


Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



COME TO ME, ALL WHO LABOR AND
ARE HEAVY LADEN,
AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.

-Matthew 11:28

Divine Service Four Worship Service

Thursday, July 2, 2026 @ 7PM

Sunday, July 5, 2026 @ 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

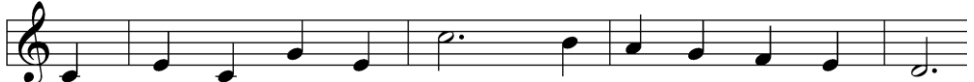
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

As We Gather

Life is a challenge for even the most self-sufficient people. Our plans and activities face obstacles of every kind. The greatest and most wearisome obstacle of all is sin. It wears us down. It brings grief. It is heavy on the soul. But Jesus offers the most wonderful solution. He invites us to come to Him and find rest for our souls. May you find in Jesus and His cross the rest and peace of God that passes all understanding.

Opening Hymn

“Before You, Lord, We Bow” Hymn 966



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;
5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



And rules the world be - low, Bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor - ship Him a - lone. Cast down
From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo - rious band, A count -



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.
less throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalm 124:8

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Psalm 130:3-4

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Luke 18:13

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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.**

Service of the Word

Introit (Thursday - Spoken)



- P** He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.
- C** **I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my | fortress,*
my God, in | whom I trust.”**
- P** Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*
the Most High, who is my | refuge—
- C** **no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*
no plague come | near your tent.
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** He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High*
will abide in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

Ps. 91:2, 9–10; antiphon: v. 1

Kyrie



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

“All Glory Be to God Alone” (stanzas 1, 2, 5)..... Hymn 948



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in
5 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One And o - ver all are



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
hum - ble - ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The
Lord a - lone. O Je - sus Christ, we glo - ri - fy You



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His
ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry
and the Spir - it, Lord Most High; With Him You ev - er -

gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.
more shall be One in the Fa - ther's maj - es - ty.

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Salutation

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

Collect of the Day

- P** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your 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 Lutherans

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

- P** Thy kingdom come. What does this mean?
- C** The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.
- P** How does God's kingdom come?
- C** God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9–12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual *(Thursday Service)*

P Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

C **How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!**

P For from him and through him and to him are all things.

C **To him be glory forever. Amen.**

Rom 11:33, 36

Gradual *(Sunday Service)*

“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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”*

Epistle Lesson

Romans 7:14–25a

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.

²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells

in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?
²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the day

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”..... Hymn 699



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “Come un - to Me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “I am this dark world’s light.



Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on My breast.”
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down and drink and live.”
Look un - to Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright.”



I came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found In Him my star, my sun;



I found in Him a rest - ing place, And He has made me glad.
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.
And in that light of life I’ll walk Till trav - ling days are done.

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Sermon

“The Easy Yoke of Jesus”

Matthew 11:25-30, Romans 7:14-25A

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.

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.*



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.

Benedicamus and Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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 Hymn

“God Bless Our Native Land”..... Hymn 965



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;



Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with



wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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+ Silent Prayer +

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Matthew 11:28 – “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Jesus has come to do the work so that we might have rest from burdens and labors we are not capable of bearing. He frees us from sin, death and the demands of the Law. In that peace and rest of Jesus we find a new purpose — His light yoke is not a burden to bear, but a joy!

Church News!
desk.

On this Sunday following our nation's celebration of independence, we are grateful you have come to worship Almighty God, who continues to bless our land in countless ways. Welcome! If you are visiting, please sign our guest book located on the *welcome* center desk.

FLOWER CHART – Consider honoring a family member or special occasion by sponsoring Sunday altar flowers (\$40) using the Flower Chart located in the church commons. The bouquets are later delivered to 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 Jeannine Eisenman.

Given by Bob Eisenman.



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 my husband, Al Reschke.

Given by Sally Reschke.



THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.

We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:

The Rev. Roberto (Maciá, Entre Ríos, Argentina) and Katie (Omaha, NE) Weber serve the Lord as career missionaries through the LCMS in the Dominican Republic. In this role, Roberto teaches at Concordia the Reformer Seminary in Palmar Arriba and serves as a pastor at a mission station in Santiago. He also brings along seminarians to Santiago to mentor them in pastoral practice. In his free time, Roberto enjoys writing and translating hymns, gardening, and working on cars. Katie worked as a baker and pastry chef (2006–2010) before serving as a missionary in the Dominican Republic (2012–2015), where she met her husband. Katie is the author of *Never Forsaken: God's Mercy in the Midst of Miscarriage*, available from Concordia Publishing House. Katie and Roberto have three children. In her free time, Katie enjoys arts, crafts and the culinary arts. Please pray for the Weber family as they serve in the Dominican Republic. Ask God to help them adjust to life in the Dominican Republic and to give them joy as they share the Gospel with many who have never heard it before. Let us give thanks that the Webers are serving God's children in this part of the world.

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS REMINDER – Both Tuesday & Wednesday bible classes have wrapped up for the summer! Classes will resume after Labor Day.

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!

ATTENTION RUMMAGE VOLUNTEERS – We will be having a brief meeting on **Thursday, July 9th at 1pm** in the all purpose room. We will then finish set-up prior to opening our doors to donations beginning at 4pm. Call the church office with any questions. Thank you!

DO YOU HAVE EXTRA PILL BOTTLES?! – Ladies League is gathering clean label free pill bottles for *Matthew 25 Ministries* with a final drop off deadline of the 2026 LWML Fall Rally in the box under the church mailboxes. For more information on this campaign please visit www.m25m.org/pillbottles.



MEMORY VERSE

The grass withers,
the flower fades,
but the word
of our God
will stand forever.

ISAIAH 40:8



Rummage Sale Dates & Times

Thursday, July 16	Noon - 6:00 pm
Friday, July 17	10:00 - 6:00 pm
Saturday, July 18	10:00 - 3:00pm

Many volunteers are needed to help with incoming donations and on the rummage dates. Please prayerfully consider helping out on any days that you are available. 10% of the proceeds will go to missions, with the remainder going to the school to help alleviate growing pains. We plan to help with the purchase of more classroom desks, new curriculum, and tuition assistance funds.

Items to gather and turn in early

- Jewelry / Donation Box available under the church mailboxes

For more information contact the church office at:

269-429-7222 or

clcoffice@christstevensville.com

Information on dates & times donated items will be accepted is on the reverse side of this page...

Set Up Thursday, July 9

- 1:00 - 4:00 PM
- Clear & arrange rooms that will be used
- Set up tables in rooms and in gym
- Start accepting donations 4:00 - 8:00 pm

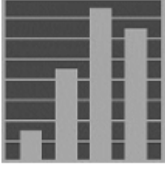
Drop Off of Donations

Thursday, July 9	4:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Friday, July 10	10:00 am - Noon & 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Saturday, July 11	10:00 am - Noon & 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Sunday, July 12	1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Monday, July 13	10:00 am - Noon & 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Tuesday, July 14	10:00 am - Noon & 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Please use the gym doors from the back parking lot to drop off donations. For larger items, such as furniture, please use the front doors during normal drop off times.

We do NOT accept:

**Mattresses / Ashes (human or pet) / Taxidermy /
Tube Style TV's / Any Items with Mold**



CHURCH CLERK'S REPORT

Weekly Services

Attendance

Thursday 06/25/26	7PM	30
Sunday 06/28/26	8AM	88
Online Attendees: 78	10:45AM	102

*Week of 06/28/26 total budgeted receipts	\$15,167.00
YTD Contributions	\$865,008.73
YTD Budget	\$900,000.00
YTD Over Under	\$-34,991.27
Weekly Budgeted Plate & General Fund Memorials	\$17,307.69
Over Under	\$-2,140.69



Rummage Sale Donation Drop-off Begins THIS THURSDAY, JULY 9TH!

Sunday, July 5 <i>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Worship Service Bible Class Worship Service
Monday, July 6		
Tues, July 7		
Wed, July 8		
Thursday, July 9	10AM 7PM	Bible Class Communion Worship Service
Friday, July 10	<i>Office</i> CLOSED	
Saturday, July 11		
Sunday, July 12 <i>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Communion Worship Service Bible Class Communion Worship Service

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:
Monday-Thursday
9AM-1PM



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