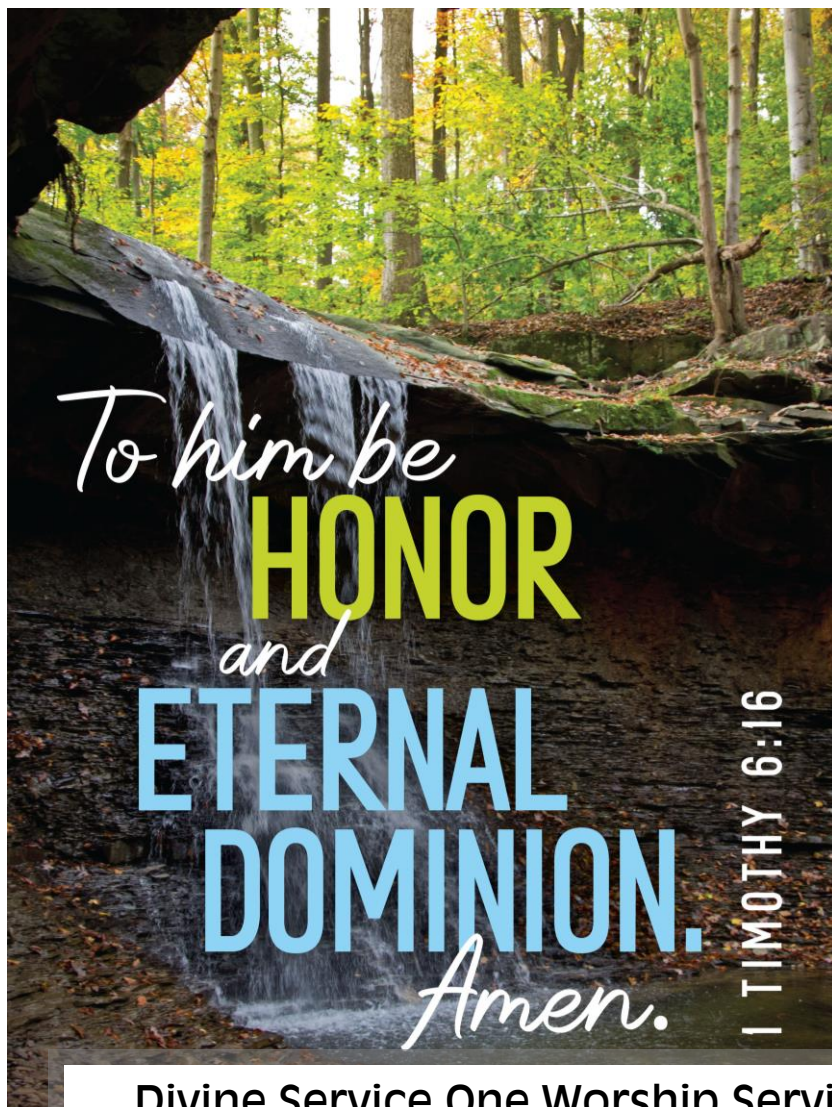


Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



Divine Service One Worship Service
Thursday, September 25, 2025 @ 7PM
Sunday, September 28, 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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

As We Gather

That the entire world is not a mass of flames, that all towns and villages are not lying in a heap of ruins, we owe to the working and doing of the good angels. They are far more sensible and wise than the evil angels, because they have a mirror in which they look, a mirror the devil does not have. It is called facies Patris, the face of our Lord God. This is why one good angel is far wiser than all the devils put together. The good angels are much mightier too; for they stand in the presence of Him Whose name is Omnipotens, the Almighty. (Martin Luther, Sermon preached on St. Michael's Day at the Feste Coburg during the critical days of the Diet of Augsburg, 1530)

Opening Hymn

"Entrust Your Days and Burdens" (Stanzas 1-5)..... Hymn 754



1 En - trust your days and bur - dens To God's most lov - ing
 2 Re - ly on God your Sav - ior And find your life se -
 3 Take heart, have hope, my spir - it, And do not be dis -
 4 Leave all to His di - rec - tion; His wis - dom rules for
 5 O bless - ed heir of heav - en, You'll hear the song re -

hand; He cares for you while rul - ing The
 cure. Make His work your foun - da - tion That
 mayed; God helps in ev - 'ry tri - al And
 you In ways to rouse your won - der At
 sound Of end - less ju - bi - la - tion When

sky, the sea, the land. For He who guides the
 your work may en - dure. No anx - ious thought, no
 makes you un - a - fraid. A - wait His time with
 all His love can do. Soon He, His prom - ise
 you with life are crowned. In your right hand your

tem - pests A - long their thun - d'rous ways Will
 wor - ry, No self - tor - ment - ing care Can
 pa - tience Through dark - est hours of night Un -
 keep - ing, With won - der - work - ing pow'rs Will
 mak - er Will place the vic - tor's palm, And



find for you a path - way And guide you all your days.
win your Fa - ther's fa - vor; His heart is moved by prayer.
til the sun you hoped for De - lights your ea - ger sight.
ban - ish from your spir - it What gave you trou - bled hours.
you will thank Him glad - ly With heav - en's joy - ful psalm.

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Confession and Absolution

Stand

Invocation

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

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

C Amen.

Matthew 28.19b; [18:20]

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

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

1 John 1:8-9

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

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

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

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

C Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

Service of the Word

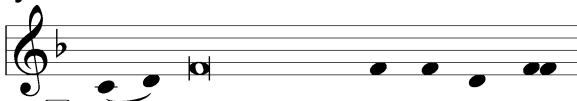
Introit



- P** Let your steadfast love | comfort me*
According to your promise to your | servant.
- C** **Your hands have made and | fashioned me; ***
Give me understanding that I may learn your com- | mandments.
- P** Those who fear you shall see me | and rejoice,*
Because I have hoped | in your word.
- C** **I know, O Lord, that your just decrees are | righteous,***
And that in faithfulness you have af- | flicted me.
- P** Let your mercy come to me, that | I may live;*
For your law is | my delight.
- 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** Let your steadfast love | comfort me*
According to your promise to your | servant.

Ps. 119:73-75, 77; antiphon: Ps. 119:76

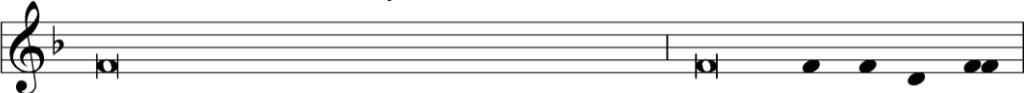
Kyrie



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.



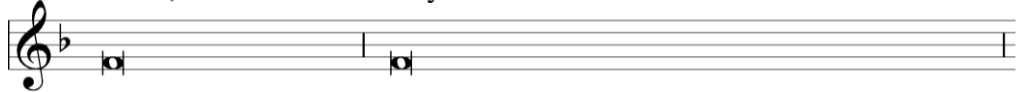
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



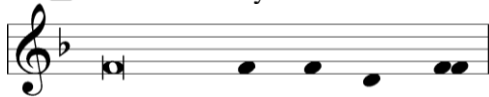
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



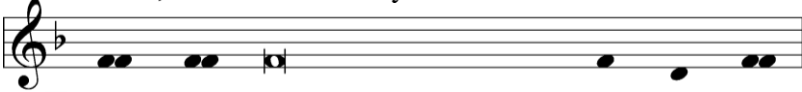
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



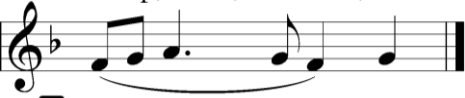
let us pray to the Lord.



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:

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.

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation

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

Collect of the Day

- P** Let us pray. You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please you in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Sit

Reading from the Book of Concord

An explanation of what we believe as Lutherans

*Luther's Small Catechism
 The Eighth Commandment*

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Amos 6:1-7

¹“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,

and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,
the notable men of the first of the nations,
to whom the house of Israel comes!

²Pass over to Calneh, and see,
and from there go to Hamath the great;
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.

Are you better than these kingdoms?
Or is their territory greater than your territory,

³O you who put far away the day of disaster
and bring near the seat of violence?

⁴“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and stretch themselves out on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the midst of the stall,

⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,

⁶who drink wine in bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

⁷Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,
and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

P He will command his angels concerning you

C to guard you in all your ways

P Bless the Lord, O my soul

C and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Ps. 91:11; 103:1

Epistle Reading

1 Timothy 6:6–19

⁶Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

¹¹But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach

until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Luke 16:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16th chapter

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹“There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

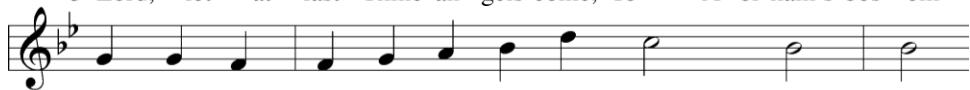
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

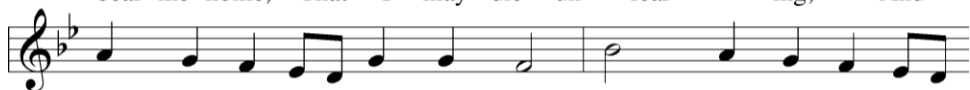
"Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart" Hymn 708



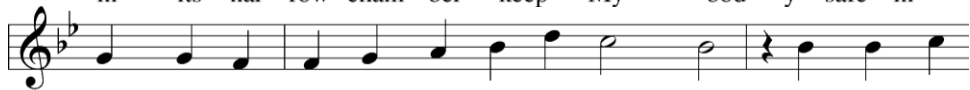
1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart; I pray Thee, ne'er from
 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich boun-ty gave My bod - y, soul, and
 3 Lord, let at last Thine an - gels come, To A - br'ham's bos - om



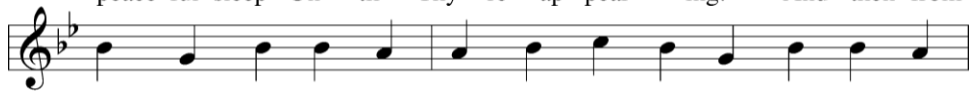
me de - part, With ten - der mer - cy cheer me. Earth
 all I have In this poor life of la - bor. Lord,
 bear me home, That I may die un - fear - ing; And



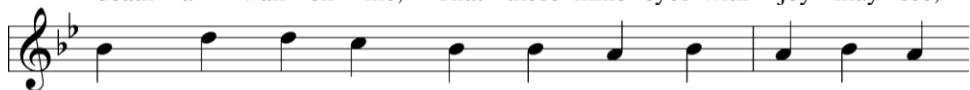
has no plea - sure I would share. Yea, heav'n it - self were
 grant that I in ev - 'ry place glo - ri - fy Thy
 in its nar - row cham - ber keep My bod - y safe in



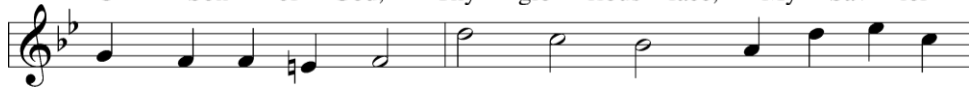
void and bare If Thou, Lord, wert not near me. And should my
 lav - ish grace And help and serve my neigh - bor. Let no false
 peace-ful sleep Un - til Thy re - ap - pear - ing. And then from



heart for sor - row break, My trust in Thee can noth - ing shake.
 doc - trine me be - guile; Let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.
 death a - wak - en me, That these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; Thy pre - cious
 Give strength and pa - tience un - to me To bear my
 O Son of God, Thy glo - rious face, My Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
 cross and fol - low Thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and
 and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at -



Lord, my God and Lord, For - sake me not! I trust Thy Word.
 Lord, my God and Lord, In death Thy com - fort still af - ford.
 tend, my prayer at - tend, And I will praise Thee with - out end.

Thursday Sermon
Pastor Measel
"There Was a Rich Man."
Luke 16:19-31

Sunday Sermon
Pastor Quardokus
"A Glimpse Into Eternity"
Luke 16:19-31

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.**

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

Gathering of Our Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings

*There will be no passing of the offering plates.
Please place your offering in the plates in the narthex.*



Offertory

"What Shall I Render"

C 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 16.)

Stand

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



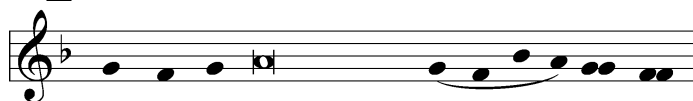
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



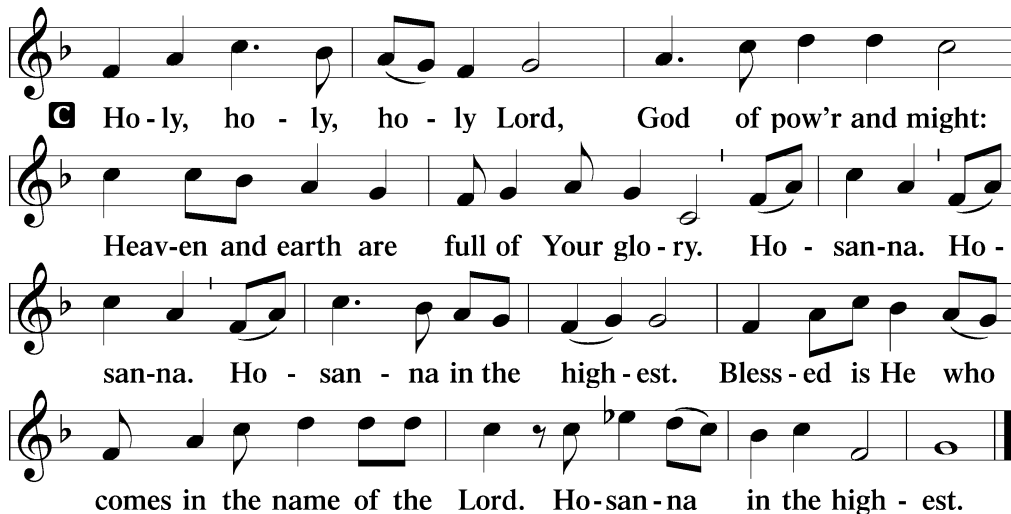
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, 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

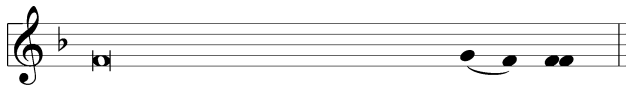
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the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

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

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



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



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



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

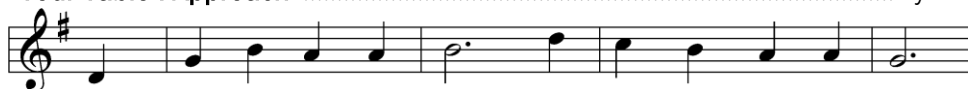


sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution Hymn

"Your Table I Approach" Hymn 628



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
 2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
 3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
 4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
 A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
 Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
 God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,
 That earth and hell combined
 May not about this sacrament
 Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail
 To thank You day and night
 For Your true body and true blood,
 O God, my peace and light.

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Stand

Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy

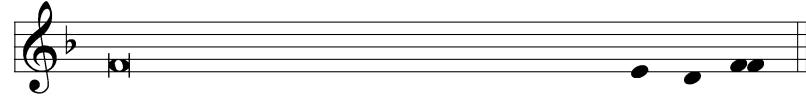


with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.


Post-Communion Collect

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

Benediction




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



C A - men.

Closing Hymn
“Entrust Your Days and Burdens” (stanza 6) Hymn 754



6 Our hands and feet, Lord, strength - en; With joy our spir - its
bless Un - til we see the end - ing Of
all our life's dis - tress. And so through - out our
life - time Keep us with - in Your care And
at our end then bring us To heav'n to praise You there.

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+ Silent Prayer +

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USHERS (8AM) Mike Smith, Sr., Captain, Bob Brunke, Chuck Schwanger
..... Dave Radtke, Tom Watson
USHERS (10:45AM) Jeff Oeseburg, Captain, Isaiah Webb, Jacob Webb

Amos 6:1a – “Woe to those who are at ease in Zion.” The Book of Amos is a warning to God’s people who have been given great material wealth. As Jesus Himself mentions, material blessings can turn into temptations – chiefly the temptation to think of ourselves as self-sufficient and independent. What does Amos suggest as a way to combat this temptation? First, faith in the Lord and dependence upon Him! And if our faith is right, we will want to follow the rest of Amos’ instructions – to bless the poor with our alms and to make sure the Lord’s House is properly cared for. In other words, we are called to align our actions with God’s priorities and put others ahead of ourselves.

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	Nancy Duke
Andrea Nystuen	Ellen Machemer	Norma Priebe
Barbara Maul	Faith Timm	Ralph Dinges
Barb Rodgers	Ferny Rantz	Rich Wandel
Connie Schwanger	Ginny Drews	Susan Jackemeyer
Dave Knuth	Joseph Klupp	Ted Froelich
Don Hutter	Klaus Nixdorf	

Family or friends who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

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

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

Missionaries

Vicar Jesse Liebmann in Romania and Jason & Emily Groth in Belize.

PRAYING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Neil & Angie Webb Family
Leni Weisser
Andrew Weisser Family

Joy Westerfield
David & Cindy White
David Williams

Church News!

Come as you are — weary or joyful, hopeful or unsure. Here, in God's house, we are met with grace. May worship today draw us closer to the heart of Jesus and the peace of God's presence. If you are visiting, please sign our guest book located on the *welcome* center desk.

FLOWER CHART – You have the opportunity to sponsor altar flowers by adding your name to the flower chart located in the commons. Consider honoring a family member or special occasion by sponsoring Sunday altar flowers (\$40). After church services, the bouquet is delivered to a shut-in members or individuals on our prayer list.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are dedicated to the glory of God,

In loving memory of our wife and our mother, Lee Yeske.

Given by The Yeske Family.

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.

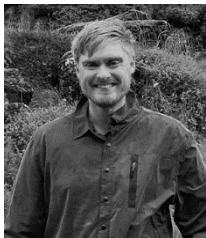
This broadcast is dedicated to the glory of God,

In loving memory of Earl Quardokus.

Given by Pastor & Val Quardokus.

THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.

We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:



Vicar Jesse Liebmann (Eureka, MO) serves the Lord through the LCMS in Braşov, Romania. As a vicar on the international mission field, Jesse assists in ongoing evangelism and outreach activities; helps provide pastoral care; and is active in many aspects of congregational life, such as visitation, catechesis, preaching, liturgy, music and the mentorship of lay leadership. Jesse also focuses on reaching out to the Ukrainian refugee community using his Russian language skills.

Prior to serving in Romania, Jesse worked in a variety of jobs, including as a substitute teacher, summer camp counselor, salesman and waiter. He has taken several short-term mission trips with his congregation to Guatemala and a Navajo reservation in the U.S., and he spent a summer studying Russian language, culture and history in Moscow, Russia. In his spare time, Jesse enjoys following the St. Louis Cardinals, studying history and singing. Pray for the people that Jesse meets, especially the Ukrainian refugees in Braşov, that their hearts would be open to hearing the message of Jesus Christ. Give thanks to God that Jesse is serving God's children 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!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL TOPIC THIS WEEK [Lesson 2] – Today, we will study “The Fall and a Promise.” The slithery serpent caused Eve to doubt God’s Word with one simple question: “Did God actually say...” (Genesis 3:1). Seeking to gain wisdom, Eve and Adam rebel against their Creator. Suddenly aware of their condition before God, they vainly attempt to hide their sinful exposure. With sin comes punishment that is just; yet our heavenly Father does not leave humankind without hope. Instead, He promises One who will come to rescue His people from the jaws of death and Satan. As a family, discuss the importance of God’s promise of the Savior.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS WITH PASTOR QUARDOKUS - Pastor Quardokus hosts a **Bible study** about the *Book of Ephesians* on **Thursdays at 10AM.**

MIDWEEK BIBLE CLASS UPDATE – Join Pastor Measel for midweek bible classes on **Tuesdays at 7pm** and **Wednesday at 9:30am.**

LUTHERANISM 101 CLASS – It’s not too late to join our class! Pastor Measel just started a new class this Fall, **Wednesdays at 7:00pm.** Let him know if you’re interested. All are welcome!

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!



PASTOR APPRECIATION BRUNCH – Future date to be determined. We apologize for the inconvenience.

CHRIST LUTHERAN WALK-A-THON – Christ Lutheran School’s Parent Teacher League is working hard organizing Christ Lutheran's first ever. All proceeds from this event are going toward building an outdoor classroom. Several area businesses have been contacted and many are already showing their support for CLS! This is a fellowship event and all congregants are invited to watch our students walking! Coffee, water and cookies will be provided, but make sure to bring your own chair(s). Hope to see you there!

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHAPEL OFFERING *STUFF-A-TRUCK* – From now through the end of November, all chapel offerings will go to support *Stuff-A-Truck*. All donations stay in Berrien County to help local families in need. *Stuff-A-Truck* is in need of both food and personal care items. Any monetary donations will be used to purchase needed supplies. Thank you for your support!

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!



PTL WALK-A-THON

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

Christ Lutheran School is hosting its first **Walk-A-Thon** fundraiser to raise funds for our outdoor classroom and we need your support! We are the only school locally offering outdoor education and nature-based curriculum and a new structure is needed to further develop that program for our students.

All of our students will be participating in the **Walk-A-Thon** on October 10, 2025. How can you help? By sponsoring a student, class or the entire school with a donation to help us achieve our goal of \$10,000!

Students will be completing laps around our campus, by either walking, running, or jogging- depending on their

class. Please prayerfully consider sponsoring a student, class or our school to help us reach our goal. All donations can be given online or with a cash/check. We invite all families and congregation members to join us for this event and cheer on our students as they participate in the Walk-a- Thon. We thank you for supporting Christ Lutheran School!

Blessings,
Neil Webb, *Principal*

THE BASICS

- Goal is \$10,000
- Sponsor a Student / Class / School
- Have each sponsor fill out the provided form

RECEIPTS

- Church Member contributions will be added to their church donation statement
- Non-Members and Corporate Sponsors receipts will be mailed out after the event

Please return the sponsor information portion with donations in the envelope provided by October 10th

Thank you for helping our School!

Please make your check payable to **Christ Lutheran School.**

Sponsor Information Form

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____ ZIP: _____

Donation Amount: \$ _____ Type (Online, cash or check): _____

I am sponsoring (Student name, class or all) : _____





MEMORY VERSE

*But now,
O Lord, you
are our Father;
we are the clay,
and you are our
potter; we are all
the work of your hand.*

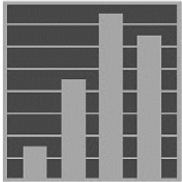
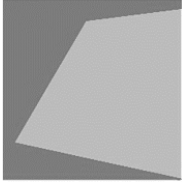
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Pastor Appreciation Brunch

POSTPONED



CHURCH CLERK'S REPORT

Weekly Services

Attendance

Thursday 09/18/25	7PM	22
Sunday 09/21/25	8AM	93
Online Attendees: 26		10:45AM 95
Wednesday Bible Class	09/17/25	11
Thursday Bible Class	09/18/25	20
Sunday Bible Class	9/21/25	31
<i>*Week of 09/21/25 total budgeted receipts</i>		\$8,139.00
YTD Contributions		\$201,497.95
YTD Budget		\$207,692.31
YTD Over Under		\$-6,194.36
Weekly Budgeted Plate & General Fund Memorials		\$17,307.69
Over Under		\$-9,168.69



Sunday, Sept 28 <i>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i> HAPPY BIRTHDAY <i>Pastor Meisel!</i>	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Communion Worship Service Bible Class Communion Worship Service
Monday, Sept 29		
Tuesday, Sept 30	7PM	Bible Class
Wednesday, Oct 1	9:30AM 7-8pm	Bible Class Lutheranism 101 Class
Thursday, Oct 2	10AM 6:30PM 7PM	Bible Class Choir Practice Worship Service
Friday, Oct 3		
Saturday, Oct 4		
Sunday, Oct 5 <i>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Worship Service Bible Class Contemporary Worship Service



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