

# Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



**"There will be more  
JOY IN HEAVEN  
over one sinner who repents  
than over ninety-nine righteous persons  
who need no repentance."**

**—LUKE 15:7, ESV**

**Divine Service One Worship Service**  
**Thursday, September 11, 2025 @ 7PM**  
**Sunday, September 14, 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 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## As We Gather

God encourages us not to hide our hearts, that is, not to conceal any shameful act within the secret places of our consciences . . . If we lay open our hearts (that is, if we confess our sins), we will be pardoned by Him who regards not the outward appearance, as people do, but the innermost secrets of the heart. (Lanctantius, Divine Institutes 4.17)

## Opening Hymn

**"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"** (Stanzas 1-4)..... Hymn 611



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His  
 2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the  
 3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the  
 4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,  
 heav'n's a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,  
 wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,  
 all to me; All my wants to Him are known,



Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is  
 Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—  
 Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to the  
 All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.  
 won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.  
 walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.  
 hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.



# Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

## Invocation

*The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Matthew 28.19b; [18:20]*

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*1 John 1:8-9*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*[John 20:19-23]*



# Service of the Word

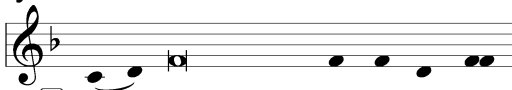
## Introit



- P** You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;\*  
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for- | ever!
- C** O LORD my God, I cried to | you for help,\*  
and you have | healed me.
- P** O LORD, you have brought up my soul | from Sheol;\*  
you restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.
- C** Sing praises to the LORD, O | you his saints,\*  
and give thanks to his | holy name.
- P** For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a | lifetime.\*  
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.
- 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** You have turned for me my mourning into | dancing;\*  
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for- | ever!

*Ps. 30:2-5; antiphon: Ps. 30:11a, 12b*

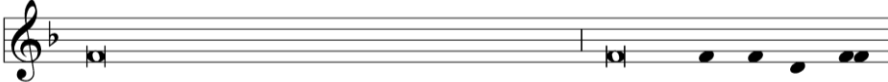
## Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



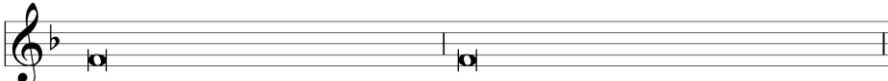
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

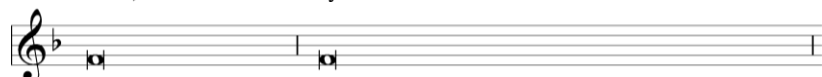


and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

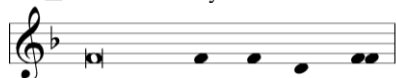




**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



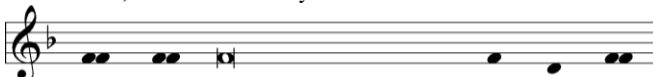
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



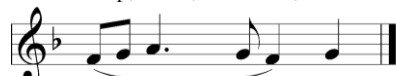
let us pray to the Lord.



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

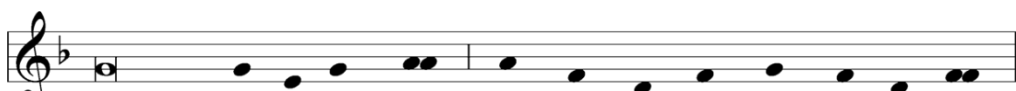


**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

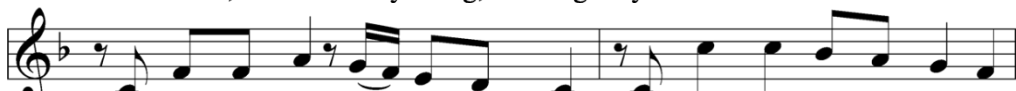
## Gloria In Excelsis



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



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



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



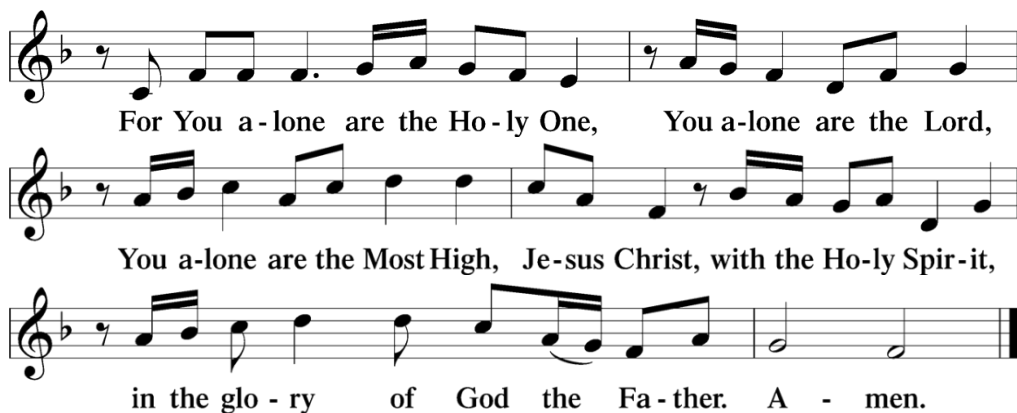
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You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.





## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father 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 Apostles' Creed: Explanation of the Second Article*

I believe that Jesus Christ, ... has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death,

that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

## Readings from Holy Scripture

### Old Testament Reading

**Ezekiel 34:11–24**

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them



out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

<sup>17</sup>“As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. <sup>18</sup>Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? <sup>19</sup>And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

<sup>20</sup>“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

**P** Fear the LORD, you his saints,

**C** for those who fear him lack nothing!

**P** Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

**C** but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Ps. 34: 9, 19

## Epistle Reading

## 1 Timothy 1:12–17

<sup>12</sup>I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup>though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.



Stand

## Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia. It consists of two staves. The top staff is a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The bottom staff is a bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style. The lyrics are written below the staves, with the first line of the top staff corresponding to the first line of the bottom staff, and the second line of the top staff corresponding to the second line of the bottom staff.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter

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

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

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

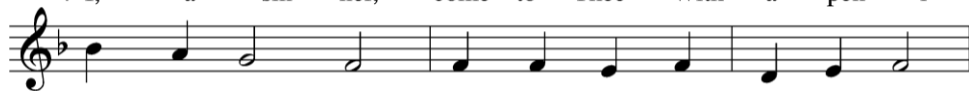
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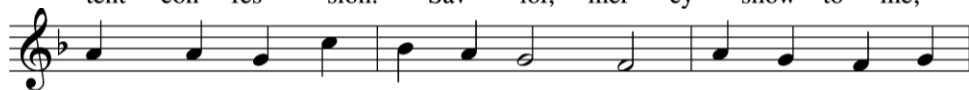
**"Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"** ..... Hymn 609



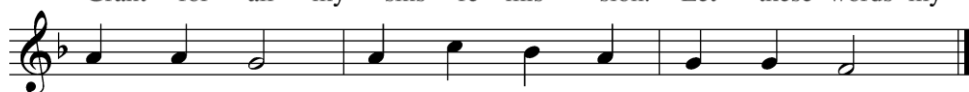
1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich  
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd  
 4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
 e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way  
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for  
 Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these  
 Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that  
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know:  
 Were as scarlet my transgression,  
 It shall be as white as snow  
 By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
 For these words I now believe:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace;  
 From the Law I stand acquitted.  
 Christ hath purchased my release  
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
 Also I have been forgiven;  
 And when I this earth must leave,  
 I shall find an open heaven.  
 Dying, still to Him I cleave:  
 Jesus sinners doth receive.



**Sermon**  
**“Whom Does Jesus Seek?”**  
**Luke 15:1–10**

*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.

**Prayer of the Church** | *(You may be seated if necessary.)*

*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



Offertory

### "What Shall I Render"

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.



# Service of the Sacrament

(Please see our Communion Statement in the announcements on Page 17.)

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## Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



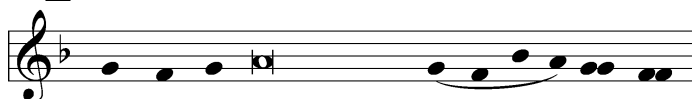
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



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



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

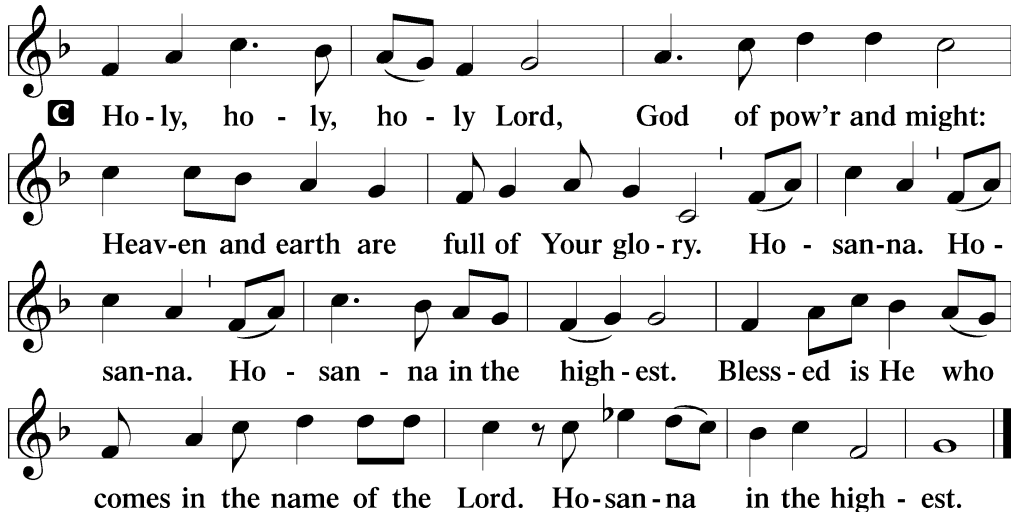


**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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 pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Lord's Prayer

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

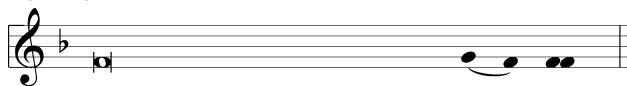


## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  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 al - ways.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*



*Distribution Hymn*

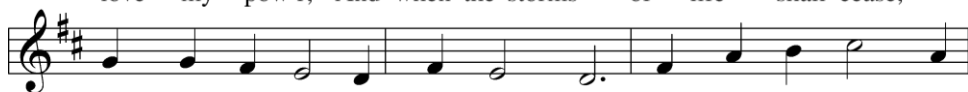
**"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" .....** Hymn 683



1 Je - sus, Thy bound - less love to me No thought can reach, no  
 2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul May dwell, but Thy pure  
 3 This love un - wea - ried I pur - sue And daunt - less - ly to  
 4 In suf - f'ring be Thy love my peace, In weak - ness be Thy



tongue de - clare; U - nite my thank - ful heart to Thee,  
 love a - lone; Oh, may Thy love pos - sess me whole,  
 Thee as - pire. Oh, may Thy love my hope re - new,  
 love my pow'r; And when the storms of life shall cease,



And reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly, Thine a -  
 My joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my  
 Burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire! And day and night, be  
 O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour, Be Thou my rod and



lone I am; Be Thou a - lone my con - stant flame.  
 heart re - move; My ev - 'ry act, word, thought be love.  
 all my care To guard this sa - cred trea - sure there.  
 staff and guide, And draw me safe - ly to Thy side!

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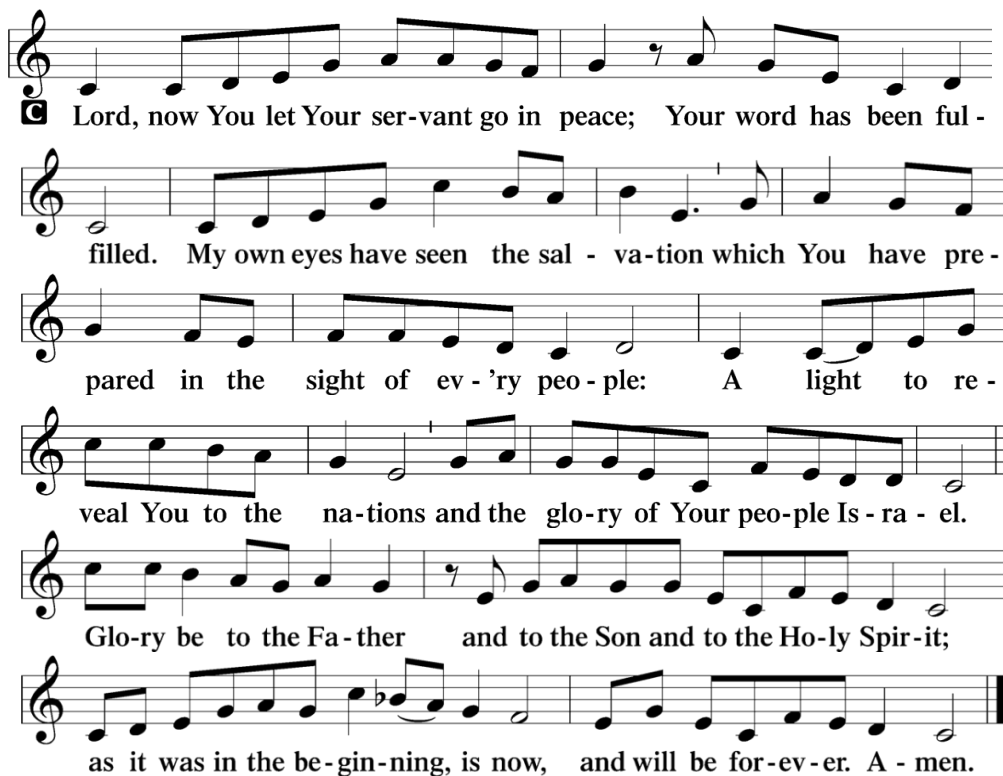
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*Stand*



*Post-Communion Canticle*

**Nunc Dimittis**



Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it; as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

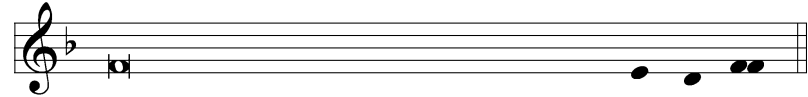
**Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.



Benediction



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

Closing Hymn

“Chief of Sinners Though I Be” (stanza 5) ..... Hymn 611

5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it  
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,  
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of  
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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+ Silent Prayer +

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THE PREACHER & THE LITURGIST ..... Rev. Martin P. Measel  
THE ORGANIST | ELDER ON DUTY (Thursday) ..... Ann Barz | Rich Wandel  
THE ORGANIST ..... Mark Steffens  
ELDER(S) ON DUTY (8AM | 10:45AM) ... Andy Copi, Andrew Gerken | Jeff Oeseburg, Phil Cole  
ALTAR GUILD ..... Ginny Jennings, Cheryl Knuth  
USHERS (8AM) ..... Mike Smith, Sr., Captain, Bob Brunke, Chuck Schwanger  
..... Dave Radtke, Tom Watson  
USHERS (10:45AM) ..... Jeff Oeseburg, Captain, Isaiah Webb, Jacob Webb

**Luke 15:2 – “And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, ‘This man receives sinners and eats with them.’”** Thanks be to God: Jesus receives us sinners! What the Pharisees can’t understand, we praise with all our being. We give thanks for the grace of God, and we live by that grace. The more of it we receive, the more we will want to conform ourselves to the image of our generous and gracious Lord. Knowing the Lord and trusting Him come first, and the desire to imitate Him can’t help but follow.

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

## Family or friends who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

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

## Missionaries

Erin Mackenzie in Latin America and Jason & Emily Groth in Belize.

## PRAYING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Chris Terry Family  
Len & Faith Timm  
Joyce Totzke

Rev. Howard & Adele Travis  
Tom & Laurie Ulmer  
Ron & Karen Vandermeer



## Church News!

**You are the Good Shepherd, Lord — you lead, protect, and restore (Psalm 23). As I enter worship, guide my heart back to your peace.**

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 Karen Bock.***

*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](http://www.wsjmsports.com) and clicking on *listen live*.

### *Radio Broadcast*

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

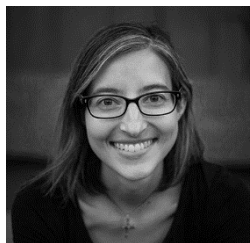
This broadcast is dedicated to the glory of God,

***In honor of Mark Steffens' 40 years as Music Director for Christ Lutheran Church.***

*Given by Mary Spaulding.*

## **THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.**

*We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:*



Erin Mackenzie (St. Louis, MO) serves the Lord through the LCMS as a missionary in the Latin America and Caribbean region, based in the Dominican Republic. As the regional volunteer coordinator, she connects LCMS members with the day-to-day activities of foreign missionaries and local leaders, with the goal of educating and inspiring them to become advocates, long-term supporters and servants in their own churches and communities.

When volunteers serve on-field anywhere from one week to six months — always at the invitation of missionaries and partner church leaders — Erin is involved in every step of the process. Through this work, she seeks collaboration where possible and desires to equip all LCMS volunteers for effective service. In addition, Erin has participated in several short-term mission teams within the Latin America region. Erin's hobbies include reading, running, playing Scrabble and trying new recipes.

**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!** – Continuing 1 Corinthians with Pastor Travis on Wednesdays @ **9:30am**. This course concludes September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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! Look for a sign-up sheet in the commons area. Hope to see you there! God bless.

**CHRISTUS CHOIR BEGINS NEW SEASON** – “It is good to ...sing praises to Your name, O most High” the psalmist enjoins us all. *Christus Choir*, the senior choir of Christ Lutheran Church will begin its new season on **Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** in the choir room. Bring your body, mind, spirit and voice to the rehearsal hall. “Delay not, delay not o singers draw near!”

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

**CAR HOP AT TRINITY GLENDORA - Sunday, September 21 from 5 -7 pm**. The menu will be burgers, chips, watermelon, root beer float. Suggested donation is \$8.00 per meal. This is a fundraiser for our youth group.

**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](mailto:clcoffice@christstevensville.com) with your event (garage sale, etc.) details. Thank you!

**ADULTS DINE OUT** – An Adults Dine Out will be held on **Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm** at D'Agostino's Navajo in Bridgman. Make sure to sign-up on the sheet in the commons area. Thanks!

**PASTOR APPRECIATION BRUNCH** – Join us in between services, **Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>** as we celebrate Pastor Measel with food and fellowship!

**BERRIEN RESA PLAY GROUP – September 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10AM** Berrien RESA Playgroups are **FREE** literacy-based events for families with children birth - 5 years of age. Each month, a new children's book is featured as well as hands-on family fun learning activities, including. Christ Lutheran will be hosting the playgroup typically the third Wednesday of the month.

**[www.christ-luth.blogspot.com](http://www.christ-luth.blogspot.com)** – Looking for a bulletin from a month ago? Archived Christ Times? Or unable to find our online streaming service?! Check out our blogspot as it has a wealth of information!





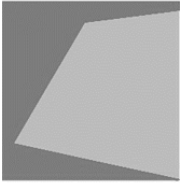
**K-4TH STUDENTS**  
Sunday School is BACK and

**YOU'RE invited!**

Classes begin **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st**  
from 9:30 to 10:30AM  
in Mrs. Steffens' classroom.

Don't forget to pick-up your Children's  
Bulletins in your church mailbox.





# CHURCH CLERK'S REPORT

## Weekly Services

## Attendance

Thursday 09/04/25	7PM	19
Sunday 09/07/25	8AM	71
Online Attendees: 16	10:45AM	102
Wednesday Bible Class	09/03/25	11
Thursday Bible Class	09/04/25	17
Sunday Bible Class	09/07/25	19
*Week of 09/07/25 total budgeted receipts		\$13,720.00
YTD Contributions		\$177,268.95
YTD Budget		\$173,076.92
YTD Over   Under		\$4,192.03
Weekly Budgeted Plate & General Fund Memorials		\$17,307.69
Over   Under		\$-3,587.69



Sunday, Sept 14 <i>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8AM → 9:15AM → 10:45AM	Communion Worship Service <b>Voters' Meeting</b> ← ← Communion Worship Service
Monday, Sept 15		
Tuesday, Sept 16		
Wednesday, Sept 17	9:30AM 6-8pm 7-8pm	<b>Bible Class with Pastor Travis</b> <i>Ladies League Potluck &amp; Meeting</i> Lutheranism 101 Class
Thursday, Sept 18	10AM 7PM	<b>Bible Class</b> <b>*MATINS*</b> Worship Service
Friday, Sept 19		
Saturday, Sept 20		
Sunday, Sept 21 <i>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	<b>Contemporary</b> Worship Service <b>Bible Class</b> <b>*MATINS*</b> Worship Service





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