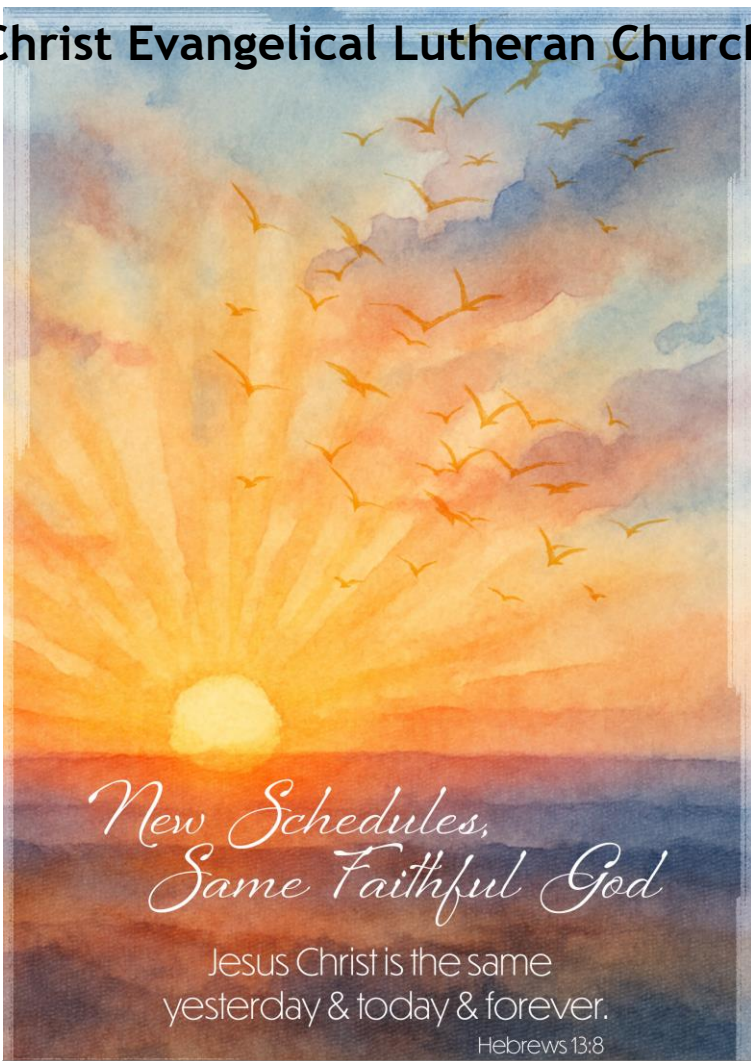


Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



Divine Service Four Worship Service

Thursday, August 28, 2025 @ 7PM

Sunday, August 31, 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 – 8th Grade

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

As We Gather

God is the God of the humble, the miserable, the afflicted, the oppressed, the desperate, and of those who have been brought down to nothing at all. And it is the nature of God to exalt the humble, to feed the hungry, to enlighten the blind, to comfort the miserable and afflicted, to justify sinners, to give life to the dead, and to save those who are desperate and damned. (Luther, Lectures on Galatians [1553], Luthers Works, 26:314) "He who humbles himself will be exalted." (Jesus, Luke 14:11)

Opening Hymn

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" (stanzas 1-4)..... Hymn 636



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther
 4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



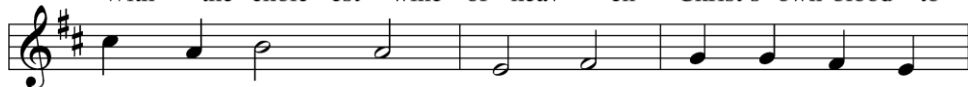
gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's
 lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -
 cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of
 this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



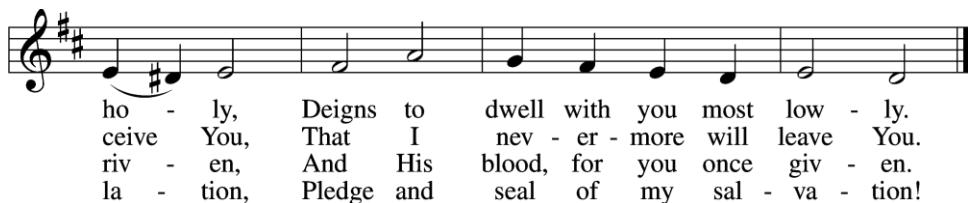
splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
 mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.
 bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the
 With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
 there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
 us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



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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.

Psalms 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.

Psalms 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** It is God who executes | judgment,*
putting down one and lifting up an- | other.
- C** **We give thanks to you O God; we give thanks for your | name is near.***
We recount your | wondrous deeds.
- P** At the set time that | I appoint*
I will judge with | equity.
- C** **For not from the east or | from the west***
and not from the wilderness comes | lifting up,
- P** But I will declare it for- | ever;*
I will sing praises to the God of | Jacob.
- 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** It is God who executes | judgment,*
putting down one and lifting up an- | other.

Ps 75:1-2, 6, 9; Antiphon Ps 75:7

Kyrie



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

Gloria in Excelsis



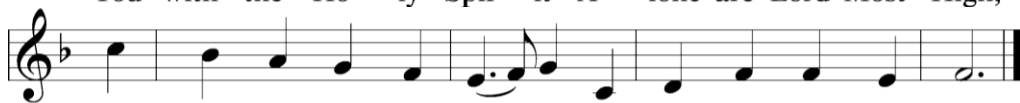
- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, 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 Large Catechism
The Third Commandment: 78, 82, 84-85*

⁷⁸ You shall sanctify the holy day.

⁸² This commandment, therefore, in its literal sense, does not apply to us Christians. It is entirely an outward matter, like other ordinances of the Old Testament. The ordinances were attached to particular customs, persons, times, and places, but now they have been made matters of freedom through Christ [Colossians 2:16–17].

⁸⁴ ... most especially, on this day of rest (since we can get no other chance), we have the freedom and time to attend divine service. We come together to hear and use God's Word, and then to praise God, to sing and to pray [Colossians 3:16].

⁸⁵ However, this keeping of the Sabbath, I point out, is not restricted to a certain time, as with the Jewish people. It does not have to be just on this or that day. For in itself no one day is better than another [Romans 14:5–6]. Instead, this should be done daily. However, since the masses of people cannot attend every day, there must be at least one day in the week set apart. From ancient times Sunday, the Lord's Day, has been appointed for this purpose. So we also should continue to do the same, in order that

everything may be done in an orderly way [1 Corinthians 14:40] and no one may create disorder by starting unnecessary practices.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 25:2–10

²It is the glory of God to conceal things,
but the glory of kings is to search things out.
³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,
so the heart of kings is unsearchable.
⁴Take away the dross from the silver,
and the smith has material for a vessel;
⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king,
and his throne will be established in righteousness.
⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.
What your eyes have seen
⁸do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?
⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,
¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 13:1-17

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."
⁶So we can confidently say,
"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no

right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

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 14:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen

into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the day

"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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Sermon

“Where is Your Seat at the Banquet?”

Luke 14:1-14

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.*



Service of the Sacrament

(Please see our Communion Statement in the announcements on Page 14.)

Stand

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

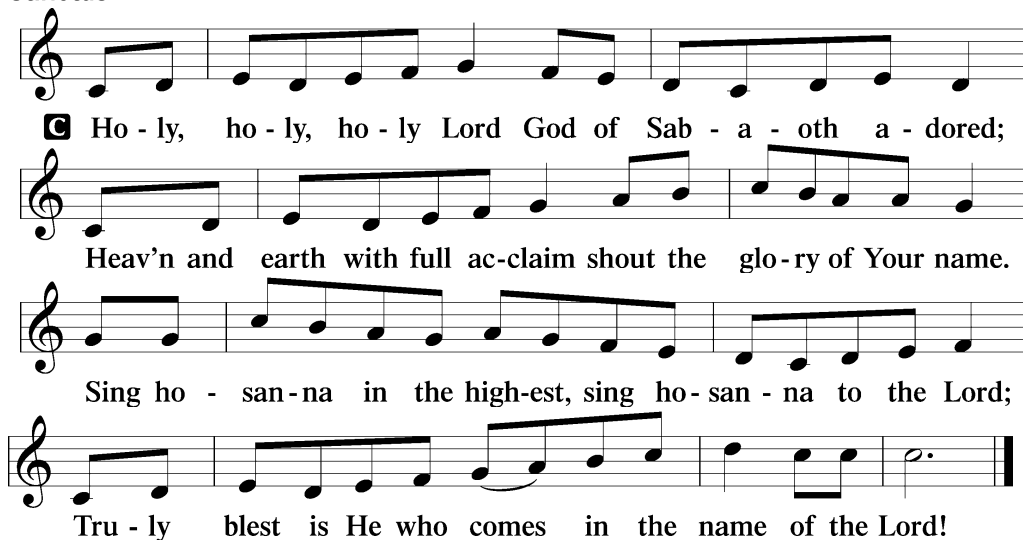
C We lift them to the Lord.

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 ✠ 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 always.

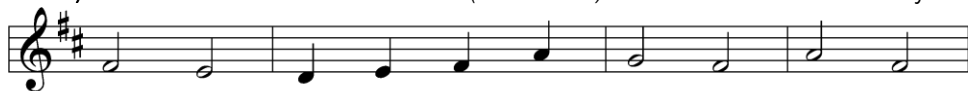
C Amen.

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.

Distribution Hymn

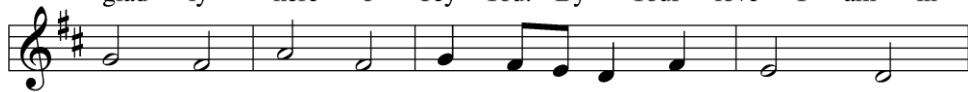
"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" (stanzas 5-8) Hymn 636



5 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, Tru - est
6 Je - sus, sun of life, my splen - dor, Je - sus,
7 Lord, by love and mer - cy driv - en, You once
8 Je - sus, bread of life, I pray You, Let me



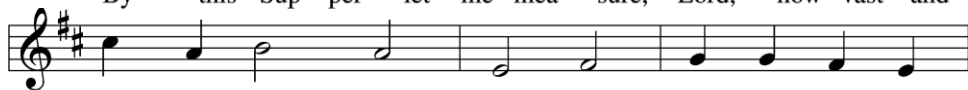
friend, and dear - est trea - sure, Peace be - yond all un - der -
friend of friends, most ten - der, Je - sus, joy of my de -
left Your throne in heav - en On the cross for me to
glad - ly here o - bey You. By Your love I am in -



stand - ing, Joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing:
sir - ing, Fount of life, my soul in - spir - ing:
lan - guish And to die in bit - ter an - guish,
vit - ed, Be Your love with love re - quit - ed;



Hum - bly now, I bow be - fore You; Love in - car - nate,
At Your feet I cry, my mak - er, Let me be a
To fore - go all joy and glad - ness And to shed Your
By this Sup - per let me mea - sure, Lord, how vast and



I a - dore You; Wor - thi - ly let me re -
fit par - tak - er Of this bless - ed food from
blood in sad - ness. By this blood re - deemed and
deep love's trea - sure. Through the gift of grace You



ceive You And, so fa - vored, nev - er leave You.
heav - en, For our good, Your glo - ry, giv - en.
liv - ing, Lord, I praise You with thanks - giv - ing.
give me As Your guest in heav'n re - ceive me.

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Stand

Post-Communion Canticle

Nunc Dimittis



1 O Lord, now let to 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 be - Gen - tiles Un -
For as in lead 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

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” Hymn 710

1 The Lord's my shep-herd, I'll not want; He makes me
2 My soul He doth re-store a-gain And me to
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, Yet will I
4 My ta-ble Thou hast fur-nish-ed In pres-ence
5 Good-ness and mer-cy all my life Shall sure-ly
down to lie In pas-tures green; He
walk doth make With-in the paths of
fear no ill; For Thou art with me,
of my foes; My head Thou dost with
fol-low me; And in God's house for-
lead-eth me The qui-et wa-ters by.
righ-teous-ness, E'en for His own name's sake.
and Thy rod And staff me com-fort still.
oil a-noint, And my cup o-ver-flows.
ev-er-more My dwell-ing place shall be.

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+ Silent Prayer +

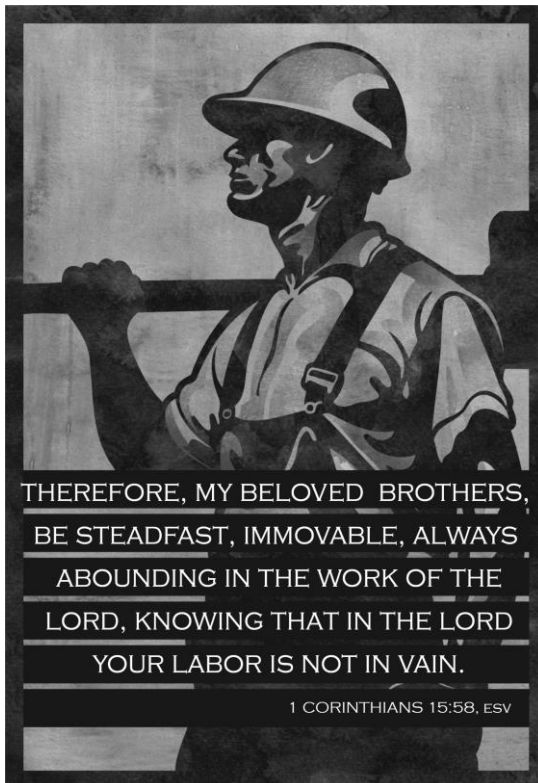
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USHERS (10:45AM).....	Dale Zombory, Phil Cole

Luke 14:11 – “For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: that’s called humility. The Lord is God and we are not. With that in mind, how could we not seek to follow His Word in all aspects of life? He knows what He is talking about and we don’t. If you believe that, then striking out on a path of faithfulness in the realm of stewardship is a lot easier: it just makes sense.

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.



Friends and guests, as the end of summer nears, it's a delight to be together to praise God and share in his love. 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 **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 devoted husband and father, Dr. Kevin S. Witt.
Given by Charlotte, Erik and Amber Witt.

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. Sergio Maita and his wife, Yoxandris, serve the Lord as missionaries through the LCMS, based in Puerto Rico. As a church planter and theological educator, Sergio serves a new church plant in San Juan, where he connects with people to help bring them into the church. He is also a professor at Concordia the Reformer Seminary in Palmar Arriba, Dominican Republic, a position he has held since the seminary opened in 2017. Sergio is from Maturín, Venezuela. One of the first Lutheran churches planted by the LCMS in Venezuela was established near his grandparents' house. As a result, he was raised Lutheran. In his free time, Sergio enjoys biking and playing soccer. Yoxandris is also from Maturín, where she and Sergio met at church. She graduated from dental school in 2011. After years of practicing dentistry in Venezuela, Yoxandris left her job and accompanied Sergio to serve in the Dominican Republic. She stays busy with nurturing the couple's three children, Irene, Andrés and Inés; actively helping in the new church plant; and studying dentistry. In her free time, Yoxandris enjoys swimming, painting and making crafts. Pray for the Maitas as they serve in Puerto Rico. Ask God to be with their family as they transition to life in a new country. Pray that God would open the hearts and minds of the people they meet, so that all might come to know Jesus Christ as the Savior. Give thanks to God for the Maitas and their service in this part of the world.

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS – Join us for Sunday Bible study going over the lessons of the day on **Sundays at 9:30. Hope to see you there!**

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**.

LUTHERANISM 101 CLASS – Interested in learning more about what Lutherans teach and believe? How Lutherans are similar to other Christians, and yet different? Pastor Measel is planning on starting a new class this Fall, beginning **Wednesday, September 17th at 7:00pm**. Let him know if you're interested. All are welcome!

LADIES LEAGUE MEETING – The first Ladies League meeting will be **Wednesday, September 17th at 6pm**. We are hosting a potluck and want all the ladies of Christ Lutheran to join us! You are not required to bring a dish to attend the potluck – just come for food, fun, and fellowship with other ladies of the church! Learn more about the many service opportunities that are part of the Ladies League organization. Look for a sign-up sheet in the commons area. Hope to see you there! God bless.

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS UPDATE – Pastor Measel plans to resume the midweek bible classes starting **Tuesday, September 23rd at 7pm** and **Wednesday, September 24th at 9:30am**.

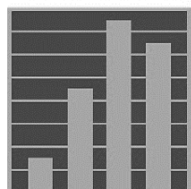
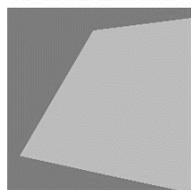


WOMEN'S SOUL SPA RETREAT – On **Saturday, September 27th** the women of your church are invited to a *Women's Soul Spa Retreat* at Trinity's Ministry Center, St. Joseph from **10am-3pm**. Sharla Fritz, a gifted Bible study author and speaker will lead our sessions. She is bringing a friend, and so, we encourage you to bring a friend, too. Space is limited. ***The registration deadline is Sunday, September 7.*** Registration forms are available in the commons.

PRAYER WARRIORS/PARTNERS ARE NEEDED – School begins August 25th and we are asking for Prayer Warriors/Partners to pray for our Confirmation students and our school classes. If you're interested in partnering with us, please contact Pastor Measel or Adele Travis (989-430-6011).

REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM! – We've all been reminded to remember our Baptism, but why? Because of all the wonderful gifts that our gracious God has given us through His powerful water and Word! Are you ready and willing to help our newly baptized babies and their families remember their Baptism? All it requires is a willing heart and a little time to make sure our Enduring Faith Booklets and cards get to the families throughout the year. They can be hand delivered, put in church mailboxes, or mailed (whatever's easiest for you!). Please let Kristie in the church office know if you are willing to help.

CHRIST LUTHERAN'S SOCIAL MEDIA – Do you have an event you want Christ Lutheran to promote on our Facebook page or our Instagram? Please feel free to email clcoffice@christstevensville.com with your event (garage sale, etc.) details. Thank you!



CHURCH CLERK'S REPORT

Weekly Services

Attendance

Thursday 08/21/25	7PM	16
Sunday 08/24/25	8AM	87
<i>Online Attendees: 20</i>	10:45AM	59
Wednesday Bible Class	08/20/25	13
Thursday Bible Class	08/21/25	18
Sunday Bible Class	08/24/25	20
*Week of 08/24/25 total budgeted receipts		\$6,910.00
YTD Contributions		\$82,717.95
YTD Budget		\$138,461.54
YTD Over Under		\$-55,743.59
Weekly Budgeted Plate & General Fund Memorials		\$17,307.69
Over Under		\$-10,397.69



Sunday, August 31 <i>Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Communion Worship Service Bible Class Communion Worship Service
Monday, Sept 1 No School	Labor  DAY	
Tuesday, Sept 2		
Wednesday, Sept 3	9:30AM	Bible Class with Pastor Travis
Thursday, Sept 4	10AM 7PM	Bible Class Worship Service
Friday, Sept 5		
Saturday, Sept 6		
Sunday, Sept 7 <i>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> <i>Education Sunday</i>	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM NOON	Worship Service Bible Class Worship Service POTLUCK!





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