Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



MATINS

Thursday, October 30, 2025 @ 7PM Sunday, November 02, 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 Dav School: PreK - 8th Grade

Sunday, November 02, 2025 @ 8AM & 10:45AM

All Saints' Day

As We Gather

Behold a host arrayed in white, Like thousand snow clad mountains bright! With palms they stand; Who is this band Before the throne of light? These are the saints of glorious fame, Who from the great affliction came And in the flood Of Jesus' blood Are cleansed from guilt and shame. They now serve God both day and night; They sing their songs in endless light. Their anthems ring As they all sing With angels shining bright. (LSB 676, st 1)

Prelude | Sunday

For You, O resurrected Lord,
Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the Word,
Beneath the bread and wine.

Lord, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light We may behold You as You are, With full and endless sight.

To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.

We walk by faith and not by sight, No gracious words we hear From Him who spoke as none e'er spoke, But we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side, Nor follow where He trod; But in His promise we rejoice And cry "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; And may our faith abound To call on You when You are near And seek where You are found.

Opening Hymn | Sunday

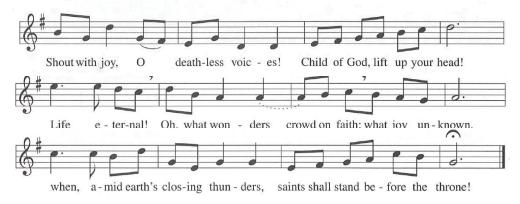
Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!

Death and sorry, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.

All around the clouds are breaking, soon the storms of time shall cease; in God's likeness we awaken, knowing everlasting peace.

Oh, what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the eternal gates.

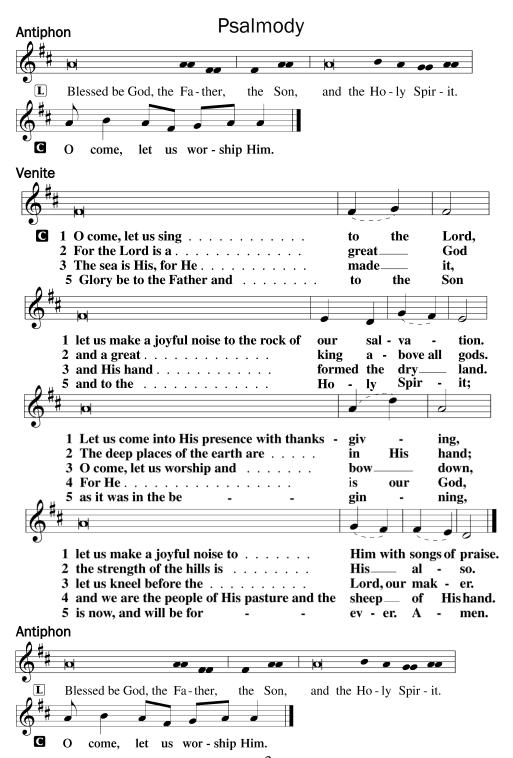




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Collect of the Day

- Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, 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

Augsburg Confession Article XXI Worship of the Saints

Our churches teach that the history of saints may be set before us so that we may follow the example of their faith and good works, according to our calling. For example the emperor may follow the example of David [2 Samuel] in making war to drive away the Turk from his country. For both are kings. But the Scriptures do not teach that we are to call on the saints or to ask the saints for help. Scripture sets before us the one Christ as the Mediator, Atoning Sacrifice, High Priest, and Intercessor [I Timothy 2:5-6]. He is to be prayed to, He has promised that He will hear our prayer [John 14:13]. This is the worship that He approves above all other worship, that He be called upon in all afflictions "If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father" (1 John 2:1).

Readings from Holy Scripture First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them.

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nor any scorching heat.

- ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."
- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson 1 John 3:1–3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- **C** Thanks be to God

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Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1–12

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

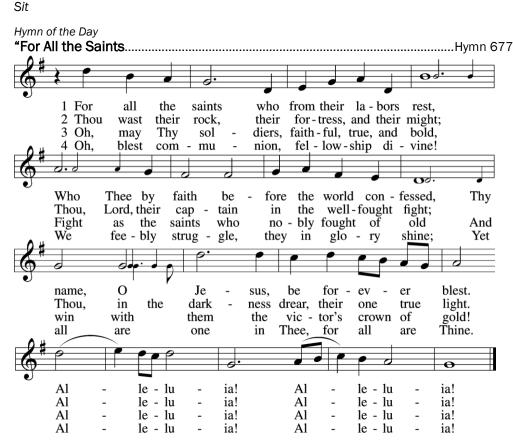
Choir

- ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- $^{4\prime\prime} Blessed$ are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- ⁶"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.
- ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
- $^{8}\mbox{\ensuremath{\it "Blessed}}$ are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.
- 10 "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹"Blessed are you when men shall revile and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake.
- 12 Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets which were before you."
- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
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Responsory



Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.



- 5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- △ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

 Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Sermon "An Impossible Task Matthew 5:1-12

Canticle





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.

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Stand



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

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.

Collects



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

Sit

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL

- P We remember those who together with us stood at the foot of the cross, who heard the Easter truths at the empty tomb, who have gone before us into the heavenly mansions.
- P We give special thanks as we recall the life and witness of our Sister, Louise Winter, born April 4, 1930 and drawn to God's nearer presence on January 20, 2025.
- P [Jesus said] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.
- I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 10:1,6)

- **P** We give special thanks as we recall the life and witness of our Brother, **Don Jeschke**, born March 17, 1941 and drawn to God's nearer presence on February 2, 2025.
- Fight 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. (1 Timothy 6:12)
- We give special thanks as we recall the life and witness of our Brother, **Miro Virsik**, born September 13, 1936 and drawn to God's nearer presence on February 24, 2025.
- P Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart and you will find rest for your souls.
- **C** For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30)
- P We give special thanks as we recall the life and witness of our Brother, **Robert Ball**, born May 12, 1928 and drawn to God's nearer presence on April 19, 2025.
- P Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
- and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. (Psalm 23:6)
- P We give special thanks as we recall the life and witness of our Brother, **Kevin Witt**, born October 15, 1960 and drawn to God's nearer presence on May 22, 2025.
- P Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,
- and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26)
- We give special thanks as we recall the life and witness of our Brother, **Don Hutter**, born November 6, 1937 and drawn to God's nearer presence on October 6, 2025.

- Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"
- Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:5-6)

Stand

- P Almighty God, in whose glorious presence live all who depart in the Lord and before whom all the souls of the faithful who are delivered of the burden of the flesh are in joy and felicity, we give You hearty thanks for Your loving-kindness to all Your servants who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors, and we humbly implore Your mercy that we, together with all who have departed in the saving faith, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, in both body and soul, in Your eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, 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 Amen.



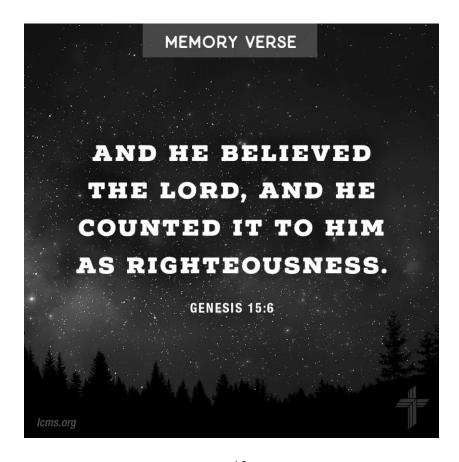
+ Silent Prayer +

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THE ORGANIST	Mark Steffens
THE BRASSCarl Steffens, Paul Jackemeyer, Bob \	
ELDER(S) ON DUTY (8am 10:45am)	Bob Appelget Len Timm
ACOLYTE(S) (8am)	Tia Matheny
ALTAR GUILD	Christine Quardokus, Rosemarie Castonguay
USHERS (8am)	Bob Appelget, Andy Copi, Paul Jackemeyer
USHERS (10:45am)	Dale Zombory, Phil Cole

Matthew 5:6 – "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." You only hunger and thirst for what you don't have. Jesus has come to fill us up with righteousness – His own righteousness. He is the self-giving Lord whose sacrifice inspires us to be givers, too.



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** Rich Wandel Ginny Drews Connie Schwanger Jacob Webb Susan Jackemeyer Ted Froelich Dave Knuth Joseph Klupp

Klaus Nixdorf

Family or friends who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Addie Horstman - sister of Mary Spaulding

Allee Bauer - granddaughter of Keith & Debbie Yeske Ann Rausch - mother-in-law of Vicki Rausch Austin Arndt - grandson of Linda Steinke

Barb Lange - friend of Thelma Szoke

Carl Pagel - brother of Joyce Totzke **Chris Watson** - son of Tom Watson

Christian Myers - son of friend of Thelma Szoke

Erin Sage - friend of Thelma Szoke Ethan White - friend of Elliot Measel Grant Plath - friend of Joann Ciboch Heidi Bowie - daughter of Irene Klupp

Jenny Krupp – daughter of Mike & Susan Jackemeyer

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Liam Pugh - grandson of Paula Benner

Lissa Dehring - niece of Joyce Totzke

Matt Jones - friend of Chad Hartman

Mark Wilkinson – brother of Cindy White Mark Trulove – friend of Sue Collins

Merrily Lingafelter – sister of Barb Radde

Nancy Gerald - daughter of Jerry & Wilma Malinasky

Nate Gerken - son of Andrew & Teri Gerken Phil Oberhaus - brother of Susan Jackemeyer Reece Clark - grandson of Walt & Diane Clark

Robert White - father of David White Ron Szweda – brother of Kathryn Robinson

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

Deaconess Tirzah Krey in the Dominican Republic and Jason & Emily Groth in Belize.

PRAYING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Mathew & Heather Bither Family Bruce & Susan Bittenbender Ron & Carol Bonczkowski Lori Brown Bob & Diana Brunke Scott Brunke Family Let us be grateful for the Word of God which is like a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (see Psalm 119:105). We rejoice that you have come to unite with us in praising the Creator of us all. 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 Mary "Mickey" Grish.

Given by Dennis & Lyla Metz.

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*.

THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.

We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:



Deaconess Tirzah Krey (Windsor, Ontario, Canada) serves the Lord through the LCMS in the Latin America and Caribbean region, based in the Dominican Republic. In her role as regional human care coordinator, Tirzah serves with regional leadership and the region's chaplain to care and advocate for the missionaries and their families in all aspects of their physical, spiritual and emotional health. Tirzah utilizes her background as a registered

nurse to work alongside pastors, deaconesses and seminary students to promote community health and complete congregation health visits. In addition, she also coordinates community health initiatives near the region's mission plants and teaches health education alongside the church plants in the Dominican Republic. Pray for Tirzah as she serves the churches and people in the Latin America and Caribbean region. Please pray that the Lord may utilize Tirzah to serve and care for the missionaries and families in the region. Finally, pray for God's Word to reach the ears of those who do not yet know Him. Give thanks to God for Tirzah and her faithful service as she serves God's people throughout 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!**

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**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TOPIC THIS WEEK [Lesson 7] – Today, we will study "Fiery Directions." Miraculously rescued through the waters of the Nile by Pharaoh's daughter, Moses escapes the condemnation pronounced on the other Hebrew boys. Leaving behind his life of privilege, Moses flees to Midian, where he encounters the living God in a burning bush. Through this encounter, God directs and equips Moses to rescue His chose people from their slavery in Egypt. Discuss how we are saved through the waters of Baptism.

FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL 2026 – We will have an organizational meeting to brainstorm ideas for next year's festival on **November 5**th **at 7pm** in the Media Center. Please join us if you have ideas on how to improve the festival and would like to be involved.

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!

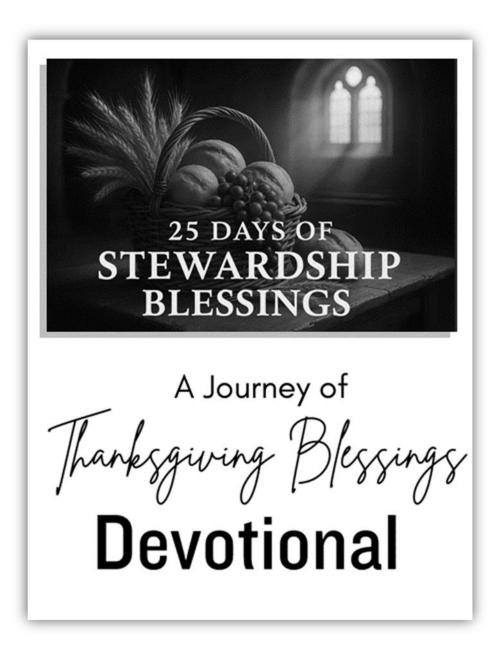
CRAFTERS WANTED! The CLS PTL Craft Bazaar is quickly approaching (December 4th)! Can you help our PTL by making some crafts for our students to purchase? We will need many items for our students to choose from. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry DeJong (269-332-0475) with the CLS PTL. Donations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

REMEDIAL READING INSTRUCTOR – The Board of Christian Education intends to confirm Terri Byrd's called status as part-time remedial reading instructor at the upcoming Voter's Meeting on November 16, 2025. Notice is hereby provided in accordance with Article 4, Section 1 of the Bylaws of the Constitution of the church. Any questions should be directed to Neil Webb or Tamara Paulun.

NURSERY HELP – Mrs. Webb needs help in order to keep the nursery open during late church services. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Mrs. Webb (586-489-6320). These hours count as school volunteer hours.

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NO VOUCHERS NEEDED

A percentage of all sales between 5-8 PM will be given to the CLS PTL!

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	Thursday 10/23/25		7PM	31
	Sunday 10/23/25		8AM	111
	Online Attendees: 21		10:45AM	75
	Tuesday Bible Class		10/21/25	10
	Wednesday Bible Class		10/22/25	25
	Sunday Bible Class	1	10/26/25	29

*Week of 10/26/25 total budgeted receipts	\$9,675.00
YTD Contributions	\$257,397.95
YTD Budget	\$294,230.77
YTD Over Under	\$-36,832.82
Weekly Budgeted Plate & General Fund Memorials	\$17,307.69
Over Under	\$-7,632.69



Sunday, Nov 2 All Saints' Day	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	MATINS Worship Service Bible Class MATINS Worship Service	
Monday, Nov 3			
Tuesday, Nov 4	7PM	Bible Class	
Wednesday, Nov 5	9:30AM	Bible Class	
	7-8pm	Lutheranism 101 Class	
	7PM	Family Fun Festival 2026	
Thursday, Nov 6	10AM	Bible Class	
	6:30PM	Choir Practice	
	7PM	Communion Worship Service	
Friday, Nov 7	Half Day		
Saturday, Nov 8			
Sunday, Nov 9 22 nd Sunday after Pentecost	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Communion Worship Service Bible Class Communion Worship Service	



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