Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



Divine Service One Worship Service
Thursday, October 2, 2025 @ 7PM
Sunday, October 5, 2025 @ 8AM
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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

As We Gather

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has affirmed each woman's identity as a child of God and her relationship with Jesus Christ. Lutheran Women in Mission are encouraged and equipped to live out their lives in active mission ministries and to support missions around the world through their sacrificial gifts of Mite Box offerings and tireless service. As God's children, we rest in the assurance that He loves us and sent His Son to redeem us. God is our rock and salvation. That firm foundation enables us to reach out into a changing world in need of the Gospel.

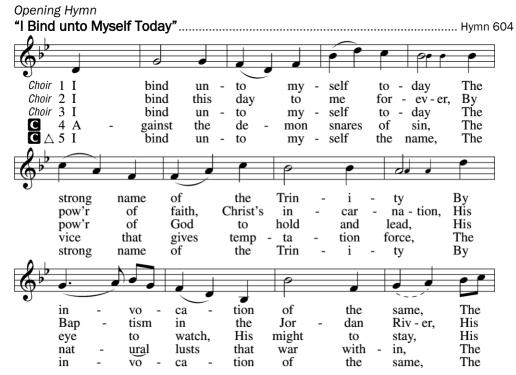
Prelude

We will praise You, Lord and Father,

maker, giver, and adore with joy for everlasting.

We will sing and be glad in You.

Alleluia, alleluia. We will praise You, Alleluia.





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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.

G Amen. Matthew 28.19b; [18:20]

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

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.
- 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.
- 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 Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

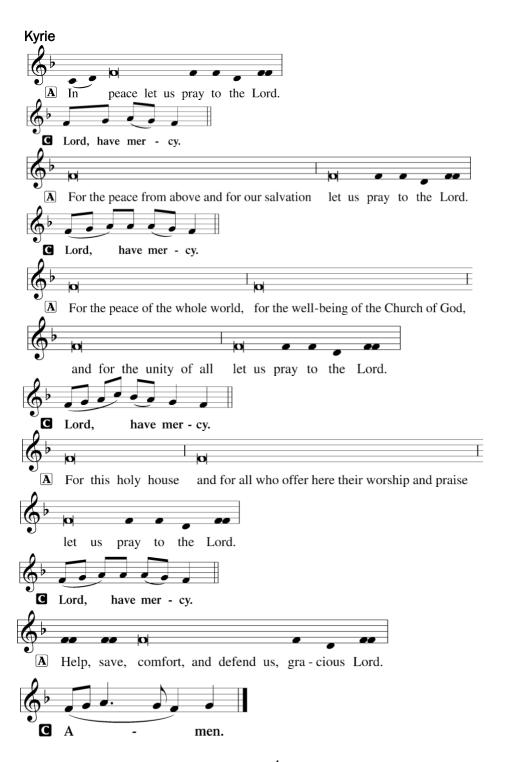
Service of the Word

Introit



- P I hope for your salvation, | O LORD,* and I do your com- | mandments.
- I rejoice | at your word* like one who | finds great spoil.
- P Seven times a day I | praise you* for your just and righ- | teous decrees.
- Great peace have those who | love your law;* nothing can make them | stumble.
- P My soul keeps your testi- | monies;*
 I love them ex- | ceedingly.
- 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.
- I hope for your salvation, | O LORD,*
 and I do your com- | mandments.

Psalm 119:162, 164-165, 167; antiphon: v. 166





Salutation

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

Collect of the Day

- P Let us pray. Almighty God, our sure hope and salvation, grant us rest in Your love and grace. You are our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Teach us by Your Spirit to trust in You alone and not to make flesh our strength, that we may look to You alone for our salvation, 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 Lutheran

Luther's Small Catechism The Ninth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear?

Or cry to you "Violence!"

and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong?

Destruction and violence are before me;

strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth.

For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

²And the LORD answered me:

"Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.

³For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie.

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If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.

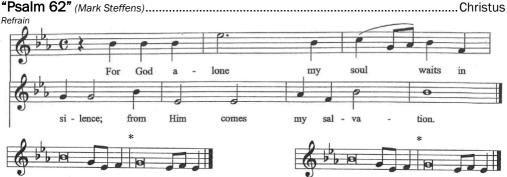
- ⁴"Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith."
- **P** This is the word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Gradual | Thursday

- 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!

Psalm 91:11; 103:1





He only is my rock and my salvation, my | fortress;*
I shall not be greatly | shaken.

How long will all of you attack a man to | batter him,* like a leaning wall, a | tottering fence?

They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in | falsehood.*

They bless with their mouths, but inwardly | they curse.

Refrain Refrain

For God alone, O my soul, wait in | silence,* for my hope is | from him.

He only is my rock and my salvation, my | fortress;*
I shall not be | shaken.

On God rests my salvation and my | glory;*
my mighty rock, my refuge | is God.
Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart be- | fore him;*
God is a refuge | for us.

Refrain

Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a de- | lusion;* in the balances they go up; they are together lighter | than a breath.

Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on | robbery;*

if riches increase, set not your | heart on them Once God has spoken; twice have I | heard this:* that power belongs to God, and that to you, O Lord, belongs | steadfast love. For you will render | to a man*

according | to his work.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*

Refrain

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Epistle Lesson

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

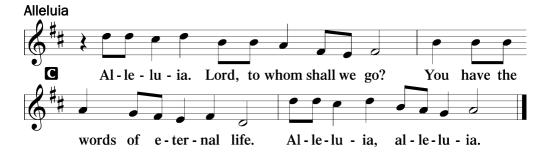
³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

P This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel Luke 17:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

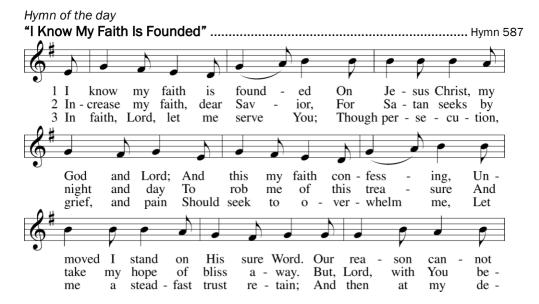
⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

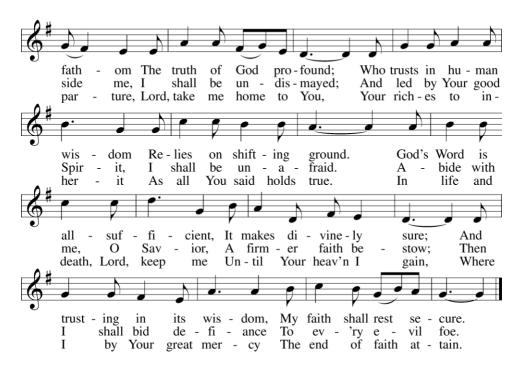
⁷"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit





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Sermon

"Guarding the Deposit"

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

The LWML Pledge

- P Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever (Hebrews 13:8).
- In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have;
- **P** God has entrusted to His people the task of teaching all nations. We thank Him for the 80 years He has blessed the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.
- and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us.
- **P** That the joyous truth of the Gospel may be known in every generation;
- We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life,
- **P** We are mindful of the shortness of time and uncertainties of life. Preserve our faithfulness and strengthen us for service in our communities and throughout the world.
- to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen!

Sit

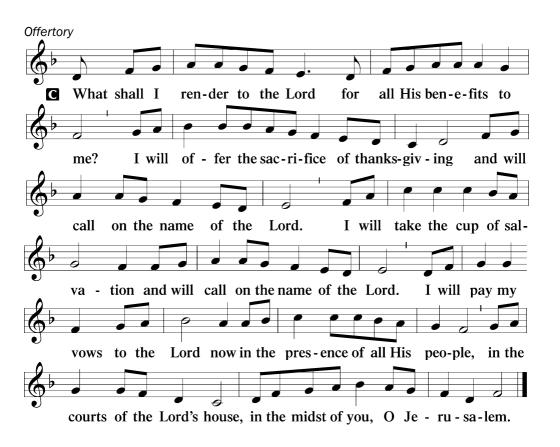
Gathering of Our Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings

There will be no passing of the offering plates.

Please place your offering in the plates in the narthex.

Scan the QR code to set-up automatic giving.





Prayer of the Church | You may be seated if necessary

Lord's Prayer

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.

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** Amen



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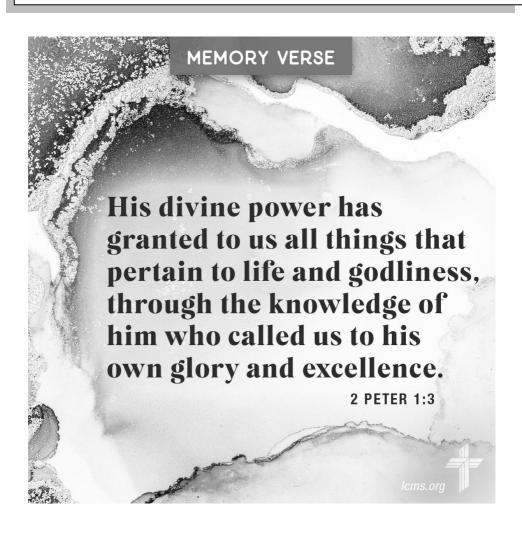
+ Silent Prayer +

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THE ORGANIST	Mark Steffens
THE CHOIR	Christus
ELDER(S) ON DUTY	Andrew Gerken
ALTAR GUILD	.Shannon Reinschreiber, Karen Ziebart
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Luke 17:10 – "So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty." We can never put God in our debt. Even if we lived in perfect compliance with the Law, we would still only be unworthy servants. Our giving to the Lord's work in the Church is a sign that we recognize our role as servants. Furthermore, we give because we recognize our own need for that work of the Lord in the Church. And what a blessing it is to give to the Church so that the ministry of His Word and Sacraments may reach all in community.



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 Barb Glinka & Rose Reinschreiber. Given by Mike & Shannon Reinschreiber.

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 was recorded last Sunday and will air today.
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:



Ashley Lehr (Appleton, WI) serves the Lord through the LCMS in Puerto Rico, based in Mayaguez. As an outreach specialist, Ashley connects, equips and organizes local and international volunteers for service to Christ both on and off the island of Puerto Rico. These relationships of service and love create opportunities for sharing the Good News of Jesus in word and deed, as well as for forming a church body that is known for serving its communities. She also

works to assist local communities by connecting them to fellowship, education and mercy activities and events. In addition, Ashley participated in two short-term mission trips to Haiti (2014) and Guatemala (2018). Her hobbies include bullet journaling, watching movies, playing cards and board games, and spending time with family and friends. Pray for Ashley to bring the Good News to people who are desperate for words of hope. Pray for God's guidance and faithfulness in her endeavors. In addition, ask God to give her strength and endurance as she continues to learn Spanish. Let us give thanks to God that Ashley is serving His 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 3] — Widespread sin and corruption filled the earth, but "Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord" (Genesis 6:8). In today's lesson, "A New Beginning," students will learn how, following God's command, Noah and his family begin constructing a massive ark, with provisions for an extended journey. At the Lord's direction, each animal kind boards the ark, along with Noah and his family. The fountains of the deep open and rain falls for forty days, swallowing up every living thing. Through the flood, God keeps Noah's family safe and lands them on a mountain. Discuss the sign of the promise God gives us: the rainbow.

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 – Join us in between services on **Sunday, OCTOBER 19**TH as we celebrate Pastor Measel with food and fellowship!

CHRIST LUTHERAN WALK-A-THON – Christ Lutheran School's Parent Teacher League is working hard organizing Christ Lutheran's first ever. All proceeds are going toward building an outdoor classroom. 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 <u>: \$</u>	Type (Online, cash or check):	
I am sponsoring (Student name, class	s or all) :	



	Weekly Services		Attendance	
H	Thursday 09/25/2	5 7PI	M 19	
	Sunday 09/28/2	5 8A	м 98	
1	Online Attendees: 9	10:45A	M 77	
	Tuesday Bible Class	09/23/25	10	
	Wednesday Bible Class	09/24/25	19	
LERK'S	Thursday Bible Class	09/25/25	20	
	Sunday Bible Class	09/28/25	21	
	*Week of 09/28/25 total budgete	ed receipts	\$7,583.00	
YTD Contributions			\$209,080.95	
YTD Budget			\$225,000.00	
YTD Over Under			\$-15,919.05	
Weekly Budgeted Plate & General Fund Memorials			\$17,307.69	
Over Under			\$-9,724.69	



Lutheran Women

in Mission

Sunday, Oct 5	MA8	Worship Service
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	9:30AM	Bible Class
	10:45AM	Contemporary Worship Service
Monday, Oct 6		
Tuesday, Oct 7	7PM	Bible Class
Wednesday, Oct 8	9:30 CANCE	Bible Class
	7-8pm	Lutheranism 101 Class
Thursday, Oct 9	10AM	Bible Class
	6:30PM	Choir Practice
	7PM	Communion Worship Service
Friday, Oct 10	Christ Lutheran School Walk-A-Thon	
	[Half Day 11:40AM Dismissal]	
Saturday, Oct 11		
Sunday, Oct 12	8AM	Communion Worship Service
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	9:30AM	Bible Class
	10:45AM	Communion Worship Service



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