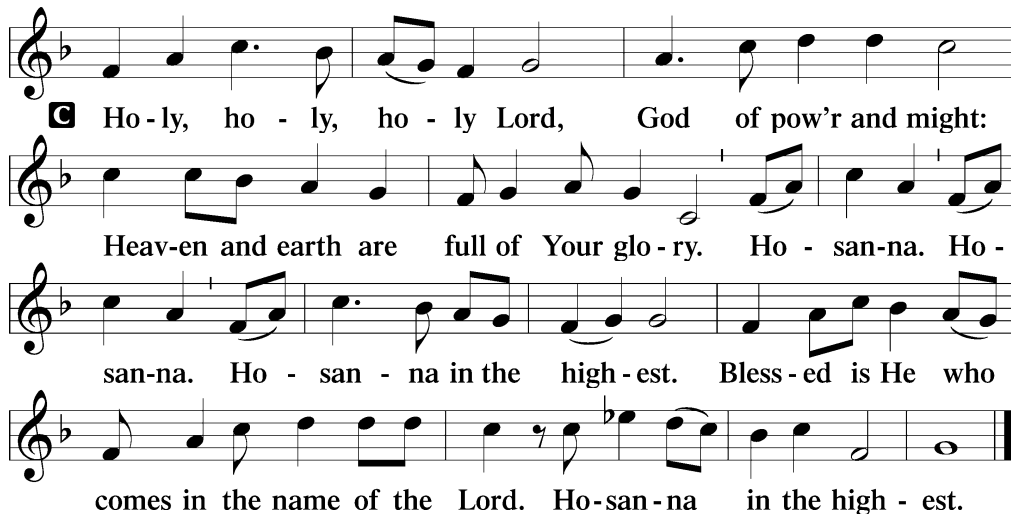
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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; And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore 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

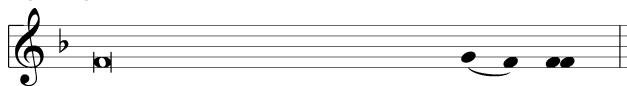
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the 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 ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 ✠ 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.

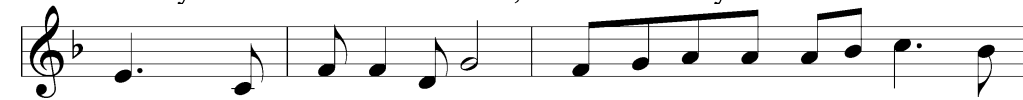
Agnus Dei



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.

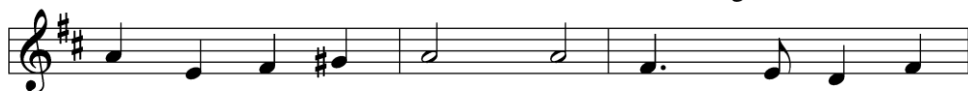
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Distribution Hymn

"Jerusalem, O City Fair and High" Hymn 674



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, O cit - y fair and high, Your
 2 O hap - py day, O yet far hap - pier hour, When
 3 The pa - tri - archs' and proph - ets' no - ble train, With
 4 Un - num - bered choirs be - fore the shin - ing throne Their



tow'rs I yearn to see; My long - ing heart to
 will you come at last, When by my gra - cious
 all Christ's fol - l'wers true, Who washed their robes and
 joy - ful an - thems raise Till heav - en's arch - es



you would glad - ly fly, It will not stay with me.
 Fa - ther's love and pow'r I see that por - tal vast?
 cleansed sin's guilt - y stain, Sing prais - es ev - er new!
 ech - o with the tone Of that great hymn of praise.



E - li - jah's char - iot take me A - bove the low - er skies, To
 From heav - en's shin - ing re - gions To greet me glad - ly come Your
 I see them shine for - ev - er, Re - splen - dent as the sun, In
 And all its host re - joic - es, And all its bless - ed throng U -



heav - en's bliss a - wake me, Re - leased from earth - ly ties.
 bless - ed an - gel le - gions To bid me wel - come home.
 light di - min - ished nev - er, Their glo - rious free - dom won.
 nite their myr - iad voic - es In one e - ter - nal song.

Text: Johann Matthäus Meyfart, 1590–1642; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

Tune: Christlich Neu-vermehrt . . . Gesangbuch, 1663, Erfurt

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Stand

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



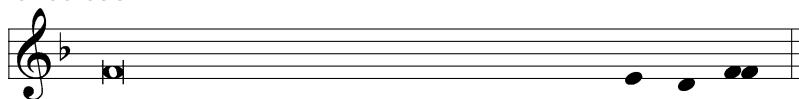
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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
“Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace” Hymn 937

Musical score for the hymn "Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace". It consists of three staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace, 2 This is the Sav - ior of the world, 3 With saints of old, with saints to come, Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal - The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing and To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told. in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el. Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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+ Silent Prayer +

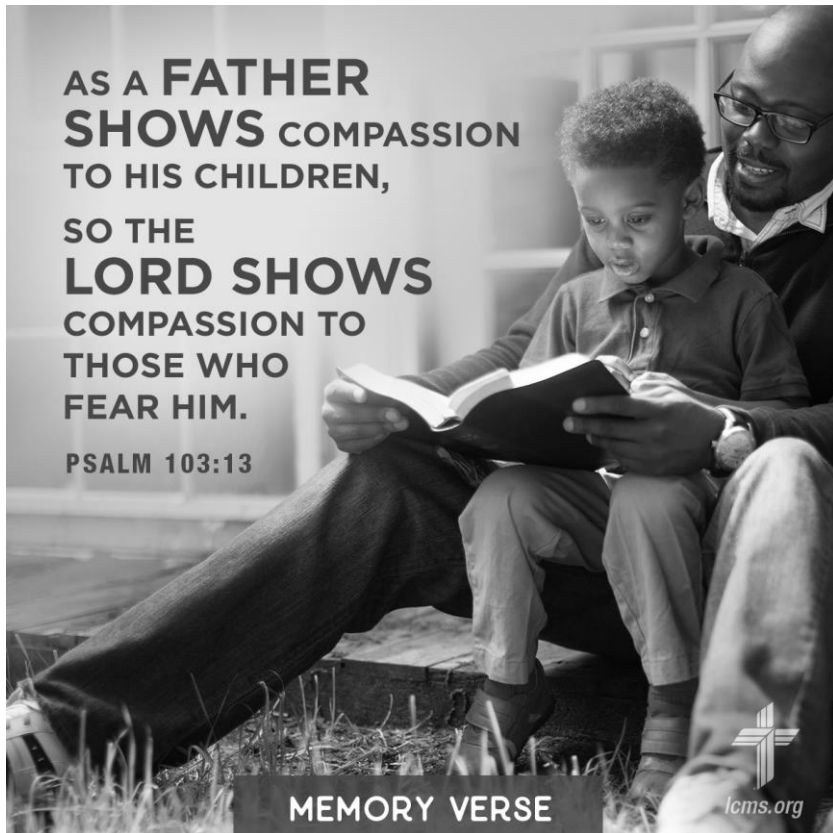
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USHERS (10:45AM).....	Dale Zombory, Phil Cole

John 20:19 – “On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” Fear is the opposite of faith. That is, the kind of cringing fear we have in the face of something that is hostile to us and more powerful than we are. Jesus spends a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord’s will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up. We have been set free by Jesus for lives that declare His marvelous deeds.

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.



**AS A FATHER
SHOWS COMPASSION
TO HIS CHILDREN,
SO THE
LORD SHOWS
COMPASSION TO
THOSE WHO
FEAR HIM.**

PSALM 103:13

MEMORY VERSE


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Prayers

Members who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Amee Mantei	Dave Knuth	Klaus Nixdorf
Andrea Nystuen	Don Hutter	Marilyn Waldenmaier
Barbara Maul	Eleanor Hoge	Nancy Duke
Barb Rodgers	Faith Timm	Norma Priebe
Connie Schwanger	Ferny Rantz	Ralph Dinges
	Kara Baldwin	Susan Jackemeyer

Family or friends who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Ann Rausch - <i>mother-in-law of Vicki Rausch</i>	Lissa Dehring - <i>niece of Joyce Totzke</i>
Austin Arndt - <i>grandson of Linda Steinke</i>	Matt Jones - <i>friend of Chad Hartman</i>
Carl Pages - <i>brother of Joyce Totzke</i>	Mark Wilkinson - <i>brother of Cindy White</i>
Cate Reed - <i>granddaughter of Doris Beezley</i>	Mark Trulove - <i>friend of Sue Collins</i>
Chris Watson - <i>son of Tom Watson</i>	Nancy Gerald - <i>daughter of Jerry & Wilma Malinasky</i>
Christian Myers - <i>son of friend of Thelma Szoke</i>	Phil Oberhaus - <i>brother of Susan Jackemeyer</i>
Donna Winter - <i>daughter of Sandy Dixon</i>	Reece Clark - <i>grandson of Walt & Diane Clark</i>
Erin Sage - <i>friend of Thelma Szoke</i>	Robert White - <i>father of David White</i>
Gabe Szoke - <i>brother-in-law of Thelma Szoke</i>	Ron Szweda - <i>brother of Kathryn Robinson</i>
Grant Plath - <i>friend of Joann Ciboch</i>	Sherry Orchard - <i>sister-in-law of Susan Collins</i>
Heather Hunnell - <i>daughter of Barb Radde</i>	Tom Russell - <i>brother of Mark Russell</i>
Joe Lhotka - <i>Judy Jackemeyer's grandson</i>	Tonda Morgan - <i>cousin of Pat Jaeger</i>
Karol Syring - <i>daughter of Ken Vieregge</i>	Veronica Wilkinson - <i>mother of Cindy White</i>
Liam Pugh - <i>grandson of Paula Benner</i>	

Our country, president, armed forces and all those who serve our country, including **Allison Blake**, **James Vieregge** USMC, **Joseph Schafer** – nephew of Pastor Quardokus, **Matt Weiss**, nephew of Fred & Jeanne Huff, **Ethan Rieck** – nephew of David & Laura Geyer. Seminarian **Matthew Machemer** – grandson of Ellen Machemer.

Missionaries

Rev. Dr. David & Jennifer Preus in Romania and Jason & Emily Groth in Belize.

PRAYING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Gerry & Jane Kabelman	Adam & Stephanie Karnik Family
Jan Kalinas	Kathy Kasewurm
Kathy Karnik	Eldon & Jean Keehn

Welcome, and Happy Mother's Day! Today we remember that no matter the state of our human relations with parents, children and others, Jesus our Good Shepherd loves and cares for us without fail. 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 2025 chart in the commons. Consider honoring a family member or special occasion by sponsoring Sunday altar flowers. **The cost is \$40.00 for all sponsorships.** 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 Al & Doug Beezley.

Given by Doris Beezley.

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 now on **WSJM 94.9 FM on Sunday mornings from 8AM – 9AM**. The services can also be heard by visiting www.wsjmsports.com and clicking on *listen live*.

THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.

We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:



The Rev. Dr. David (Fort Wayne, IN) and Jennifer Preus (Lake Forest, IL) serve the Lord through the LCMS in Eurasia, based in Romania. As regional director for Eurasia, David directs and supports the work to spread the Gospel, plant Lutheran churches and train church workers, and show mercy throughout the continent. He also directs and facilitates communication and the appropriation of resources for strengthening ministry and communion among missionaries, pastors and congregations of the region. David and Jennifer have nine beautiful children — Hans, Rebekah, Rolf, Lena, Søren, Leif, Andreas, Lars and Sylvi — who are with them on the mission field. Pray for the Preus family as they serve in Eurasia. Pray also for the church in Romania and the pastors across Eurasia. Ask God to give His wisdom to the LCMS missionary team in this region as they seek to share the Gospel with and minister to the local people. Ask God to guide them as they network and centralize mission efforts across the region. Pray that the hearts of people here in the United States would be moved to pray for and financially support the Preuses so they can be a part of this mission work. Give thanks to God that the Preus family is serving His children in this part of the world.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY: THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES – The midweek Bible class continues 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 hosts a **Bible study** about the *Book of Ephesians* on **Thursdays at 10AM**. See you there!

RUMMAGE SALE NEWS! – Yes we are hosting our annual Rummage sale on **June 26th – June 28th**. Drop off dates are *June 19th – June 21st*. More details to follow.

HEARTLAND HOSPICE – If you or someone you know is caring for a loved one who is terminally ill, heartland Hospice is there to help. Words cannot express how enough good as they have, and still are, helping Don and I so much. For more information, call Pat Hutter at 269-313-6014.

NEED ASSISTANCE? – If you or someone you know is in need of a little help with yard work, cleaning, etc., please contact Stacey Skorupa at 269-231-0293.

GRIEF SHARE - Our next gathering is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 13th 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 in a supportive atmosphere for your grief, to learn, grow, and fellowship.

MEN'S NETWORK – YOU'RE INVITED! Join us for food, fellowship and discussion of issues affecting today's men from a Lutheran Christian perspective. Join us this Saturday morning, **May 17th, at 8:30AM @ Dino's Restaurant**, St. Joseph. Contact Fred Pieplow (269-369-2081) for more information.

ADULTS DINE OUT – An Adults Dine Out will be held at **5:30pm on Friday, May 23rd** at the Lakehouse Restaurant & Bar in St. Joseph. It is very important that you sign up to attend. The sign-up sheet is in the commons area.

ARE YOU GRADUATING THIS YEAR? – Please contact the church office by **May 23rd** with the following information: High School Graduates – tell us where you're going! College Graduates – where are you graduating from and what is your degree?! We invite you to attend and take part in our graduation service happening June 1st. Feel free to call the church office (269-429-7222) or send an email to clcoffice@christstevensville.com. Thank you!

GREECE PICTURES – Are you interested in seeing pictures of Greece from Pastor's recent trip? Pastor Measel is hosting a special 9:30am bible class on **Sunday, May 25th** which will be a travel log from Greece. All are welcome!



CLERK'S REPORT

Weekly Services

Attendance

Thursday 05/01/25	7PM	20
Sunday 05/04/25	8AM	78
Online Attendees: 18	10:45AM	54
Tuesday Bible Class	04/29/25	15
Wednesday Bible Class	04/30/25	22
Thursday Bible Class	05/01/25	19
Sunday Bible Class	05/04/25	19
*Week of 05/04/25 total budgeted receipts		\$9,270.00
YTD Contributions		\$716,501.82
YTD Budget		\$727,692.31
YTD Over (Under)		\$-11,190.49
Weekly Budgeted Plate & General Fund Memorials		\$16,538.46
Over (Under)		\$-7,268.46



Happy Mother's Day

Sunday, May 11 <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> Good Shepherd Sunday	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Communion Worship Service Bible Class Communion Worship Service
Monday, May 12	7pm 8:15pm	All Boards Meeting Parish Planning
Tuesday, May 13	9am-11am 7PM	Grief Share Bible Class
Wednesday, May 14	9:30AM 7PM	Bible Class Confirmation Public Examination
Thursday, May 15	10AM 7PM	Bible Class Matins Worship Service
Friday, May 16		
Saturday, May 17		
Sunday, May 18 <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	8AM 9:15AM 10:45AM	Contemporary Worship Service Voters' Meeting Matins Worship Service



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