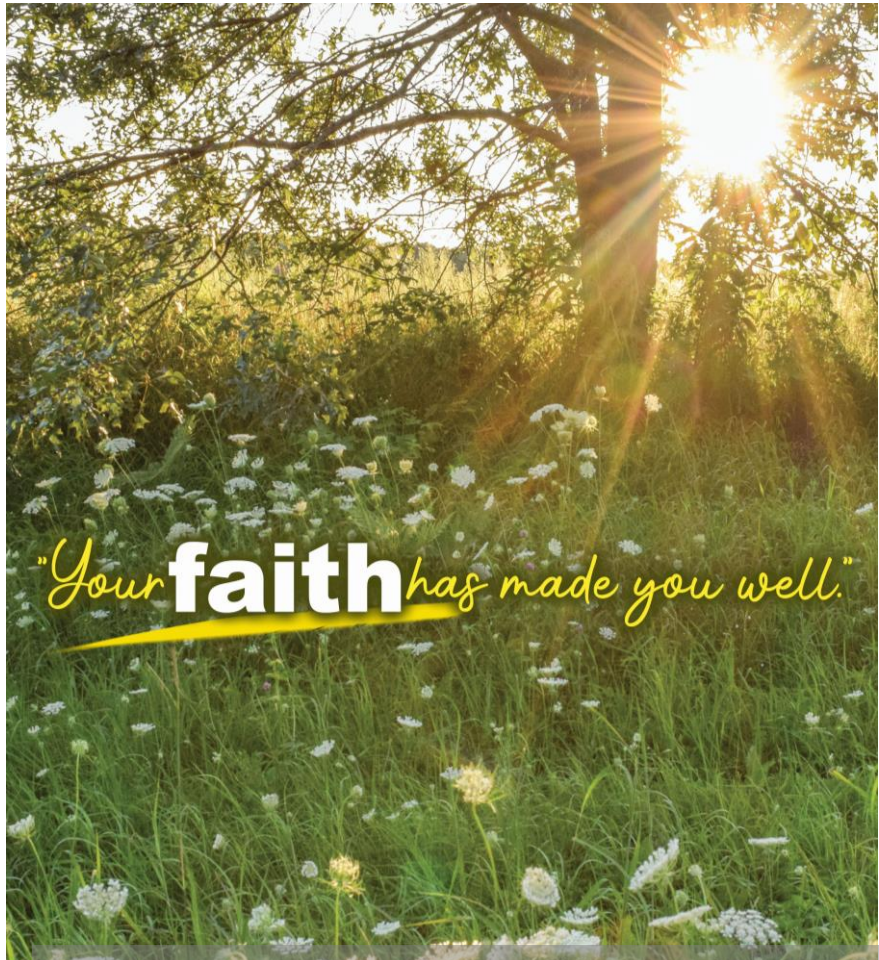


Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



"Your **faith** *has made you well."*

Divine Service One Worship Service

Thursday, October 09, 2025 @ 7PM

Sunday, October 12, 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 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

As We Gather

I am no longer amazed that heaven, earth, sea, and all that is in them were made by God for us because God Himself ordained to become a man for the sake of His human creatures. Truly, You cannot reject me and turn me away because You cannot deny that You Yourself are a man and therefore my brother (2 Timothy 2:13). You can never forget me because You have engraved me on the palms of Your hands (Isaiah 49:16). Christ's communion with humanity daily and continually makes You mindful of me. You cannot forsake me because You, by the closest bond of the personal union, ordained to join the human nature to Yourself. Therefore, no matter how much my sins hinder me from coming to You for mercy, the communion of the two natures in Christ will not allow me to be driven away. I will depend totally on You, the one who totally assumed my humanity. Amen (Johann Gerhard, Meditations on Divine Mercy, p.66)

Prelude

"Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord" (LSB 777) Christus

Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord;

Peace in our time, O send us!

For there is none on earth but You,

None other to defend us.

You only, Lord, can fight for us.

Amen.

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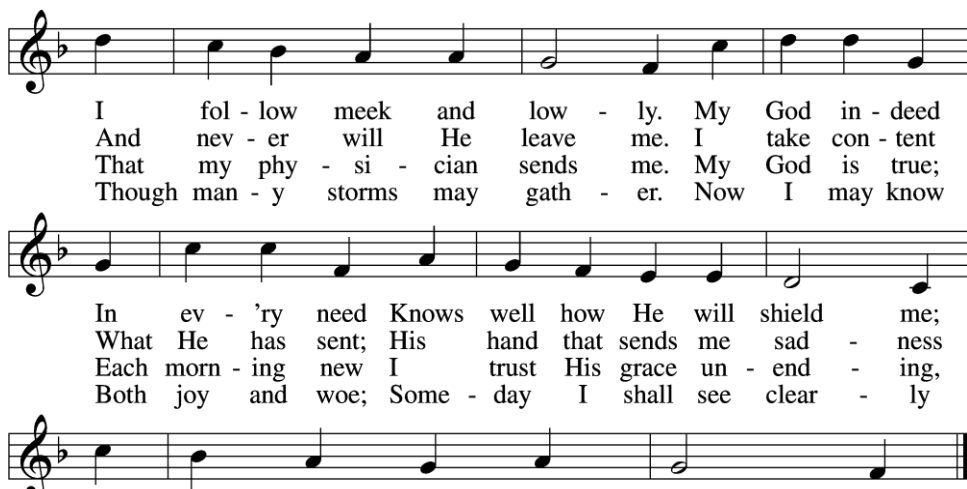
Opening Hymn

"What God Ordains Is Always Good" Hymn 760



Choir 1 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His will is
 2 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He nev - er
 Choir 3 What God or - dains is al - ways good: His lov - ing
 4 What God or - dains is al - ways good: He is my

just and ho - ly. As He di - rects my life for me,
 will de - ceive me; He leads me in His righ - teous way,
 thought at - tends me; No poi - son can be in the cup
 friend and Fa - ther; He suf - fers naught to do me harm



I fol - low meek and low - ly. My God in - deed
 And nev - er will He leave me. I take con - tent
 That my phy - si - cian sends me. My God is true;
 Though man - y storms may gath - er. Now I may know

In ev - 'ry need Knows well how He will shield me;
 What He has sent; His hand that sends me sad - ness
 Each morn - ing new I trust His grace un - end - ing,
 Both joy and woe; Some - day I shall see clear - ly

To Him, then, I will yield me.
 Will turn my tears to glad - ness.
 My life to Him com - mend - ing.
 That He has loved me dear - ly.

Choir 5 What God ordains is always good:
 Though I the cup am drinking
 Which savors now of bitterness,
 I take it without shrinking.
 For after grief
 God gives relief,
 My heart with comfort filling
 And all my sorrow stilling.



6 What God ordains is always good:
 This truth remains unshaken.
 Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,
 I shall not be forsaken.
 I fear no harm,
 For with His arm
 He shall embrace and shield me;
 So to my God I yield me.

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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

C **Amen.**

[John 20:19-23]

Service of the Word

Introit



P Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the city | of our God!

C **My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;*
let the humble hear | and be glad.**

P Oh, magnify the | LORD with me,*
and let us exalt his name to- | gether!

C **I sought the LORD, and he | answered me*
and delivered me from | all my fears.**

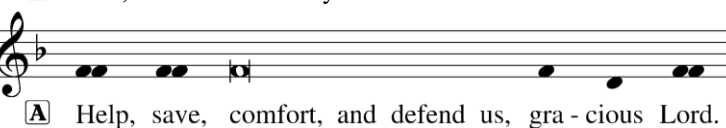
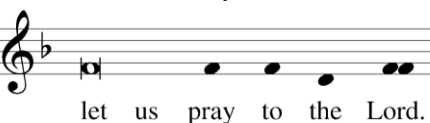
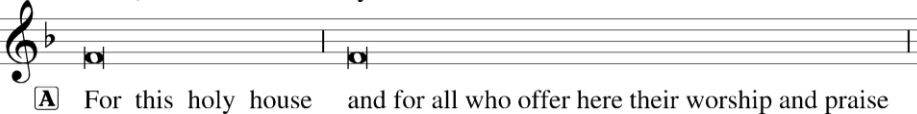
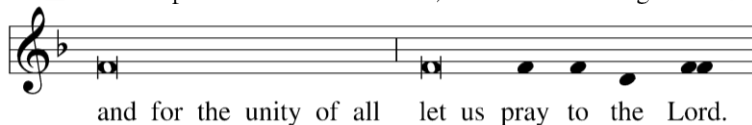
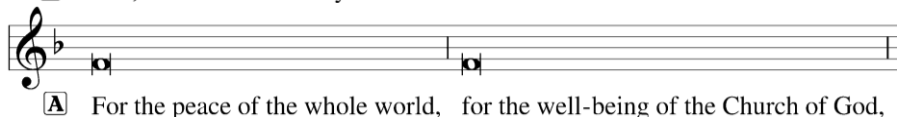
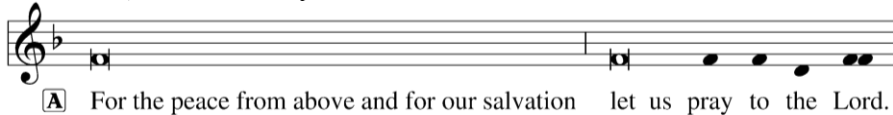
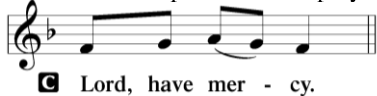
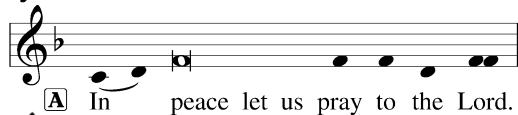
P When the righteous cry for help, the | LORD hears*
and delivers them out of all their | troubles.

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 Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the city | of our God!

Ps. 34:2-4, 17; Antiphon Ps 48:1

Kyrie



Gloria In Excelsis



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



G 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.

G And also with you.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; 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 Tenth Commandment*

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Ruth 1:1–19a

¹In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. ⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.” ¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

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

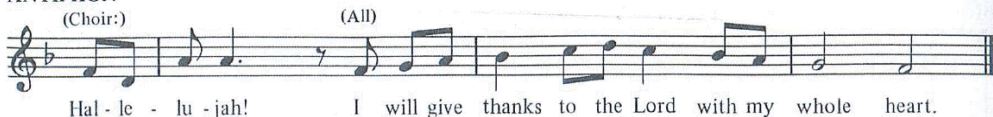
C and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Psalms 91:11; 103:1

Sunday

“Psalm 111: I Will Give Thanks to the Lord” (David Cherwien) Christus

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VERSES



VERSES (Choir and/or Congregation)

1. *Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,*
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.*
2. *Great are the deeds of the Lord!**
They are studied by all who delight in them.

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3. *His work is full of majesty, and splendor,**
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
4. *He makes his marvelous works to be remembered,**
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

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5. *He gives food to those who fear him;**
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
6. *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;**
those who act accordingly have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.

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¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he also will deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse | Sunday Service

Proper 23 (Mark Steffens) Christus

The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come."

Let the one who hears say, "Come."

Let the one who is thirsty come.

Let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

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.

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

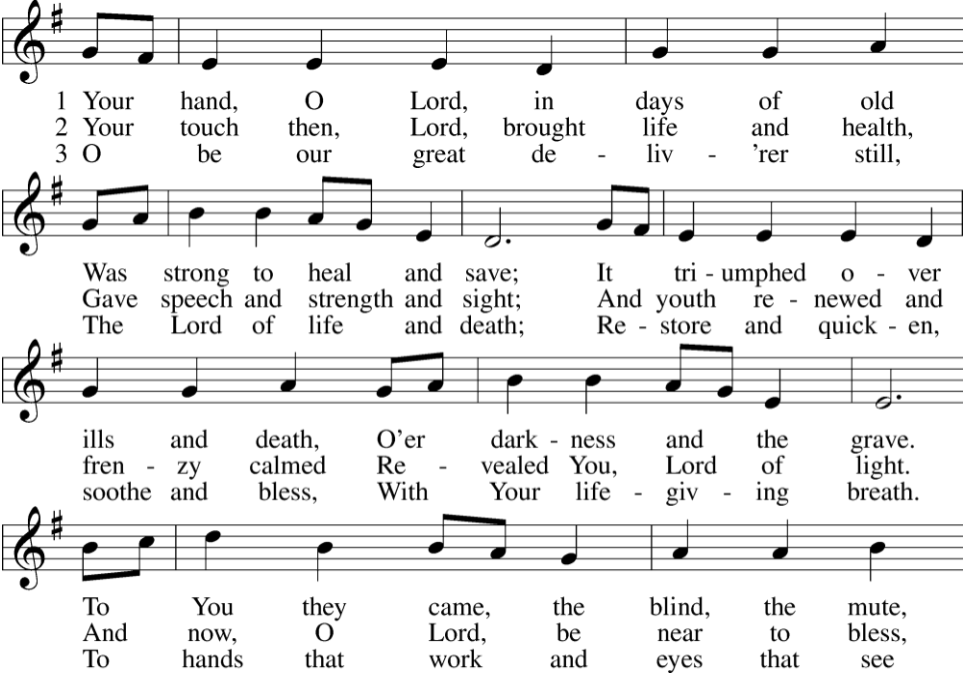
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

“Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old” Hymn 846



1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
3 O be our great de - liv - 'er still,

Was strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o - ver
Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and
The Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,

ills and death, O'er dark - ness and the grave.
fren - zy calmed Re - vealed You, Lord of light.
soothe and bless, With Your life - giv - ing breath.

To You they came, the blind, the mute,
And now, O Lord, the be near to bless,
To hands that work and eyes that see

The pal - sied and the lame, The lep - ers in their
Al - might - y as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by
Give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and
mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.
beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.
weak and strong May praise You ev - er - more.

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Sermon “Bitter Hope”

Ruth 1:1–19a

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.

(Continued)

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.*

Sit

Online Giving

Gathering of Our Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings

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



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 18.)

Stand

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



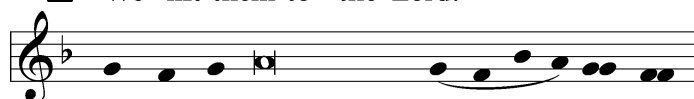
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



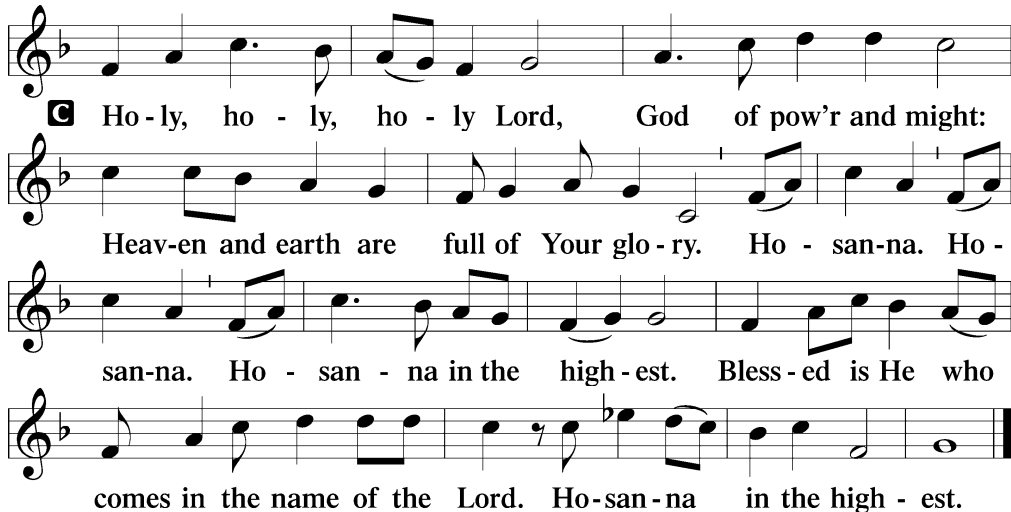
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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

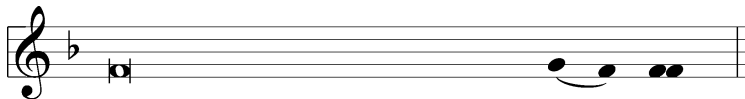
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the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

"Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior" Hymn 640



1 Thee we a - dore, O hid - den Sav - ior, Thee,
 2 In this me - mo - rial of Thy death, O Lord,
 3 Thou, like the pel - i - can to feed her brood,
 4 Foun - tain of good - ness, Je - sus, Lord and God:
 5 O Christ, whom now be - neath a veil we see,



Who in Thy Sac - ra - ment art pleased to be;
 Thou dost Thy bod - y and Thy blood af - ford:
 Didst pierce Thy - self to give us liv - ing food;
 Cleanse us, un - clean, with Thy most cleans - ing blood;
 May what we thirst for soon our por - tion be:



Both flesh and spir - it in Thy pres - ence fail,
 Oh, may our souls for - ev - er feed on Thee,
 Thy blood, O Lord, one drop has pow'r to win
 In - crease our faith and love, that we may know
 To gaze on Thee un - veiled and see Thy face,



Yet here Thy pres - ence we de - vout - ly hail.
 And Thou, O Christ, for - ev - er pre - cious be.
 For - give - ness for our world and all its sin.
 The hope and peace which from Thy pres - ence flow.
 The vi - sion of Thy glo - ry, and Thy grace. A - men.

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Stand

Post-Communion Canticle

Nunc Dimittis



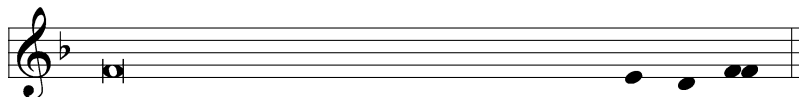
Lord, now You let Your ser-vant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va-tion which You have prepared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to reveal You to the na-tions and the glo-ry of Your peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and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



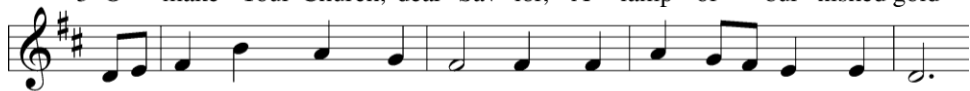
C A - men.

Closing Hymn

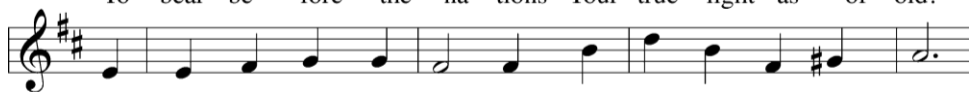
“O Word of God Incarnate” Hymn 523



1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The Church from You, dear Mas-ter, Re-ceived the gift di - vine;
3 O make Your Church, dear Sav-ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang-ing, O Light of our dark sky:
And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!



We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
O teach Your wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
Mid mists and rocks and quick-sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.
Till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

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+ Silent Prayer +

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ELDER(S) ON DUTY (8 | 10:45AM).... Denny Kern, Mike Reinschreiber | Jeff Oeseburg, Phil Cole

ALTAR GUILD.....Shannon Reinschreiber, Karen Ziebart

USHERS (8AM)Steve Huycke – Captain, Tom Ulmer, Andrew Gerken

.....Andrew Gerken, John Schulz

USHERS (10:45AM) Tom Drews, Tim Drews, Bob Wolfanger

Luke 17:19 – 19 – “And he said to him, ‘Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.’” Only one of the 10 lepers who were cleansed returns to give thanks to Jesus. Why is that? Surely the rest were indeed thankful to be freed from such a terrible disease. But only the Samaritan leper had faith, and his faith turned into action, as all true faith does. Our generosity to God’s work in the Church is likewise our faith in action.

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.

MEMORY VERSE

But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord
as holy, always being prepared to
**make a defense to
anyone who asks**
you for a reason for the hope
that is in you; **yet do it with
gentleness and respect.**

1 PETER 3:15



Prayers

Members who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

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

Family or friends who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Addie Horstman - <i>sister of Mary Spaulding</i>	Jenni Welsh - <i>niece of Chuck & Diane Strohacker</i>
Allee Bauer - <i>great-granddaughter of Mick Yeske</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>	Merrily Lingafelter - <i>sister of Barb Radde</i>
Christian Myers - <i>son of friend of Thelma Szoke</i>	Nancy Gerald - <i>daughter of Jerry & Wilma Malinasky</i>
Erin Sage - <i>friend of Thelma Szoke</i>	Phil Oberhaus - <i>brother of Susan Jackemeyer</i>
Ethan White - <i>friend of Elliot Measel</i>	Reece Clark - <i>grandson of Walt & Diane Clark</i>
Grant Plath - <i>friend of Joann Ciboch</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>

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

The Rev. Adam and Christine Lehman in Puerto Rico and Jason & Emily Groth in Belize.

PRAYING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Lorraine Ziebart	Dale & Carolyn Zombory
Jan Zielke	Jill Aida
Florence Ziemer	Chris & Kim Alles Family

Welcome to this sacred moment of communion. As we share the bread and cup, may we remember Christ's love and sacrifice.

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 honor of Lance & Vicki Rausch's 30th Anniversary (10/13/1995).

Given by Lance & Vicki Rausch.

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 our grandson, Andrew Treiber.

Given by Dennis & Lyla Metz.

THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.

We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:



The Rev. Adam (Ft. Wayne, IN) and Christine (Ft. Wayne, IN) Lehman serve the Lord through the LCMS as missionaries in Puerto Rico, based in Ponce. Adam serves throughout the island as a church planter, working alongside other church leaders to grow the church in Puerto Rico. Through the relationships formed, Adam and Christine seek to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the people of Puerto

Rico. Adam and Christine have four beautiful children — Hannah, Noah, Abigail and Jonah — who join them on the mission field. Pray for the church in Puerto Rico, and ask God to bless the work being done there through the preaching of His Word and the administration of His Sacraments. Please also pray that the hearts of people in the United States would be moved through the power of the Holy Spirit to pray for the Lehmans and to financially support them so that they can “go” with this family on this journey of faith. Let us give thanks to God that Adam, Christine and their family are serving His people 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 4] – In today's lesson, "A Call to Action," Abram responds to God's calling as he leaves his idolatry and homeland to follow the one true God. Abram takes his wife, Sarai, and nephew Lot as they journey to the land of Canaan. The Lord's appearance prompts Abram to build an altar, celebrating God's promise to give this land to his descendants. Discuss how God guides and leads us by His Word today.

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

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

LUTHERANISM 101 CLASS – 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!

CHICKEN DINNER AT TRINITY - GLENDORA, Wednesday, Oct. 15, starting at 5:00 pm. Cost is \$15.00 adults, \$8.00 children 4-10, under 3 - Free. We will be serving chicken, stuffing, potatoes and gravy, corn, coleslaw, cranberry sauce, roll and dessert. Tickets on sale, please call Ginny Hischke at 269-876-9834. Dine in or Take out, only advance sale. Deadline is Oct. 12.

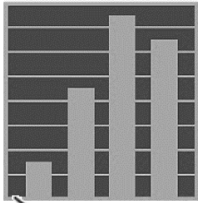
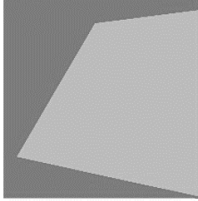
CHRIST LUTHERAN'S SOCIAL MEDIA – Do you have an event you want Christ Lutheran to promote on our Facebook page or our Instagram? Please feel free to email clcoffice@christstevensville.com with your event (garage sale, etc.) details. Thank you!

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

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!

CRAFTERS WANTED! The CLS PTL Craft Bazaar is quickly approaching (December 4th)! Our CLS students enjoy this annual tradition and always look forward to it. Can you help our PTL by making some crafts for our students to purchase? We will need many items for our students to choose from. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry DeJong (269-332-0475) with the CLS PTL. Donations for the event should be brought to the office by Monday, December 1st. Thank you for your help!

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CHURCH CLERK'S REPORT

Weekly Services

Attendance

Thursday 10/02/25	7PM	14
Sunday 10/05/25	8AM	95
<i>Online Attendees: 27</i>		10:45AM
		82
<i>Tuesday Bible Class</i>	09/30/25	10
<i>Wednesday Bible Class</i>	10/01/25	25
<i>Thursday Bible Class</i>	10/02/25	19
<i>Sunday Bible Class</i>	10/05/25	28

<i>*Week of 10/05/25 total budgeted receipts</i>	\$15,248.00
<i>YTD Contributions</i>	\$224,328.95
<i>YTD Budget</i>	\$242,307.69
<i>YTD Over Under</i>	\$-17,978.74
<i>Weekly Budgeted Plate & General Fund Memorials</i>	\$17,307.69
<i>Over Under</i>	\$-2,059.69



Sunday, Oct 12 <i>Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Communion Worship Service Bible Class Communion Worship Service
Monday, Oct 13		
Tuesday, Oct 14	7PM	Bible Class
Wednesday, Oct 15	9:30AM 7-8pm	Bible Class Lutheranism 101 Class
Thursday, Oct 16	10AM 6:30PM 7PM	Bible Class Choir Practice Worship Service
Friday, Oct 17		
Saturday, Oct 18		
Sunday, Oct 19 <i>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Contemporary Worship Service Pastor Appreciation Brunch Worship Service



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