

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



Divine Service Four Worship Service

Thursday, August 7, 2025 @ 7PM

Sunday, August 10, 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 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

As We Gather

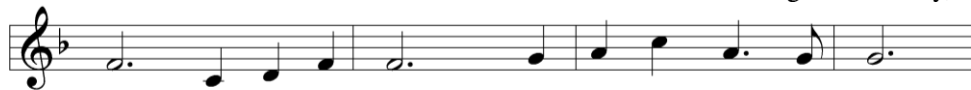
Almighty and gracious Father, we give You thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of Your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of Your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen (For All the Saints, Vol. II, 1341)

Opening Hymn

"Not unto Us" Hymn 558



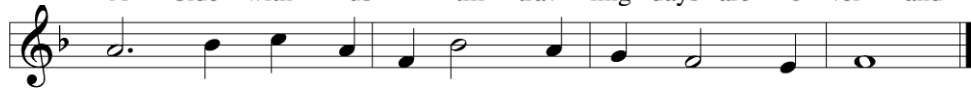
1 Not un - to us, not un - to us be glo - ry,
 2 A - maz - ing grace— that chose us ere the worlds were
 3 O faith - ful love— that shep - herd - ed through faith - less
 4 Not un - to us but to Your name be glo - ry,



Lord; Not un - to us but to Your name be praise;
 made; A - maz - ing grace— that sent Your Son to save;
 years; For - giv - ing love— that led us to Your truth;
 Lord, For grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.



Not un - to us but to Your name all hon - or be
 A - maz - ing grace— that robed us in Your righ - teous -
 Un - yield - ing love— that would not let us turn from
 A - bide with us till trav - 'ling days are o - ver and



giv'n For match - less mer - cy, for - give - ness, and grace.
 ness And taught our lips to sing glo - ry and praise.
 You But sent us forth to speak par - don and peace.
 done, And pil - grim feet lead us home, Lord, to You.

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** Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;*
make melody to our God | on the lyre!
- C** He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain | for the earth;*
he makes grass grow | on the hills.
- P** He gives to the | beasts their food,*
and to the young ravens | that cry.
- C** His delight is not in the strength | of the horse,*
nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,
P but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,*
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.
- 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** Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;*
make melody to our God | on the lyre!

Psalm 147:8-11; antiphon: v. 7

Kyrie

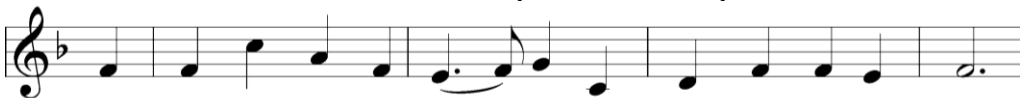


- C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



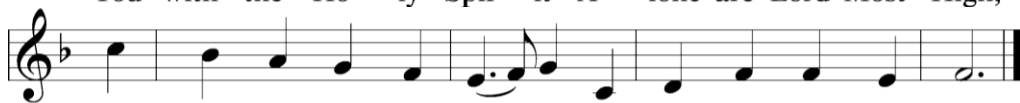
- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



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. Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Reading from the Book of Concord

An explanation of what we believe as Lutherans

*Luther's Large Catechism,
The Lord's Prayer, The Fourth Petition, 71-73*

⁷¹ Give us this day our daily bread.

⁷² ... When you mention and pray for daily bread, you pray for everything that is necessary in order to have and enjoy daily bread. On the other hand, you also pray against everything that interferes with it. Therefore, you must open wide and extend your thoughts not only to the oven or the flour bin, but also to the distant field and the entire land, which bears and brings to us daily bread and every sort of nourishment. For if God did not cause food to grow and He did not bless and preserve it in the field, we could never take bread from the oven or have any to set upon the table.

⁷³ To sum things up, this petition includes everything that belongs to our entire life in the world, for we need daily bread because of life alone. It is not only necessary for our life that our body have food and clothes and other necessities. It is also necessary that we spend our days in peace and quiet among the people with whom we live and have dealings in daily business and conversation and all sorts of doings [1 Thessalonians 4:11; 2 Thessalonians 3:12; 1 Timothy 2:2]. In short, this petition applies both to the household and also to the neighborly or civil relationship and government. ...

Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” ⁵And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Hebrew 11:1-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

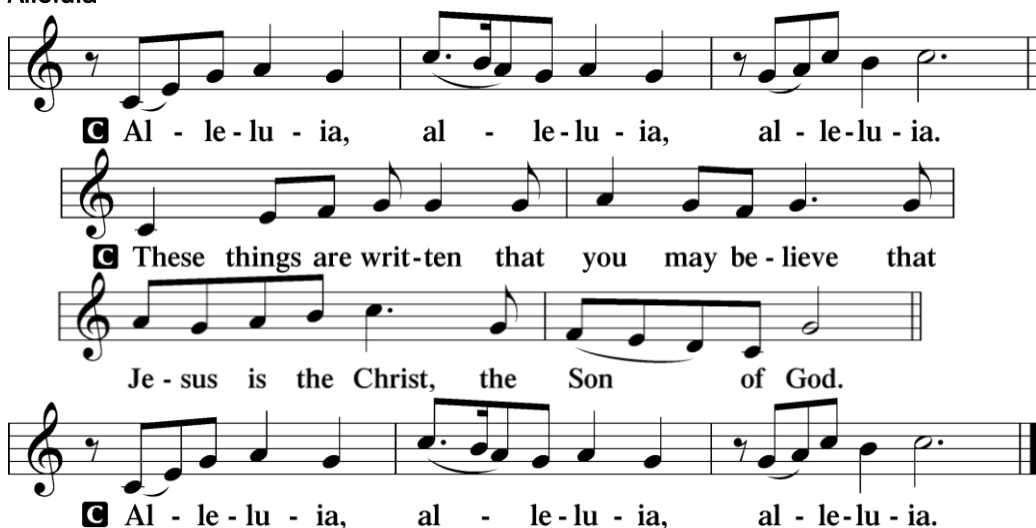
¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia



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

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

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

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

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia. It consists of four staves of music in treble clef, 4/4 time. The first staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff has the lyrics: 'These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that'. The third staff has the lyrics: 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.' The fourth staff has the lyrics: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The music is written in a simple, melodic style with some ties and rests.

Holy Gospel

Luke 12:22-34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³²"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the day

"Our Father, Who from Heaven Above" Hymn 666

1 O lit - tle flock, fear not the foe Who mad - ly
2 Be of good cheer; your cause be - longs To Him who
3 As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor
4 A - men, Lord Je - sus, grant our prayer; Great Cap - tain,
seeks your o - ver - throw; Dread not his rage and pow'r.
can a - venge your wrongs; Leave it to Him, our Lord.
hell's sa - tan - ic crew A - gainst us shall pre - vail.
now Thine arm make bare, Fight for us once a - gain!
And though your cour - age some-times faints, His seem - ing
Though hid - den yet from mor - tal eyes, His Gid - eon
Their might? A joke, a mere fa - cade! God is with
So shall Thy saints and mar - tyrs raise A might - y
tri - umph o'er God's saints Lasts but a lit - tle hour.
shall for you a - rise, Up - hold you and His Word.
us and we with God— Our vic - t'ry can - not fail.
cho - rus to Thy praise For - ev - er - more. A - men.

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Sermon

"Don't Worry About It"

Luke 12:22-40 (Genesis 15:1-6)

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.

“Lamb of God, Pure and Holy” (stanza 3) Hymn 434

3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,
Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.
All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

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Distribution Hymn


“Consider How the Birds Above” Hymn 736

1 Con - sid - er how the birds a - bove Feed day by
2 The lil - ies grow, they do not toil; How fair is
3 Set not your heart on food or drink, Nor be weighed
4 Be on your guard a - gainst all greed, For life is
day with care - free ease— Does God not keep them
their fra - gil - i - ty— If God clothes these, which
down by world - ly care; A - bout such things the
more than what we own. Our Fa - ther knows our
in His love? Are we not worth much more than these?
quick - ly spoil, Will He not clothe both you and me?
god - less think, Yet nev - er thank the Lord in prayer.
ev - 'ry need Be - fore our needs to us are known.

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| <p>5 Be not afraid to suffer loss
Of all the things for which you pray,
For He who faced for you the cross
Will give you strength to live each day.</p> | <p>6 Seek first God's reign, His boundless grace,
His holy name in all you do;
Christ first and last in ev'ry place;
All else will then be given you.</p> |
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Post-Communion Canticle

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



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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

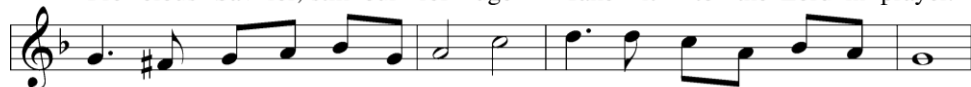
"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Hymn 770



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis-cour-aged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; Oh, what need-less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful Who will all our sor-rows share?
Do thy friends de-spise, for-sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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+ Silent Prayer +

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ALTAR GUILD	Lori Brown, Terri Gerken
USHERS (8AM)	Bob Appelget, Andy Copi, Paul Jackemeyer
USHERS (10:45AM).....	Dale Zombory, Phil Cole

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.

Prayers

Members who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Amee Mantei	Don Hutter	Joseph Klupp	Ralph Dinges
Andrea Nystuen	Eleanor Hoge	Kara Baldwin	Rich Wandel
Barbara Maul	Ellen Machemer	Klaus Nixdorf	Roger Seely
Barb Rodgers	Faith Timm	Nancy Duke	Susan Jackemeyer
Connie Schwanger	Ferny Rantz	Norma Priebe	Ted Froelich
Dave Knuth	Ginny Drews	Pat Jaeger	

Family or friends who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Addie Horstman - sister of Mary Spaulding	Liam Pugh - grandson of Paula Benner
Ann Rausch - mother-in-law of Vicki Rausch	Lissa Dehring - niece of Joyce Totzke
Austin Arndt - grandson of Linda Steinke	Matt Jones - friend of Chad Hartman
Barb Lange - friend of Thelma Szoke	Mark Wilkinson – brother of Cindy White
Carl Pages - brother of Joyce Totzke	Mark Trulove – friend of Sue Collins
Cate Reed - granddaughter of Doris Beezley	Nancy Gerald - daughter of Jerry & Wilma Malinasky
Chris Watson - son of Tom Watson	Phil Oberhaus - brother of Susan Jackemeyer
Christian Myers - son of friend of Thelma Szoke	Reece Clark - grandson of Walt & Diane Clark
Donna Winter - daughter of Sandy Dixon	Robert White - father of David White
Erin Sage - friend of Thelma Szoke	Ron Szweda – brother of Kathryn Robinson
Grant Plath - friend of Joann Ciboch	Veronica Wilkinson – mother of Cindy White
Heidi Bowie - daughter of Irene Klupp	
Jenni Welsh - niece of Chuck & Diane Strohacker	

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.
Seminararian **Matthew Machemer** – grandson of Ellen Machemer.

Missionaries

Cody & Aurelie Mock in the Czech Republic and Jason & Emily Groth in Belize.

PRAYING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Teri Rush	John & Kristy Sandmann Family
Mark & Becky Russell	Jeryl & Laura Schornhorst
John & Kathy Sandmann	John & Kim Schulz

Life is often hard, for many reasons. So we gather to be fed and strengthened by Jesus, our Good Shepherd; to be assured of his presence and goodness. Welcome to worship. If you are visiting, please sign our guest book located on the *welcome* center desk.

FLOWER CHART – If you want to sponsor altar flowers, be sure to add your name to the **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 honor of our teachers.

Given by Harry & Pat Jaeger.

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*.

Radio Broadcast

Our service is being recorded today and will air next Sunday.

This broadcast is dedicated to the glory of God,

In loving memory of Margaret Gerber.

Given by Loren Gerber.

THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.

We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:



Cody (Pella, IA) and Aurelie Mock (Tacoma, WA) serve the Lord through the LCMS in the Czech Republic. As IT project manager, Cody works alongside the Luther Academy and the mission team in Eurasia to provide support for various IT systems and services. He also helps identify and implement new technology solutions within the region's projects and provides training for staff on how to use those technologies. Before becoming a missionary, he held several roles in the industry, including help desk technician, web developer, assistant programmer and systems administrator. In his free time, he enjoys tinkering with electronics, fixing and restoring things, and brewing his own beer. Aurelie worked for libraries in Kansas for several years before becoming a stay-at-home mother and homeschool teacher for their two daughters, Eva and Moriah. In her free time, Aurelie enjoys taking long walks, gardening, reading, learning languages and collecting books. Pray that God would give Cody wisdom to leverage technology in ways that help the mission team clearly communicate the Gospel throughout the region.

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.** This class will resume on **August 7th.** See you there!

SUMMER HOURS – **9am to 2pm Monday – Thursday, closed Fridays.**

CUSTODIAN JOB OPPORTUNITIES – We are looking for part-time custodial help. Please contact John Paulun (312-523-8086) for more information. Thank you!

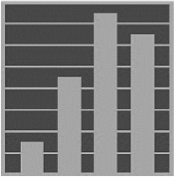
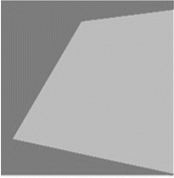
FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL MEETING – Join us **Wednesday, August 13th at 6:30pm** in the *all purpose room*. There will be a volunteer training meeting on **Monday, August 18th and Wednesday, August 20th.**

LATE SERVICE ASSISTANCE – Looking for volunteers who can occasionally provide transportation to our Sunday late service for one of our church members who is lives 5 minutes away. Please contact the church office if you're able to assist.

ARE YOU READY? – School will be starting soon and so will *Sunday School*! Interested in helping? Do you enjoy sharing God's Word through Bible stories, crafting, music, or even games? Come join us for a *Sunday School* informational meeting **Wednesday, August 20th at 7pm** and help us get ready!

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 or Adele Travis (989-430-6011) know if you are willing to help.

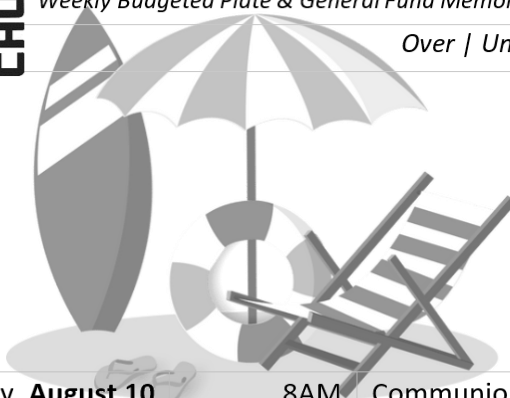


CHURCH CLERK'S REPORT

Weekly Services

Attendance

Thursday 07/31/25	7PM	15
Sunday 08/03/25	8AM	89
Online Attendees: 14	10:45AM	63
Wednesday Bible Class	07/30/25	13
Sunday Bible Class	08/03/25	27
<i>*Week of 07/31/25 total budgeted receipts</i>		\$15,043.95
YTD Contributions		\$58,529.95
YTD Budget		\$86,538.46
YTD Over Under		\$-28,008.51
Weekly Budgeted Plate & General Fund Memorials		\$17,307.69
Over Under		\$-2,263.74



Sunday, August 10 <i>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Communion Worship Service Bible Class Communion Worship Service
Monday, August 11	7PM	All Boards Meeting
Tuesday, August 12		
Wednesday, August 13	9:30AM 6:30PM	Bible Class with Pastor Travis <i>Family Fun Festival Meeting</i>
Thursday, August 14	10AM 7PM	Bible Class Worship Service
Friday, August 15		
Saturday, August 16		
Sunday, August 17 <i>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Worship Service Bible Class Worship Service



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