

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

*Pray
always*

CONTEMPORARY

Sunday, October 19, 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

Luke 18:1

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

As We Gather

Jacob had a history of wrestling his way through things. From his father Isaac to his brother Esau to his uncle Laban to the angel of the Lord we hear about today, Jacob has contended against others and for the Lord. Perhaps you feel that way too. But God is the great contender who has wrestled for Israel of old and for you—with Jesus fighting in our place and on our behalf to win salvation for us. Therefore, do not fear, for the Lord fights for you and He who has done all things for your salvation will not abandon you to anyone or any power until you rest in His presence eternally. Though it seems we have great enemies, Christ is greater, and He will not allow them to snatch us from His hand. (*Creative Worship*).

Opening Song

In the name of God the Father

In the name of God the Father
For the glory of the Son
In the power of the Spirit
Now in faith we come
We are gathered in your presence
As the people of the King
And you raise our hearts to heaven as we sing

We lift up your name O God
You are worthy of our praise
So great in power
And glorious in grace
So high and holy
The mighty three-in-one
In your name we come

We will call upon your mercy
As we celebrate your grace
And we'll bring our joys and troubles
As we seek your face
We will share the peace you've given
As we feast upon your word
And you make us into light
For all the world

CHORUS

Open our lips open our lips
And we shall declare your praises
Open our eyes open our eyes to you
Open our hearts open our minds
We're trusting you to change us
Open our lives let Jesus shine anew
[Repeat]

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.

[John 20:19-23]

C **Amen.**

Most merciful God

Most merciful God
Our Father of grace
We confess we have sinned
We have walked our own way

Our love has been fickle
Our hearts they have strayed
So Lord in your mercy
Forgive us we pray

Most merciful God
Our Father of grace
We confess we have sinned
We have walked our own way

Our love has been fickle
Our hearts they have strayed
So Lord in your mercy
Forgive us we pray

Restore us

Change us

Lord lead us on

[Repeat]

That we may do justly
Forever love mercy
Together walk humbly
With you

That we may do justly
Forever love mercy
Together walk humbly
With you

CHORUS

Kyrie

P O Lord,	C Have Mercy on us.
P O Christ,	C Have Mercy on us.
P O Lord,	C Have Mercy on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, and we praise You for Your glory.

P Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

C You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

P You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

C For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your 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 Lutheran

*Luther's Small Catechism: The Lord's Prayer
Introduction, The First Petition, The Second Petition*

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean? With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean? God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy? God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:22–30

²²The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed."

²⁹Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.”

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!

Psalms 91:11; 103:1

Epistle Lesson

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Preparation for the Gospel

Ancient of Days

Blessing and honor glory and power

Be unto the Ancient of Days

From ev'ry nation all of creation

Bow before the Ancient of Days

Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth

Shall declare Your glory

Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne

In worship

You will be exalted O God

And Your kingdom shall not pass away

O Ancient of Days

[Repeat from beginning]

Stand

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 18th chapter

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

¹[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” ⁶And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit



Sermon Song

Take My Life

Take my life and let it be
Dedicated to your praise
Lord I freely give to you
Every moment of my days

Take my hands to show your love
For the broken and the lost
Guide my feet to follow Christ
In the shadow of the cross

Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and may they always
Bring you praise

I'm all yours
I'm all yours my Lord
All I am every part
I'm all yours
I'm all yours my Lord
Take my life
Take my heart

Take the things that I possess
I surrender all I own
Lord I give my every thought
To be ruled by Christ alone
Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my lips and may they always
Bring you praise

**I'm all yours
I'm all yours my Lord
All I am every part
I'm all yours
I'm all yours my Lord
Take my life
Take my heart**

Sermon
“What to do?”
Luke 18:1-8

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.

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.
Scan the QR code to set-up automatic giving.*



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

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.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

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

Closing

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not: Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!

**Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

CHORUS

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

CHORUS

+ Silent Prayer +

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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.

MEMORY VERSE

You are to speak to the people of Israel and say, “Above all you shall keep my Sabbaths, for this is a sign between me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I, the Lord, sanctify you.”

EXODUS 31:13



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Prayers

Members who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Amee Mantei	Elinore 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>	Jenny Krupp – <i>daughter of Mike & Susan Jackemeyer</i>
Allee Bauer - <i>granddaughter of Keith & Debbie 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 Pagel - <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

Rev. Jerry and Patty Lawson in Latvia and Jason & Emily Groth in Belize.

PRAYING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Patti Allred	Joe Appelget
Ihn Anderson	Guy & Elizabeth Arrans
Bob & Deb Appelget	Mike & Kara Baldwin Family

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God" (1 John 4:7, KJV). Take time to greet another worshiper with the love of the Lord. 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 Scott Dine.

Given by Karen Dine.



In honor of Ralph & Devona Dinges' 67th Anniversary (10/18/1958).

Given by Ralph & Devona Dinges.



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 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:



Rev. Jerry (San Jose, CA) and Patty (San Jose, CA) Lawson serve the Lord through the LCMS in Latvia. In this role, Jerry teaches courses in Lutheran theology through the Luther Academy in Riga. Prior to serving in Latvia, Jerry served as the pastor at *Bethlehem Lutheran Church*, Fort Myers, FL (2001-2009), *Good Shepherd Lutheran Church*, North Fort Myers, FL (2010-2018), and as a theological instructor at the *Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ingria* in Russia (ELCIR), located in Koltushi (2018-2022). He also served in the United States Air Force from 1986-1994. His hobbies include history, jazz, reading, anime, and cooking. Patty's hobbies include pysanky eggs and needlepoint. Jerry and Patty have three children - Cosette, Juliette, and Aleksander. Pray for Jerry and Patty as they serve in Latvia by asking God to prepare the hearts and minds of the students who participate in the instruction offered

through Luther Academy so that the work being done would be fruitful. Pray for the leaders and members of the Luther Academy as they prepare church workers around the world. Let us thank God that the Lawsons are 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 5] – “A Promising Dream” is the title of this week’s lesson. Jacob undeservedly receives his father’s blessing – he and his offspring will dwell in the land of Canaan. As the days of Isaac’s life approach their end, Jacob rightly fears for his life. Following the urging of Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob sets out for the house of his uncle Laban. Along the way, Jacob dreams of a ladder reaching to heaven, with the Lord Himself standing at the top. The preincarnate Christ repeats God’s promise to give this land to Jacob and his descendants. As a family, consider discussing how God can use even sinful people to fulfill His plans.

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.**

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!

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!

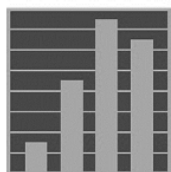
CRAFTERS WANTED! The CLS PTL Craft Bazaar is quickly approaching (December 4th)! Our CLS students enjoy this annual tradition and always look forward to it. Can you help our PTL by making some crafts for our students to purchase? We will need many items for our students to choose from. If you have any 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 10/09/25	7PM	23
Sunday 10/12/25	8AM	96
Online Attendees: 11	10:45AM	98
Thursday Bible Class	10/09/25	19
Sunday Bible Class	10/12/25	28
*Week of 10/12/25 total budgeted receipts		\$11,226.00
YTD Contributions		\$235,554.95
YTD Budget		\$259,615.38
YTD Over Under		\$-24,060.43
Weekly Budgeted Plate & General Fund Memorials		\$17,307.69
Over Under		\$-2,059.69



Sunday, Oct 19 <i>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Contemporary Worship Service Pastor Appreciation Brunch Morning Prayer Worship Service
Monday, Oct 20		
Tuesday, Oct 21	7PM	Bible Class
Wednesday, Oct 22	9:30AM 7-8pm	Bible Class Lutheranism 101 Class
Thursday, Oct 23	10AM 6:30PM 7PM	Bible Class CANCELLED Choir Practice Communion Worship Service
Friday, Oct 24	Special Person's Day Half Day	
Saturday, Oct 25		
Sunday, Oct 26 A MIGHTY REFORMATION FORTRESS	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Communion Worship Service Bible Class Communion Worship Service



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