

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



Divine Service Four Worship Service

Thursday, July 23, 2026 @ 7PM

Sunday, July 26, 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 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

As We Gather

This is truly a strange offense: the world is offended at Christ, Who raises the dead, gives sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, and preaches the Gospel to the poor. What sort of God do you suppose he has who considers a man such as this a devil? But here lies the trouble: He wants to give the kingdom of heaven, while the world wants the kingdom of this earth. Here they part ways; here the offense arises. For even the exalted sanctity of the hypocrites, at bottom, seeks nothing but earthly honor, the will of the flesh, and temporal life, all of which must, after all, cease and pass away.

(Martin Luther, St. Louis Edition 9:1805f, What Luther Says, 204)

Opening Hymn

"To Thee, Omniscient Lord of All" Hymn 613



1 To Thee, om - ni - scient Lord of all, In grief and shame I
 2 O Lord, my God, to Thee I pray: O cast me not in
 3 O Je - sus, let Thy pre - cious blood Be to my soul a

hum - bly call; I see my sins a - gainst Thee, Lord,
 wrath a - way! Let Thy good Spir - it ne'er de - part,
 cleans - ing flood. Turn not, O Lord, Thy guest a - way,

The sins of thought and deed and word. They press me
 But let Him draw to Thee my heart That tru - ly
 But grant that jus - ti - fied I may Go to my

sore; I cry to Thee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
 pen - i - tent I be: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
 house at peace with Thee: O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!

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.

Psalms 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.

Psalms 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



- P** Oh give thanks to the Lord; call up- | on his name; *
make known his deeds among the | peoples!
- C** **Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him; *
tell of all his | wondrous works!**
- P** Glory in his | holy name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the | Lord rejoice!
- C** **Seek the Lord | and his strength; *
seek his presence con- | tinually!**
- P** Remember the wondrous works that | he has done; *
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,
- C** **O offspring of Abraham, his | servant; *
children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!**
**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** Oh give thanks to the Lord; call up- | on his name; *
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Psalm 105:2-6; antiphon: v. 1

Kyrie



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

Gloria in Excelsis



- C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;

We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,
 Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. “A - men!” our glad re - ply.

Salutation

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

Collect of the Day

- P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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*

Thy kingdom come.

What does this mean? The kingdom of God certainly comes by itself without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may come to us also.

How does God's kingdom come? 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

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

⁶“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD

has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

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

Epistle Lesson

Romans 8:28–39

²⁸And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

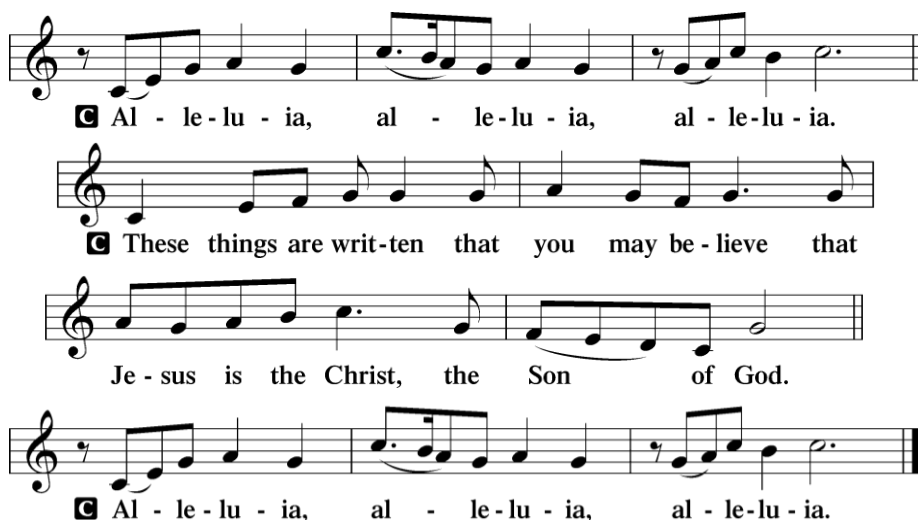
³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia



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

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

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

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

The image shows a musical score for the Alleluia. It consists of four staves of music in treble clef, each with a C-clef and a common time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff has 'These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that'. The third staff has 'Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.' The fourth staff has 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44-52

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter

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

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

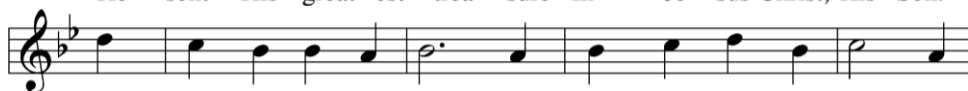
"From God Can Nothing Move Me" Hymn 713



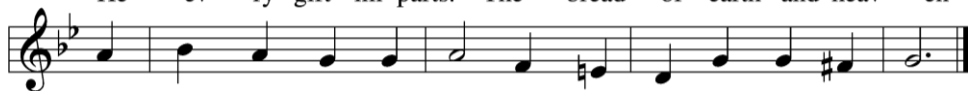
1 From God can noth - ing move me; He will not step a - side
 2 When those whom I re - gard - ed As trust - wor - thy and sure
 3 The Lord my life ar - rang - es; Who can His work de - stroy?
 4 Each day at His good plea - sure God's gra - cious will is done.



But gent - ly will re - prove me And be my con - stant guide.
 Have long from me de - part - ed, God's grace shall still en - dure.
 In His good time He chang - es All sor - row in - to joy.
 He sent His great - est trea - sure In Je - sus Christ, His Son.



He stretch - es out His hand In eve - ning and in morn - ing,
 He res - cues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.
 So let me then be still: My bod - y, soul, and spir - it
 He ev - 'ry gift im - parts. The bread of earth and heav - en



My life with grace a - dorn - ing Wher - ev - er I may stand.
 I leave death's fear be - hind me; His peace I have with - in.
 His ten - der care in - her - it Ac - cord - ing to His will.
 Are by His kind - ness giv - en. Praise Him with thank - ful hearts!

5 Praise God with acclamation
 And in His gifts rejoice.
 Each day finds its vocation
 Responding to His voice.
 Soon years on earth are past;
 But time we spend expressing
 The love of God brings blessing
 That will forever last!



7 For thus the Father willed it,
 Who fashioned us from clay;
 And His own Son fulfilled it
 And brought eternal day.
 The Spirit now has come,
 To us true faith has given;
 He leads us home to heaven.
 O praise the Three in One!

6 Yet even though I suffer
 The world's unpleasantness,
 And though the days grow rougher
 And bring me great distress,
 That day of bliss divine,
 Which knows no end or measure,
 And Christ, who is my pleasure,
 Forever shall be mine.

Sermon

“The Last Word.”

Romans 8:28-39

Stand

Nicene Creed

☩ 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.

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.

(You may be seated if necessary.)

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

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.*



Service of the Sacrament

(Please see our Communion Statement in the announcements on Page 14.)

Stand

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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:

“Holy, Holy, Holy” (stanza 1)..... Hymn 507

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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 always.
C Amen.

"Lamb of God" Hymn 550



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
 2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have

sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and

sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!

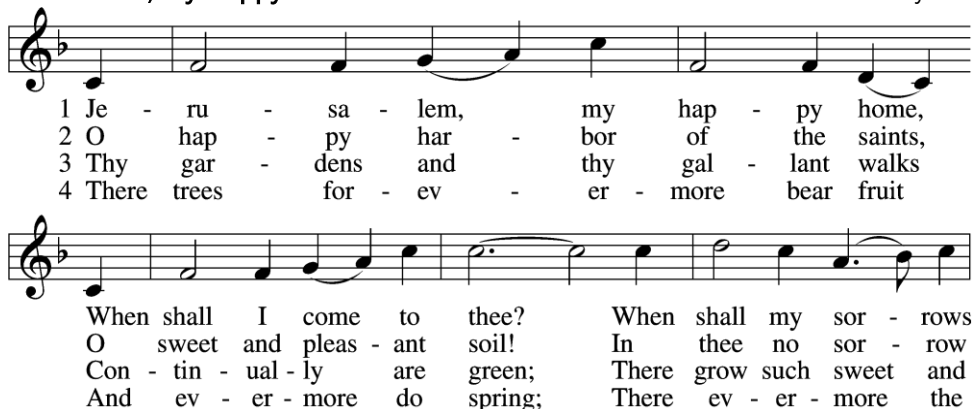
O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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Sit

Distribution Hymn

"Jerusalem, My Happy Home" Hymn 673



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home,
 2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints,
 3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks
 4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit

When shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
 O sweet and pleas - ant soil! In thee no sor - row
 Con - tin - ual - ly are green; There grow such sweet and
 And ev - er - more do spring; There ev - er - more the



have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 may be found, No grief, no care, no toil.
 pleas - ant flow'rs As no - where else are seen.
 an - gels dwell And ev - er - more do sing.

5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
 Around my Savior stand;
 And soon my friends in Christ below
 Will join the glorious band.

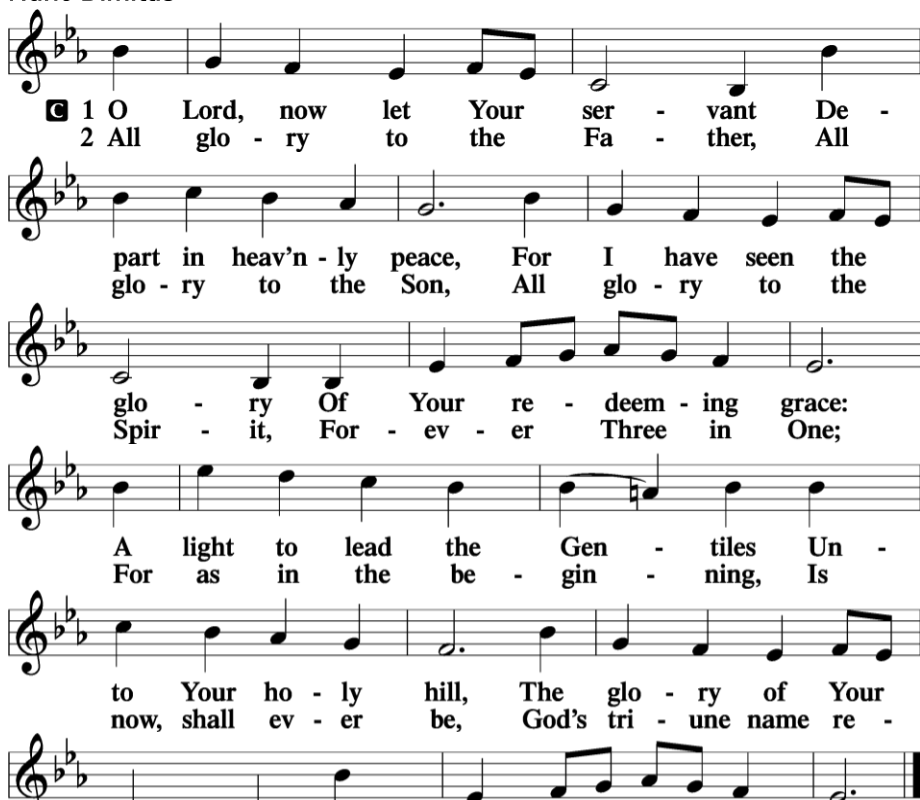
6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare
 For that bright home of love
 That I may see Thee and adore
 With all Thy saints above.

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Stand

Post-Communion Cantic

Nunc Dimittis



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
 part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
 glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
 A light to lead the be - Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
 to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
 now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
 peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

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

"Preserve Your Word, O Savior" (stanzas 1 & 5) Hymn 658



1 Pre - serve Your Word, O Sav - ior, To us this lat - ter day,
5 Pre - serve in wave and tem - pest Your storm-tossed lit - tle flock;



And let Your king-dom flour - ish; En - large Your Church, we pray.
As - sailed by wind and weath - er, May it en - dure each shock.



O keep our faith from fail - ing; Keep hope's bright star a - glow.
Stand at the helm, our pi - lot, And set the course a - right;



Let noth - ing from truth turn us While liv - ing here be - low.
Then we will reach the har - bor In Your e - ter - nal light.

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+ Silent Prayer +

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Matthew 13:45–46 – “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.” Indeed, Jesus redeemed us, purchased us back from sin and death, with all that He had. We belong to Him now. Our generosity ought to imitate the out-sized generosity of Jesus.

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.

Prayers

Members who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Amee Mantei	Dave Knuth	Klaus Nixdorf
Andrea Nystuen	Dave Sellke	Linda Drews
Barbara Maul	Eleanor Hoge	Norma Priebe
Barb Rodgers	Faith Timm	Pat Hutter
Carol Bonczkowski	Ferny Rantz	Ralph Dinges
Cindy White	Ginny Drews	Ted Froehlich
Connie Schwanger	Jean Keehn	Wilma Malinasky
Dan Knuth	Joseph Klupp	

Family or friends who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Addie Horstman - sister of Mary Spaulding	Joe Lhotka - Judy Jackemeyer's grandson
Allee Bauer - granddaughter of Keith & Debbie Yeske	Julianne Radut - girlfriend of Jeremiah Szoke
Austin Arndt - grandson of Linda Steinke	Karol Syring - daughter of Ken Vieregge
Barb Lange - friend of Thelma Szoke	Liam Pugh - grandson of Paula Benner
Barbara Alberg - friend of Joann Ciboch	Lissa Dehring - niece of Joyce Totzke
Braxton Beeger - nephew of Joann Ciboch	Matt Jones - friend of Chad Hartman
Chris Watson - son of Tom & Marie Watson	Melvin Machemer – son of Ellen Machemer
Christian Myers - son of friend of Thelma Szoke	Mike Szoke - nephew of Thelma Szoke
Erin Sage - friend of Thelma Szoke	Nancy Gerald – daughter of Jerry & Wilma Malinasky
Ethan White - friend of Elliot Measel	Phil Oberhaus - brother of Susan Jackemeyer
Grant Plath - friend of Joann Ciboch	Reece Clark - grandson of Walt & Diane Clark
Heidi Bowie - daughter of Irene Klupp	Robert Laird - son-in-law of Jerry & Wilma Malinasky
Jenny, Micah & Elijah Krupp – daughter & grandsons of Mike & Susan Jackemeyer	Ron Szweda – brother of Kathryn Robinson
Jeff Peltier - cousin of Pastor Measel	Tamara Metz – sister-in-law of Dennis & Lyla Metz

Our country, president, armed forces and all those who serve our country, including **Allison Blake**, **James Vieregge** USMC, **Joseph Schafer** – nephew of Pastor Quardokus, **Ethan Rieck** – nephew of David & Laura Geyer.

Zebulon Pappenfuss – husband of Sarah [Jackemeyer] Pappenfuss
Raven & Rachel Streffling - nephew (& wife) of Amy Streffling-Gorske
Seminarian **Matthew Machemer** – grandson of Ellen Machemer.

Missionaries

Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump in Kenya and Rev. Jason & Emily Groth in Belize.

PRAYING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Roxanne Beck	Jessica Belmontes & Family
Doris Beezley	Paula Benner
Wayne & Dot Belke	Mathew & Heather Bither Family

Welcome! We rejoice in your presence as we gather in unity around the throne of grace. 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 honor of Ginney Drews birthday (7/25)

Given by her children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren.



In loving memory Sue Ellen Machemer.

Given by Ellen Machemer.



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 Helen Quardokus.

Given by Pastor & Val Quardokus.



THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.

We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:



The Rev. Shauen and Krista Trump serve the LCMS in Africa, based in Nairobi, Kenya, which has been their home for the last 15 years. As the LCMS' regional director for Africa, Shauen regularly engages church leaders in more than 25 countries to equip, enable and encourage them in the work the Lord has put before them to spread the Gospel, plant Lutheran churches and train church workers, and show

mercy. In support of this, Shauen supervises the LCMS missionaries across the continent; coordinates with other entities, mission societies and church bodies; and communicates with the boards, institutions, districts, congregations and members of the LCMS. He also oversees the implementation of convention and board directives and the development and execution of strategies, programs, projects and grants for Africa. Krista serves as the region's project and grant secretary and coordinator of special events. Shauen enjoys spending time with his wife, playing games with his children, developing his repertoire of

“dad jokes,” and buying books that he never has time to read. Krista enjoys collecting new recipes, baking goodies for eager children, and spending time on the coast of Kenya. Shauen and Krista have five wonderful children — Josiah, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Esther.

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

SUMMER GIVING - God gives us the blessing of being able to work, earn, save, spend, and accumulate wealth. We do this for our children. We do this for our community. We do this for ourselves. But we also do it to honor God as faithful stewards. Thank you for your continued offerings this summer!

RUMMAGE UPDATE! – We are diligently adding up our sale totals from last week’s rummage and will let you know next Sunday, but let me just say this – it’s LOOKING GOOD!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IDA GAUL! – This fabulous lady turned 100 years old on July 14th and we want to give her a “Birthday Card Shower.” There will be a box in the commons to place all of your well wishes to Ida as we will make sure she gets them. Thank you!

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS – Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2026 Family Fun Festival a success! We could not have done it without 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.

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 marketing@christstevensville.com with your event (garage sale, etc.) details. Thank you!

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!



CHURCH CLERK'S REPORT

Weekly Services

Attendance

Thursday 07/16/26	7PM	12
Sunday 07/19/26	8AM	106
Online Attendees: 45	10:45AM	84
*Week of 07/19/26 total budgeted receipts		\$8,057.00
YTD Contributions		\$36,372.00
YTD Budget		\$51,923.08
YTD Over Under		\$-15,551.08
Weekly Budgeted Plate & General Fund Memorials		\$17,307.69
Over Under		\$-9,250.69

Welcome back
Pastor Meazel!

Sunday, July 26 <i>Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Communion Worship Service Bible Class Communion Worship Service
Monday, July 27		
Tues, July 28		
Wed, July 29		
Thursday, July 30	10AM 7PM	Bible Class Worship Service
Friday, July 31	Office CLOSED SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 9AM-1PM	
Saturday, August 1		
Sunday, August 2 <i>Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Worship Service Bible Class Worship Service



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