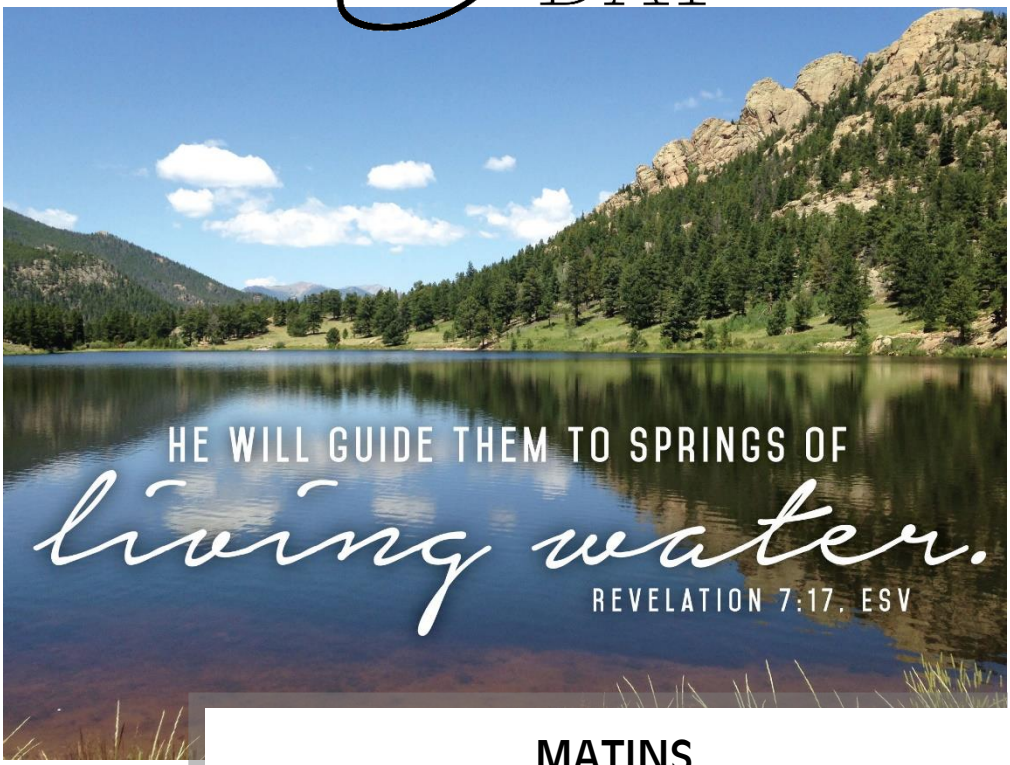
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

ALL Saints' DAY



MATINS

Thursday, October 29, 2026 @ 7PM

Sunday, November 1, 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

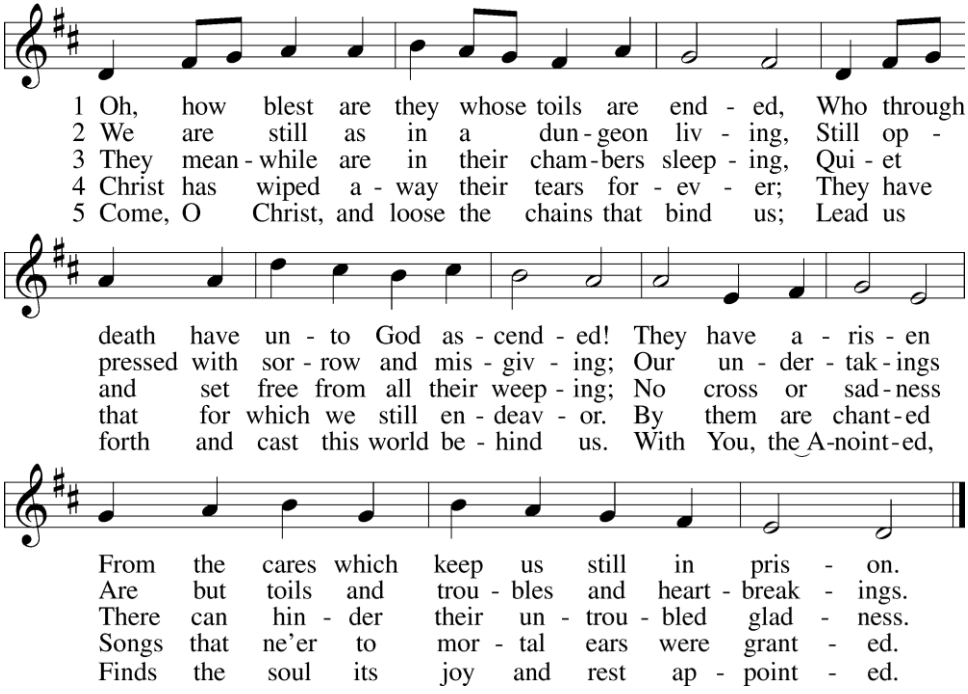
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As We Gather

Christ is the Morning Star, who, when the night of this world is past, gives to his saints the promise of the light of life, and opens everlasting day. (Venerable Bede, 8th century)

Opening Hymn

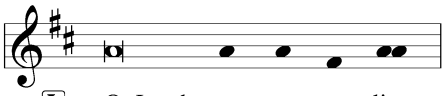
"Oh, How Blest Are They" .....Hymn 679



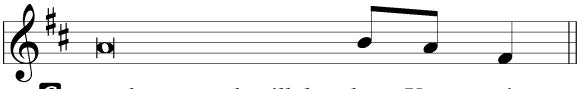
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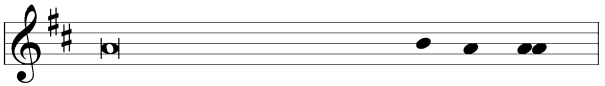
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



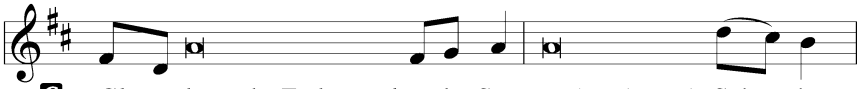
C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Psalmody

Antiphon

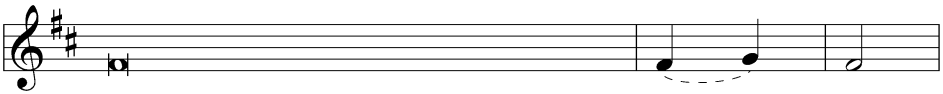


L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.

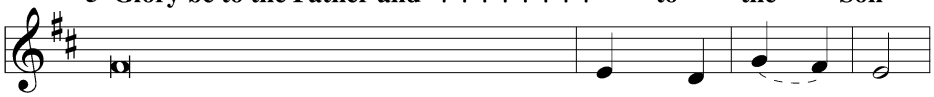


C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

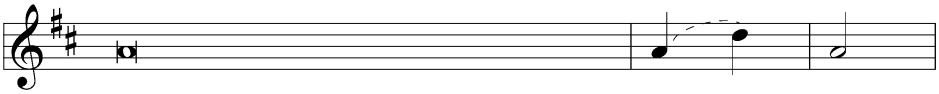
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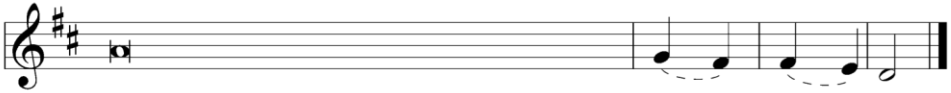
C **1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,**
2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God
3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,
5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.
5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,
4 For He . . . . . is our God,
5 as it was in the be - - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.
3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for - - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon



L Blessed be God, the Fa - ther, the Son, and the Ho - ly Spir - it.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Collect of the Day

P 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

Old Testament Lesson — 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,

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.

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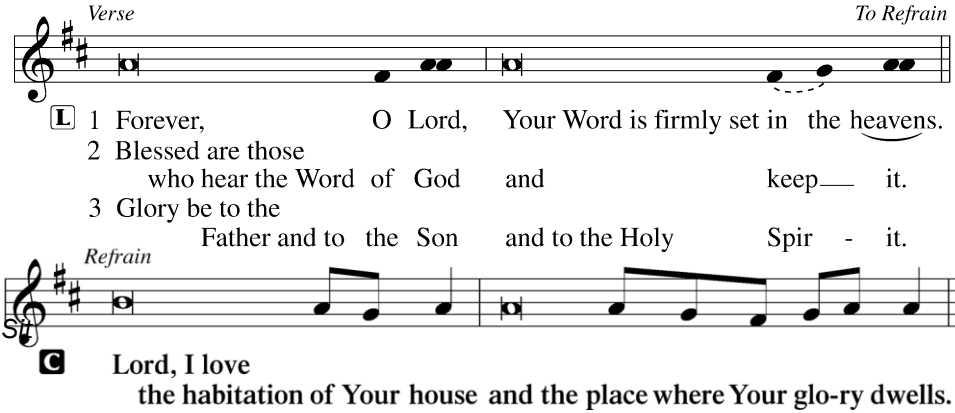
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Holy Gospel — Matthew 5:1–12

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:
3"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
5"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
6"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
7"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
8"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
9"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
10"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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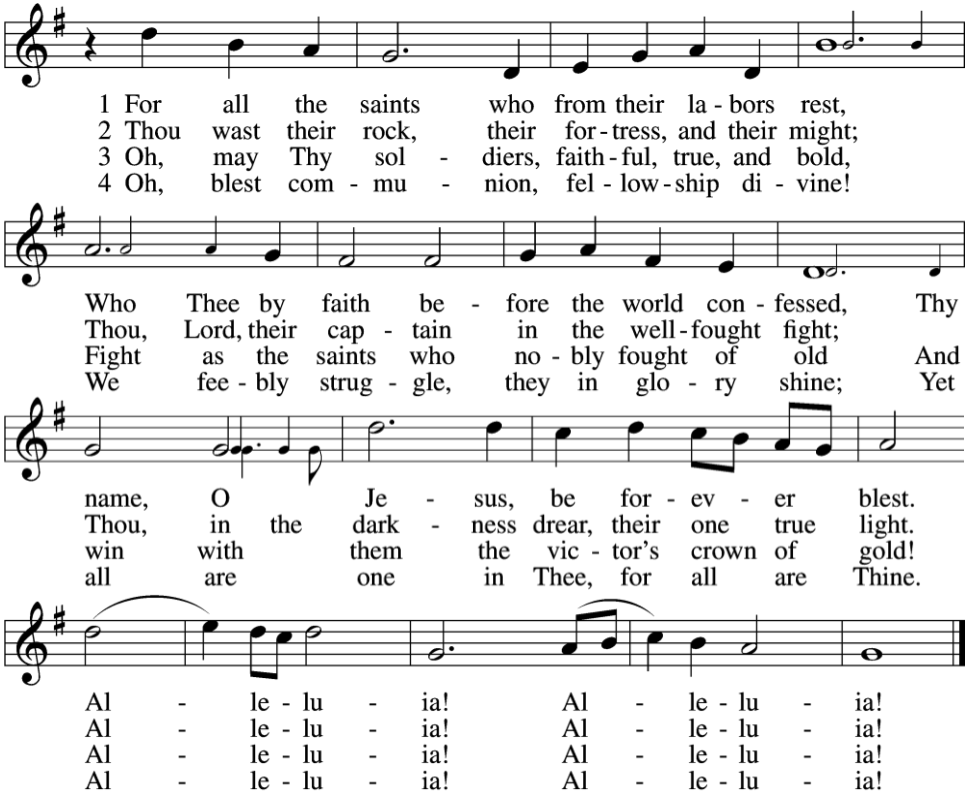
Responsory



Children's MESSAGE

Hymn of the Day

"For All the Saints" ..... Hymn 677



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

"Can You See?"

1 John 3:1-3

Canticle

Stand

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" .....Hymn 940



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Gathering of Our Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings

Online Giving

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.

Stand

Kyrie



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.

Collects





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

Collect for Peace | *(Thursday)*

L O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Collect for Grace | *(Sunday)*

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL

Departed

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 Brother, **William "Skip" Johnson**, born January 28, 1961 and drawn to God's nearer presence on December 20, 2025.

P Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil

C **for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.** (Psalm 23:4)

P We give special thanks as we recall the life and witness of our Sister, **Nancy Duke**, born October 3, 1958 and drawn to God's nearer presence on January 28, 2026.

P The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

C **The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.** (Psalm 121:7-8)

P We give special thanks as we recall the life and witness of our Sister, **Sandy Dixon**, born June 4, 1944 and drawn to God's nearer presence on February 12, 2026.

P I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

C **Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness** (2 Timothy 4:7–8)

P We give special thanks as we recall the life and witness of our Brother, **Fred Knuth**, born September 10, 1939 and drawn to God's nearer presence on April 14, 2026.

P "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me."

C "**I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."** (John 14:1,6)

P We give special thanks as we recall the life and witness of our Sister, **Susan Jackemeyer**, born November 12, 1969 and drawn to God's nearer presence on May 7, 2026.

P Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart,

C **and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."** (Matthew 11:29–30)

P We give special thanks as we recall the life and witness of our Sister, **Pamela Silcox**, born May 12, 1947 and drawn to God's nearer presence on May 10, 2026.

P "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple;

C **and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.** (Revelation 7:15)

P We give special thanks as we recall the life and witness of our Sister, **Penny Haldy**, born May 4, 1955 and drawn to God's nearer presence on July 13, 2026.

P "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,

C **that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.** (John 3:16)

P We give special thanks as we recall the life and witness of our Brother, **Dean Boyd**, born January 29, 1938 and drawn to God's nearer presence on August 13, 2026.

P Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

C **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, **Eldon Keehn**, born June 23, 1931 and drawn to God's nearer presence on August 16, 2026.

P For I know that my Redeemer lives,

C **whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.** (Job 19:25, 27)

P We give special thanks as we recall the life and witness of our Brother, **David Knuth**, born August 4, 1949 and drawn to God's nearer presence on August 24, 2026.

P "For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water,

C **and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."** Revelation 7:17)

P We give special thanks as we recall the life and witness of our Brother, **Andrew Weisser**, born November 15, 1981 and drawn to God's nearer presence on September 11, 2026

P In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?

C **And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.** (John 14:2-3)

℗ We give special thanks as we recall the life and witness of our Sister, **Ida Gaul**, born July 14, 1926 and drawn to God's nearer presence on September 21, 2026.

℗ It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

© **This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."** (Isaiah 25:9)

℗ We give special thanks as we recall the life and witness of our Brother, **Fred Cooper**, born September 11, 1932 and drawn to God's nearer presence on October 22, 2026.

℗ "For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life,

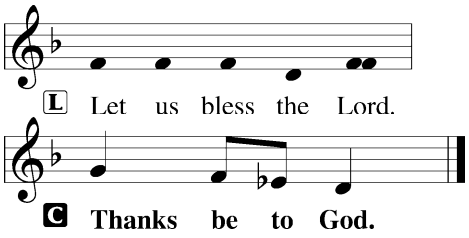
© **and I will raise him up on the last day."** (John 6:40)

Stand

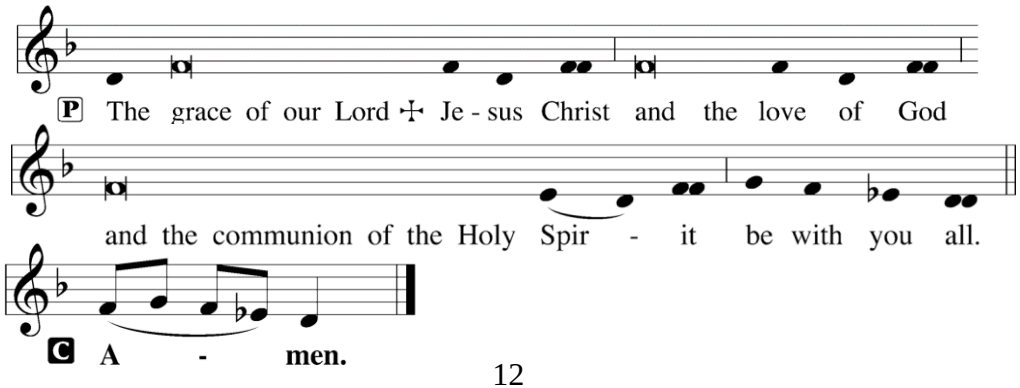
℗ Almighty God, in whose glorious presence live all who depart in the Lord and before whom all the souls of the faithful who are delivered of the burden of the flesh are in joy and felicity, we give You hearty thanks for Your loving-kindness to all Your servants who have finished their course in faith 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.

© **Amen**

Benedicamus



Benediction *2 Corinthians 13:14*



Closing Hymn

"Sing with All the Saints in Glory" .....Hymn 671



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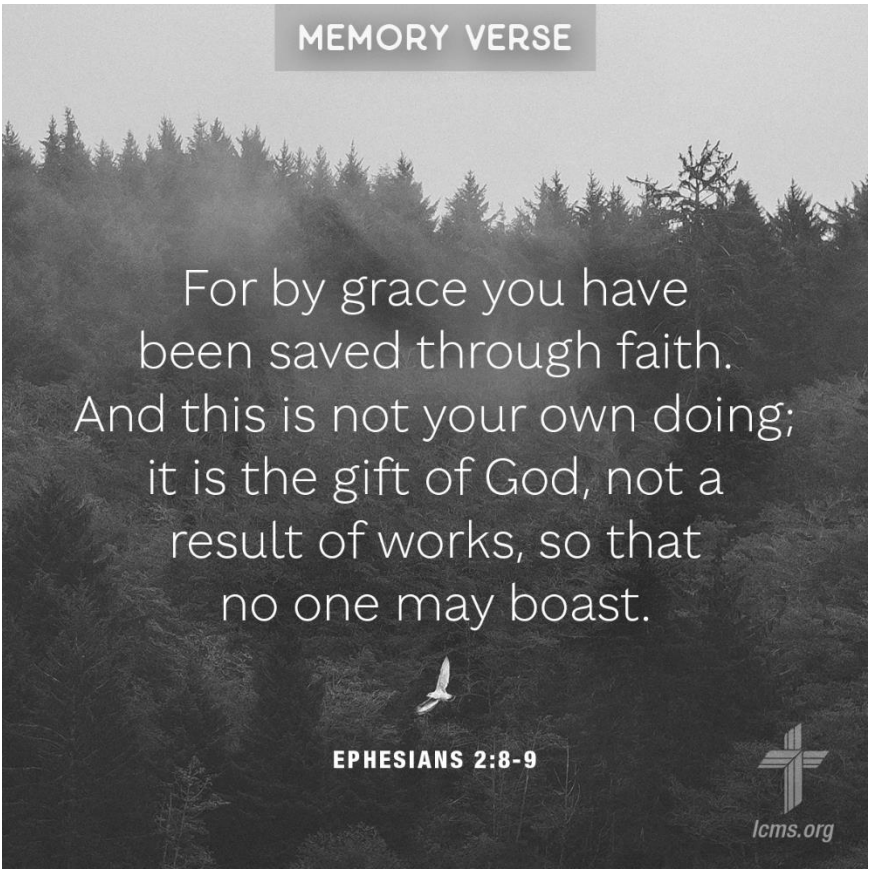
+ Silent Prayer +

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ACOLYTE(S) (Thursday | Sun 10:45AM) ..... Sophia Gambill | Aubrey Dunn
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USHERS (10:45AM) ..... Dale Zombory, Phil Cole

Matthew 5:7 – "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us (His own love, mercy, kindness and generosity) — flows back out of us. It all starts with His self-giving.



Sola Scriptura, Sola Gratia, Sola Fide. Solus Christus.
Scripture Alone, Grace Alone, Faith Alone. Christ Alone

BERRIEN CIRCUIT REFORMATION SERVICE



SERMON THEME:
"Nails" Romans 3:19-28

Delivered by: Rev. Martin Measel
Christ Lutheran Church, Stevensville, MI

Special Service groups:

- Circuit wide mass choir
- Circuit wide mass hand bell choir
- Brass Ensemble
- Circuit Clergy participating

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Sunday, November 1st
- 3:30 p.m.
- Immanuel Lutheran Church
  Bridgman, MI

A complimentary meal will follow the Service
All are welcome - invite friends & family!

Church News!

On this wonderful day that is designated *All Saints' Sunday*, we have come to invoke the presence of God. We welcome with joy all worshipers. Remember with gratitude all who have been faithful to God throughout the centuries. 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.

RADIO SPONSORSHIP – Christ Lutheran records two radio broadcasts per month. Consider sponsoring a broadcast ($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:



Ashley Lehr (Appleton, WI) serves the Lord through the LCMS in Puerto Rico, based in Mayaguez. As a deaconess intern, Ashley teaches women and children and assists in ongoing evangelism and outreach activities. She also connects, equips and organizes local and international volunteers for service to Christ both on and off the island of Puerto Rico. These relationships of service and love create opportunities for sharing the Good News of Jesus in Word and deed, as well as for forming a church body that is known for serving its communities. She is currently studying at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., pursuing an M.A. in deaconess studies. In addition, Ashley has participated in two short-term mission trips: to Haiti (2014) and Guatemala (2018). Pray for Ashley as she serves the church and the people in Puerto Rico. Ask God to work through Ashley to bring the Good News to people who are desperate for words of hope. Pray for God's guidance and faithfulness in her endeavors. In addition, ask God to give her strength and endurance as she continues to learn Spanish. Let us give thanks to God that Ashley is serving His children in this part of the world."

SUNDAY SCHOOL TOPIC THIS WEEK [UNIT 3 | LESSON 8] – The Bible lessons this week is "An Ascending Truth." During His last days on earth, Jesus instructs His disciples, preparing them for the challenges that lie ahead. Gathering His disciples on the Mount of Olives one last time, Jesus physically ascends to heaven. Two angels repeat Christ's promise to return in the same way He ascended into heaven. Discuss, "What great commission does Jesus give His followers?"

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS – Proverbs emphasizes the central theme of Israelite wisdom: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction." Come join us in our study of the book of Proverb! Classes are **Tuesdays @ 7pm** or **Wednesdays @ 9:30am.**

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS – Join Pastor Quardokus on **Thursday mornings at 10am** for a new Bible study titled, "Baptized into God's Family." We will learn that Baptism is not a minor

ordnance or an unimportant part of our faith. Rather, it is intimately related to sin and grace and God's plan of salvation for us through faith in Christ. We will have a special focus on infant baptism to provide answers to those who deny baptism to babies and small children.

CHURCH SECRETARY NEEDED! TRINITY GLENDORA – The Church Secretary provides administrative and clerical support to the pastor, church staff, and congregation. Responsibilities include answering phone calls and emails, maintaining church records, preparing bulletins and announcements, scheduling meetings and events, managing correspondence, and maintaining an organized church office. The secretary must be dependable, organized, professional, discreet, and committed to supporting the mission and ministry of the church. If you're interested in the position or have questions, please contact Pastor Liebich (269-422-2554 | telcglendora@gmail.com).

PASTOR APPRECIATION BRUNCH – Join us in between services on **Sunday, November 1st** as we celebrate Pastor Measel with food and fellowship! There is a sign-up sheet in the commons. Thank you!

FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL / COMMUNITY OUTREACH FORUM – Join us **Wednesday, November 4th @ 7pm** as we meet to discuss the 2026 Festival in addition to exploring other community outreach options.

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 10/22/26	7PM	26
Sunday 10/25/26	8AM	121
Online Attendees: 41	10:45AM	87
Tuesday Bible Class	10/20/26	8
Wednesday Bible Class	10/21/26	26
Thursday Bible Class	10/22/26	17
Sunday Bible Class	10/25/26	26

Week of **10/25/26 total budgeted receipts*	**$17,352.75**
Weekly Budgeted Plate & General Fund Memorials	$17,307.69
Over | Under	*$45.06*
YTD Contributions	$227,590.21
YTD Budget	$294,230.77
YTD Over | Under	*$-66,640.56*



Sunday, **November 1** All Saints' Day	8AM 9:30AM 9-10AM 10:45AM	Matins Worship Service Sunday School Pastor Appreciation Breakfast Matins Worship Service
Monday, **November 2**		
Tues, **November 3**	**7PM**	**Bible Class**
Wed, **November 4**	**9:30AM**	**Bible Class**
Thursday, **November 5**	**10AM** **6:30PM** 7PM	**Bible Class** **Choir Practice** Communion Worship Service
Friday, **November 6**		
Saturday, **November 7**		
Sunday, **November 8**	8AM **9:30AM** 9:30AM 10:45AM	Communion Worship Service **Bible Class** Sunday School Communion Worship Service



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