

# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



**Divine Service Four Worship Service**

**Thursday, June 19, 2025 @ 7PM**

**Sunday, June 22, 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**

**Christian Day School: PreK – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

# The Second Sunday after Pentecost

## As We Gather

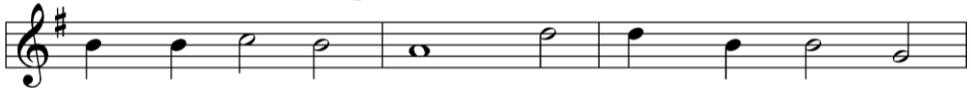
Today we enter the “green season” of the Church Year. Beginning in Advent our lessons have been focusing on the life of Jesus and God’s plan of salvation that was accomplished for us through His life, death, and resurrection. This first half of the Church Year is often called the Festival Half since it contains all the great Festivals of the Church Year (Christmas, Epiphany, Transfiguration, Easter, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and the like). During this second half of the church year (or Non-festival Half) our lessons will focus on life of Christians and our life together in the Church. Hence the green color on the altar indicates growth. Today we are reminded that our growth in faith and the growth of the Church are God’s doing and not our own.

## Opening Hymn

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” ..... Hymn 528



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -  
3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That  
4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He



great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my  
sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the  
bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the  
sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the



God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!  
earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.  
sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.  
foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.

5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own  
Your God, ye fallen race.  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
Be justified by grace.

6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;  
The Lamb of God was slain.  
His soul was once an off'ring made  
For ev'ry soul of man.

7 To God all glory, praise, and love  
Be now and ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heav'n.

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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** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 124:8*

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

*Psalm 130:3-4*

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Luke 18:13*

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.

*John 20:19-23*

**C** Amen.

# Service of the Word

## Introit



- P** Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may contin- | ually come; \*  
you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my | fortress.
- C** **You who have made me see many troubles and calamities will revive | me  
again;\***  
**from the depths of the earth you will bring me | up again.**
- P** You will increase my | greatness\*  
and comfort | me again.
- C** **I will also praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, | O my God;\***  
**I will sing praises to you with the lyre, O Holy One of | Israel.**
- P** My lips will shout for joy, when I sing prais- | es to you; \*  
my soul also, which you | have redeemed.
- C** **And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all | the day long,\***  
**for they have been put to shame and disappointed who sought to | do me  
hurt.**
- 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** Be to me a rock of refuge, to which I may contin- | ually come; \*  
you have given the command to save me, for you are my rock and my | fortress.

*Ps. 71:20-24, antiphon: Ps. 71:3*

## Kyrie



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

**"All Glory Be to God on High" ..... Hymn 947**



1 All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His  
 2 We praise and laud and wor - ship You; We give You thanks for -  
 3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Be - got - ten of the  
 4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, our de - light And source of con - so -

fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A  
 ev - er, O Fa - ther, for Your rule is true And  
 Fa - ther, Your sav - ing death has made us one With  
 la - tion, Pro - tect us from the dev - il's might Through  
 child of God for - ev - er. God shows His good and  
 just and chang - es nev - er. With bound - less pow'r, Your  
 God and with each oth - er. O Lamb of God, to -  
 Je - sus, our sal - va - tion, Who by His death up -  
 gra - cious will And grants His peace, the world to fill—  
 might - y reign Ful - fills what - ev - er You or - dain.  
 You on high In our dis - tress we sin - ners cry,  
 on a tree Has res - cued us from mis - er - y:  
 All strife at last has end - ed.  
 Lord, grant us ev - 'ry bless - ing!  
 Have mer - cy on us, a - men!  
 To this we hold for - ev - er.

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## Salutation

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

## Collect of the Day

- P** Let us pray. O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding. Cast out all sins and evil desires from us, and pour into our hearts Your Holy Spirit to guide us into all blessedness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Sit

## Reading from the Book of Concord

*An explanation of what we believe as Lutherans*

*Luther's Small Catechism  
The Lord's Prayer: The Seventh Petition*

But deliver us from evil.

*What does this mean?* We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

## Readings from Holy Scripture

### Old Testament Reading

**Isaiah 65:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me;

I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here am I, here am I,"

to a nation that was not called by my name.

<sup>2</sup>I spread out my hands all the day

to a rebellious people,

who walk in a way that is not good,

following their own devices;

<sup>3</sup>a people who provoke me

to my face continually,

sacrificing in gardens

and making offerings on bricks;

<sup>4</sup>who sit in tombs,

and spend the night in secret places;

who eat pig's flesh,

and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels;

<sup>5</sup>who say, "Keep to yourself,

do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,

a fire that burns all the day.

<sup>6</sup>Behold, it is written before me:

"I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their bosom

<sup>7</sup>both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together,

says the LORD;

because they made offerings on the mountains

and insulted me on the hills,

I will measure into their bosom

payment for their former deeds."

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD:

"As the new wine is found in the cluster,

and they say, ‘Do not destroy it,  
for there is a blessing in it,’  
so I will do for my servants’ sake,  
and not destroy them all.  
<sup>9</sup>I will bring forth offspring from Jacob,  
and from Judah possessors of my mountains;  
my chosen shall possess it,  
and my servants shall dwell there.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Gradual

**P** The word is near you, in your mouth and | in your heart,\*

**C** **the word of faith that | we proclaim.**

**P** For with the heart one believes and is | justified,\*

**C** **and with the mouth one confesses | and is saved.**

*Rom. 10:8b, 10*

### Epistle Reading

### Galatians 3:23-4:7

<sup>23</sup>Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup>So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup>But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, <sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. <sup>27</sup>For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup>And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to promise.

<sup>4:1</sup>I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, <sup>2</sup>but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. <sup>3</sup>In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. <sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Alleluia



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**C** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



**C** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 8:26-39

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter

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

<sup>26</sup>Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." <sup>29</sup>For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) <sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. <sup>32</sup>Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup>Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying,

<sup>39</sup>“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

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

Sit

Hymn of the day

“Rise, Shine, You People” ..... Hymn 825



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.  
He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.  
Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing.  
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -  
All men and wom - en, who by guilt are  
To all the world go out and tell the  
Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.  
driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.  
sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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## Sermon “Even Demons Beg” Luke 8:26-39

Stand

## Nicene Creed

**C** 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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

*(You may be seated if necessary.)*

## Prayer of the Church

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.*

*Online Giving*



# Service of the Sacrament

(Please see our Communion Statement in the announcements on Page 15.)

Stand

## Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

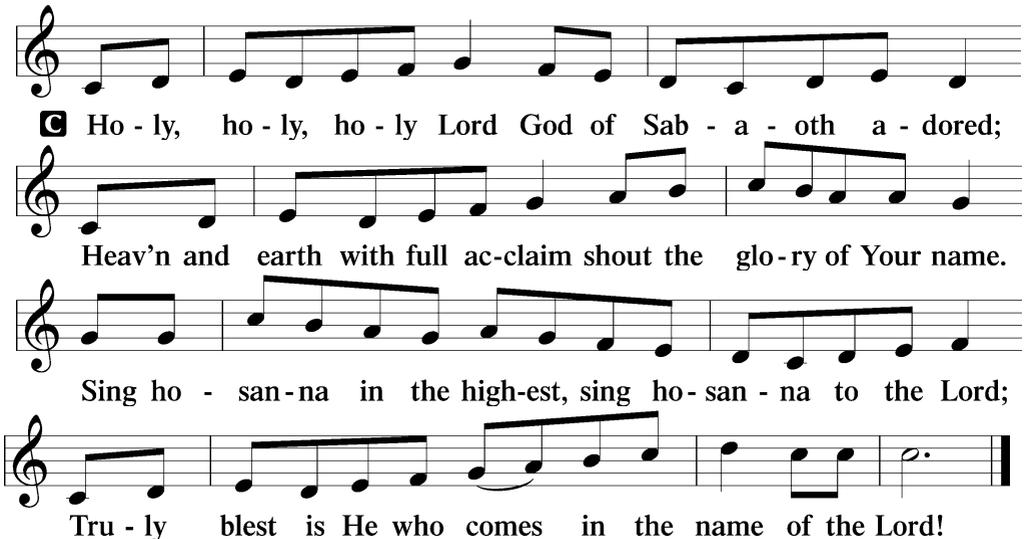
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore 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 Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

### Lord's Prayer

**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### Agnus Dei



**C** 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 You take the sin of the world a - way;  
 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

*Distribution Hymn*

**"Since Our Great High Priest, Christ Jesus" .....** Hymn 529



1 Since our great High Priest, Christ Je - sus, Bears the name a -  
 2 Since we have a priest who suf - fered, Know - ing weak - ness,  
 3 Sac - ri - fice and suf - f'ring o - ver, Now He sits at  
 4 Love's ex - am - ple, hope's at - trac - tion, Faith's be - gin - ning  
 bove all names, Reign - ing Son of God, sur - pass - ing  
 tears, and pain, Who like us was tried and tempt - ed,  
 God's right hand, Crowned with praise, no more an out - cast,  
 and its end, Pi - o - neer of our sal - va - tion,  
 Oth - er ti - tles, pow'rs and claims— Since to heav'n our  
 Un - like us, with - out a stain— Since He shared our  
 His pre - em - i - nence long - planned; Such a great High  
 Might - y ad - vo - cate and friend; Je - sus, high in  
 Lord has passed, Let us hold our wit - ness fast!  
 low - ly place, Let us bold - ly seek His grace.  
 Priest we have, Strong to help, su - preme to save.  
 glo - ry raised, Our as - cend - ed Lord be praised!

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Stand

Post-Communion Canticle

Nunc Dimittis



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;  
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

## Benedicamus and Benediction

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**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** **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

**"Away from Us!" the Demon Cried"** ..... Hymn 541



1 "A - way from us!" the de - mon cried  
2 But Je - sus spoke with God's own pow'r;  
3 O ris - en Christ, God's liv - ing Word,  
4 Drive out the doubt that cripp - les faith;  
5 Then help us, Lord, to greet each day



When Christ, the Lord, drew near. "Our dark, dis - or - dered  
"Come forth!" was His com - mand; For e - vil can - not  
To us, we pray, draw near. Come, speak the truth that  
Ex - pel our pride and greed That we, from pow'rs that  
With hearts and wills made new And, when You call us



world is lost When You, the Light, ap - pear!"  
bear the Light Nor sin the Truth with - stand.  
cleans - es sin With love that con - quers fear.  
threat - en us, May, by Your grace, be freed.  
forth to serve, To rise and fol - low You.

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+ Silent Prayer +

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**Luke 8:37** – “Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned.” The Gerasenes are upset with Jesus because His ministry led to the loss of their pig herd – their wealth. They want Jesus to go away before He does any more damage to their bottom line. Their priorities are clear. What about our priorities? Is the work and ministry of Jesus worthy of our support and the sacrifice of some of our wealth?

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

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

## Church News!

**We worship in the same way that we live — in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Welcome, one and all.** 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 memory of Megan Safran.***

*Given by Sue Collins.*

**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](http://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:*



Shara Osiro serves the Lord through the LCMS in Africa, based in Kenya. As the regional shared ministries manager, she supports ministry programs and services that extend across multiple countries and personnel in the region. In collaboration with the region's leadership team, she helps to develop strategic program and project plans for the included ministries, and then she regularly reviews and revises those plans. Shara was born in St. Vincent, in the West Indies, and graduated from college with a bachelor's degree in biology. Her home congregation is Christ Lutheran Church in Phoenix, Ariz. Shara has previously served on short-term mission trips to Uganda, Rwanda, Mexico and Peru. She also served with the LCMS for two years in South Africa. She enjoys going to the movies, reading, traveling and working with kids. Her husband, Michael, is Kenyan and works as a software engineer. Pray for Shara and Michael as they serve in Africa. Pray that God grants them continued strength and wisdom to serve Him and to develop and nurture strong relationships with the local people. Ask God to help them be strong Christian witnesses to many people and to keep them in good health so that they may serve to their fullest capacity. Let us thank God that Shara and Michael are serving His children in this part of the world.

**SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS** – Feeling worn out or spiritually dry? Elijah was too. Join us for a 3-part video bible study, **Sunday at 9:30**, on 1 Kings 19 and find out how God nourishes Elijah and you as well.

**SUMMER MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR TRAVIS!** – Learn about 1 Corinthians with Pastor Travis on Wednesdays **@ 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!

**SUMMER HOURS** – Now though **Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup>**, the office is open from **9am to 2pm Monday – Thursday, closed Fridays**. Due to vacations and summer construction projects we advise everyone to call (269-429-7222) ahead to be sure someone is here to help you!

**TASTE AND SEE** – The LWML banner, *Taste and See*, was displayed at the Michigan District Convention in 2024. This banner was created by Jenny Bischoff from St. Paul's in Cassopolis and Janet Luazier from Trinity, St. Joseph, reflects the theme of that convention. The banner has been traveling through the zone and will find a permanent home at the end of summer. We are reminded through God's gifts that He is indeed good.

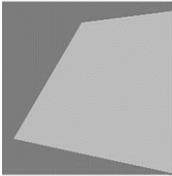
**NURSERY DURING THE SUMMER** – The nursery will be open over the summer, but childcare will not be provided. Thank you!

**CAR SHOW TODAY!** – Christ Lutheran will be hosting a car show today, **Sunday June 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2-4PM**. If you, or someone you know, have a classic car, antique car, hot rod, or any type of specialty car – please come to show off your car! The show is free and open to the public so don't forget to tell your friends!

Rummage Sale  
begins this Thursday  
from 12pm-6pm!



**CHURCH CLERK'S REPORT**



**Weekly Services**

**Attendance**

Thursday 06/12/25	7PM	14
Sunday 06/08/25	8AM	96
<i>Online Attendees: 12</i>	10:45AM	89
<i>Wednesday Bible Class</i>	06/11/25	17
<i>Thursday Bible Class</i>	06/12/25	22
<i>Sunday Bible Class</i>	06/15/25	22
<i>*Week of 06/15/25 total budgeted receipts</i>		<b>\$9,276.00</b>
YTD Contributions		\$799,114.82
YTD Budget		\$826,923.08
YTD Over (Under)		\$-27,808.26
<i>Weekly Budgeted Plate &amp; Fund Memorials</i>		\$16,538.46
<i>Over (Under)</i>		\$-7,262.46



Sunday, June 22 <i>Second Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8AM <b>9:30AM</b> 10:45AM 1-6pm <b>2-4pm</b>	Communion Worship Service <b>Bible Class</b> Communion Worship Service <b>Rummage Donation Drop-Off</b> <b>Car Show</b>
Monday, June 23	<b>10-12pm</b> 1-6pm	<b>Rummage Donation Drop-Off</b> <b>Rummage Donation Drop-Off</b>
Tuesday, June 24	<b>10-12pm</b> 1-6pm	<b>Rummage Donation Drop-Off</b> <b>Rummage Donation Drop-Off</b>
Wednesday, June 25	<b>9:30AM</b> 1-6pm	<b>Bible Class</b> <b>Rummage Donation Drop-Off</b>
Thursday, June 26	<b>10AM</b> <b>12-6pm</b> 7PM	<b>Bible Class</b> <b>CANCELLED</b> <b>Rummage Sale</b> Communion Worship Service
Friday, June 27	<b>10am-6pm</b>	<b>Rummage Sale</b>
Saturday, June 28	<b>10am-3pm</b>	<b>Rummage Sale</b>
Sunday, June 29 <i>Third Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8AM <b>9:30AM</b> 10:45AM	Communion Worship Service <b>Bible Class</b> Communion Worship Service



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