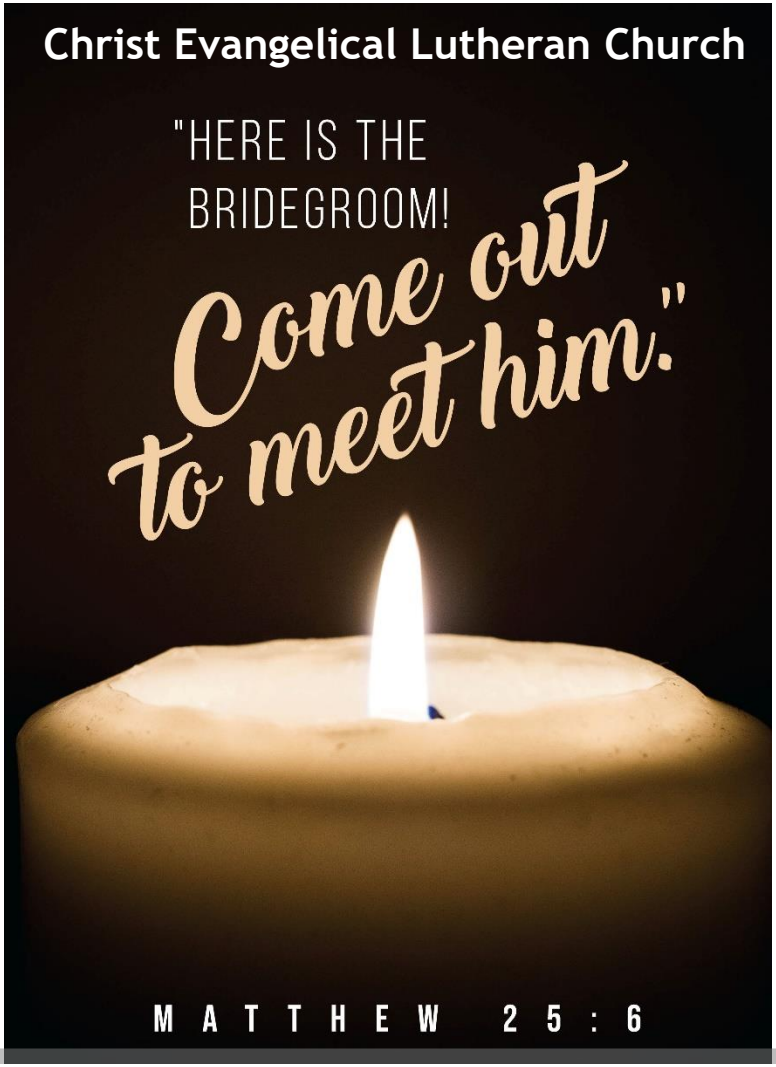


Divine Service One Worship Service

Thursday, November 5, 2026 @ 7PM

Sunday, November 8, 2026 @ 8AM & 10:45AM

4333 Cleveland Ave, Stevensville, MI 49127

Sunday Services @ 8AM & 10:45AM

Sunday Bible Class 9:30AM

Sunday School 9:30AM

Thursday Evening Service at 7PM

Christian Day School: PreK – 8th Grade

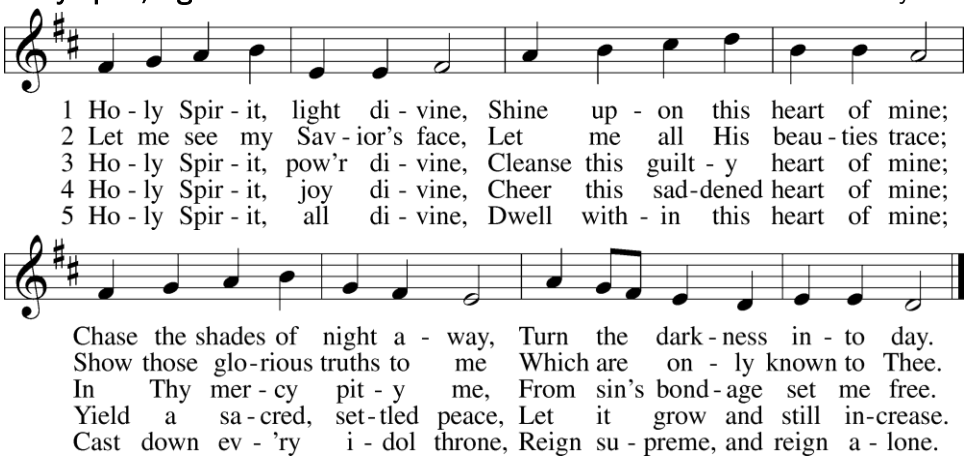
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

As We Gather

The church can live through the delay of Christ's return [the parousia], for in every celebration of the Lord's Supper a parousia already occurs. We are the people of God wandering through the wilderness of this world, preserved by the spiritual food and drink of the Lord's Supper." (Hermann Sasse, We Confess, 132)

Opening Hymn

"Holy Spirit, Light Divine"..... Hymn 496



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Confession and Absolution

Stand

Invocation

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Matthew 28.19b; [18:20]

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

1 John 1:8-9

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit



P Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,*
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King | and my God.

C **How lovely is your | dwelling place,***
O | Lord of hosts!

P Behold our shield, | O God;*
look on the face of your a- | nointed!

C **For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.***
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of | wickedness.

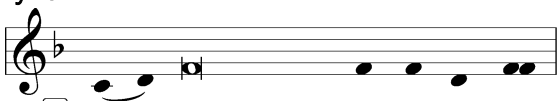
P For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and | honor.*
No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

C **O | Lord of hosts,***
blessèd is the one who | trusts in you!
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 Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,*
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King | and my God.

Ps. 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: Ps. 84:3

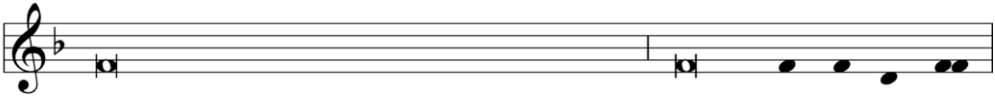
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



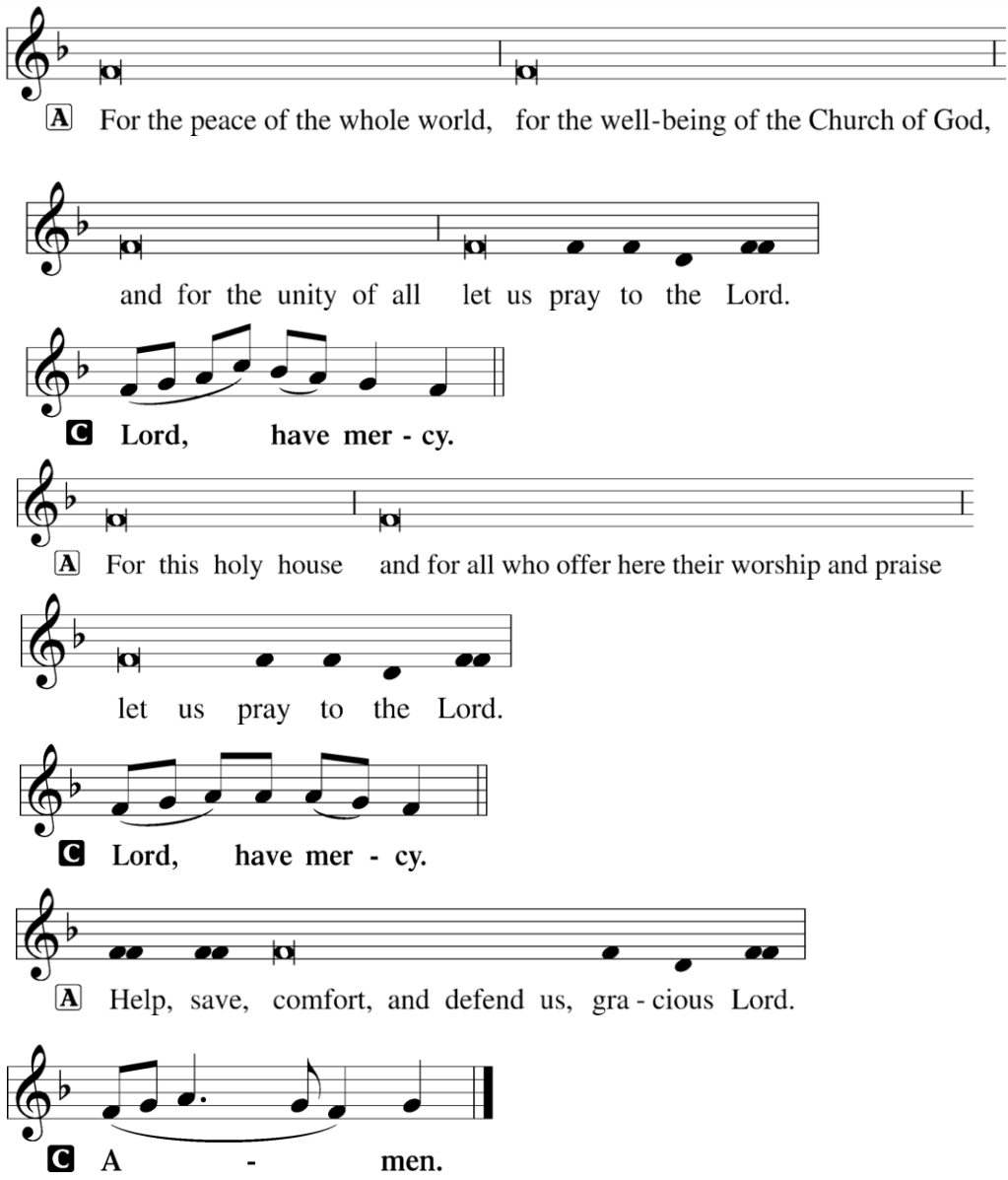
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.


A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise
let us pray to the Lord.
C Lord, have mer - cy.
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.
C A - men.

"This is the Feast"

Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9



Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same 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 XX. Good Works; 27-32

We teach that it is necessary to do good works. This does not mean that we merit grace by doing good works, but because it is God's will. It is only by faith, and nothing else, that forgiveness of sins is apprehended. The Holy Spirit is received through faith, hearts are renewed and given new affections, and then they are able to bring forth good works. Ambrose says: "Faith is the mother of a good will and doing what is right." Without the Holy Spirit people are full of ungodly desires. They are too weak to do works that are good in God's sight.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Lesson — Amos 5:18–24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
19 as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 "I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

P This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

C **They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

P Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,

C **in whose heart are the highways to Zion.** *Rev. 7:14; Psalm 84:5*

Epistle Lesson — 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

13But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you
may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14For since we believe that Jesus died and
rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.
15For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left
until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16For the Lord
himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel,
and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we
who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the
Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18Therefore encourage one another
with these words.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia



Holy Gospel — Matthew 25:1–13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

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

1[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and
went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3For when
the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4but the wise took flasks of oil
with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6But
at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7Then all
those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us
some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there
will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.'
10And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went
in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11Afterward the other virgins came
also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know
you.' 13Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to You, O Christ**

Sit

Hymn of the Day

"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" ..... Hymn 516



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Sermon

"Pet Peeves."

Amos 5:18-24

Stand

Nicene Creed

C 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.

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

Sit

Online Giving

Gathering of Our Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings

There will be no passing of the offering plates.
Please place your offering in the plates in the narthex.
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Offertory

"The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us" ..... Hymn 514



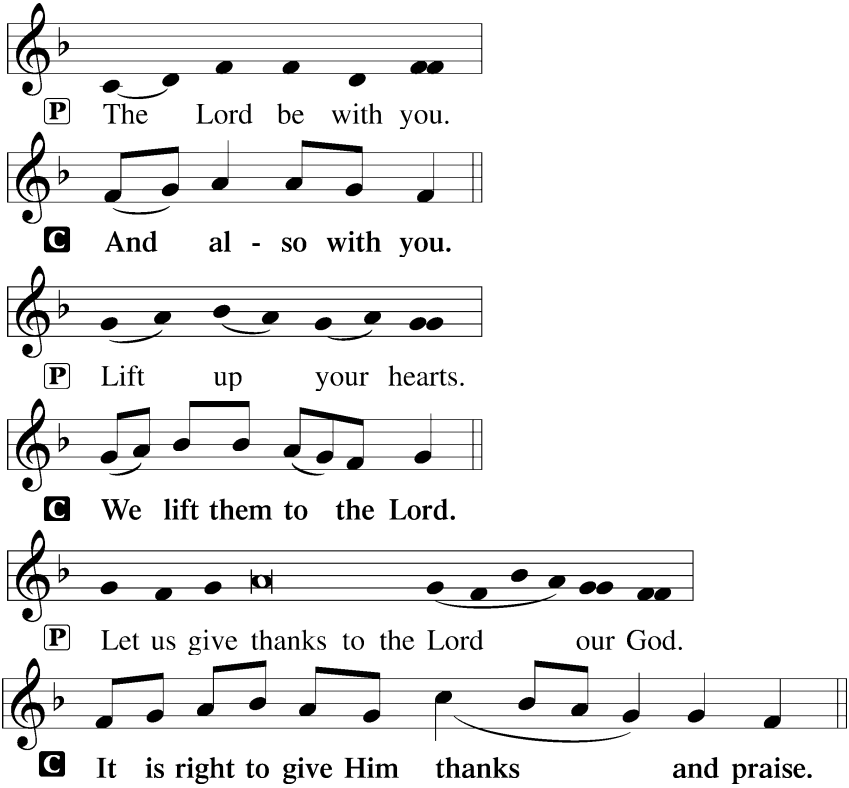
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Service of the Sacrament

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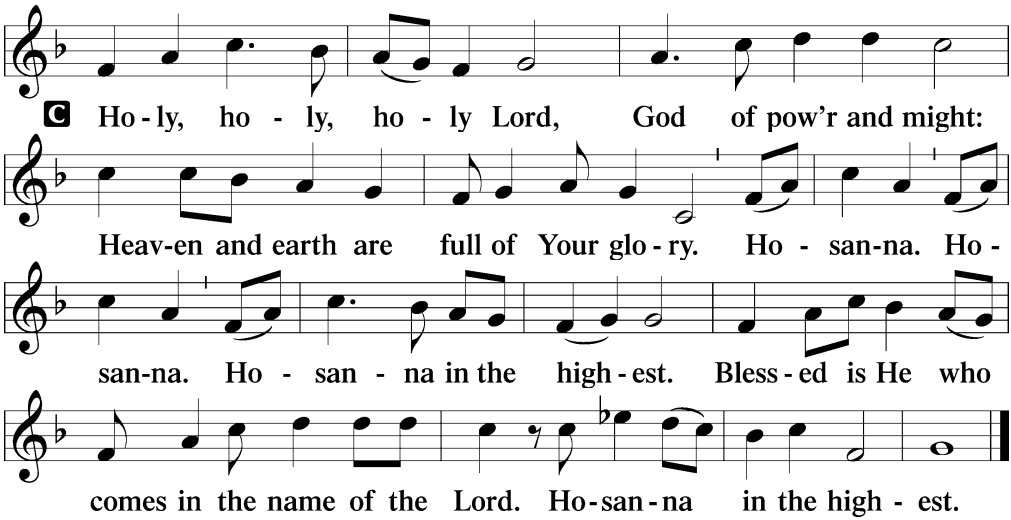
Stand

Preface



P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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:

Sanctus



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

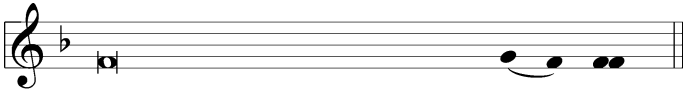
C **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is 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."

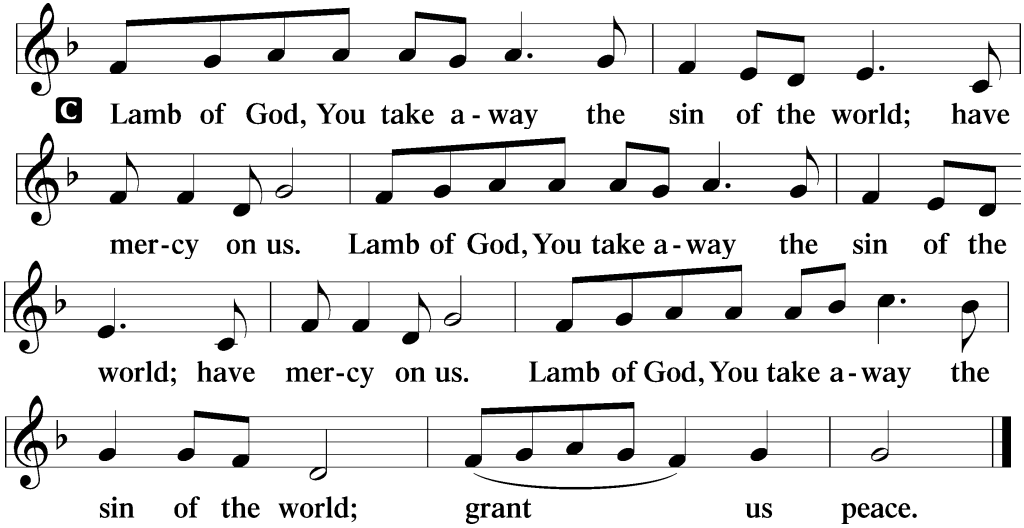
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini





Agnus Dei



Sit

Distribution Hymn

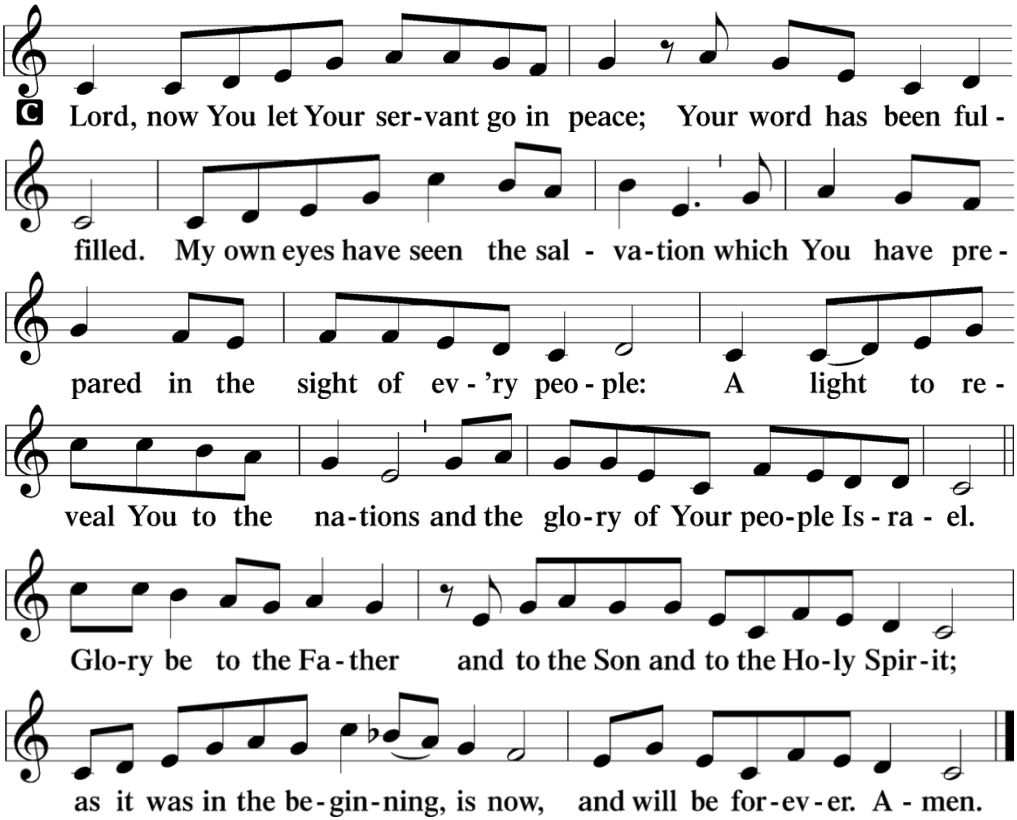
"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" ..... Hymn 394



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Post-Communion Canticle

Nunc Dimittis

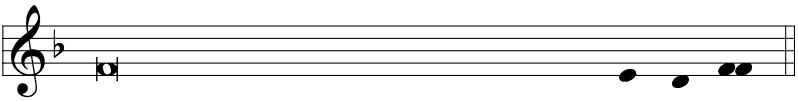


Post-Communion Collect

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 **A - men.**

Closing Hymn

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing".....Hymn 924



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+ Silent Prayer +

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THE PREACHER & THE LITURGIST ..... Rev. Martin P. Measel
THE ORGANIST (Thursday | Sunday) ..... Natalie Liss | Mark Steffens
ACOLYTE(S) (Thursday | Sunday) ..... Sophia Gambill | Joseph Medo
ELDER(S) ON DUTY (Thursday) ..... Rich Wandel
ELDER(S) ON DUTY (8AM | 10:45AM) ..... Fred Huff, Andrew Copi | Delmar Lange, Phil Cole
ALTAR GUILD ..... Shannon Reinschreiber, Charlotte Witt
USHERS (8AM) ..... Bob Appelget, Andrew Copi, Paul Jackemeyer, Bob Eisenman
USHERS (10:45AM) ..... Dale Zombory, Phil Cole

Matthew 21:43 – "Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits." The Pharisees were not bearing fruit. Though they were faithful to the letter of the Law in keeping the Sabbath, tithing, and all the rest, they neglected the heart of God's will. The grace of God belongs at the center. Our giving and all our other good works flow forth from receiving God's grace and living in that grace on a daily basis.

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.

Church News

A friendly welcome to each worshiper! We are pleased to have each of you here to glorify God and sing praises to the Almighty. 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.

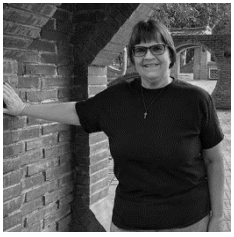
RADIO SPONSORSHIP – Christ Lutheran records two radio broadcasts per month. Consider sponsoring a broadcast ($150.00) to share with a family member or friend. Be sure to sign-up in order to secure a specific date! Our *Local Lutheran Worship Service Broadcasts* are now on **WSJM 94.9 FM** on **Sunday mornings** from **8AM – 9AM.** The services can also be heard by visiting www.wsjmsports.com and clicking on *listen live*.

Radio Broadcast

Our service is being recorded today and will air next Sunday.
This broadcast is dedicated to:
The Glory of God.
Given by Pastor Ron & Lorelle Moritz.

THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.

We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:



Barbara Rebentisch (Paullina, IA) serves the Lord through the LCMS in Taiwan, based in Chiayi. In this role, she translates and interprets between Mandarin and English to facilitate the communication of the Gospel in the Chinese-speaking world. In Taiwan, her service builds relationships with the community and leaders, sharing the Gospel with them through the written and spoken Word, and helping them to do the same with their neighbors. Her hobbies include reading, music, walking, chatting with friends and watching crime dramas. Over the years, Barb has been heavily involved in ministry and service to the people of Taiwan. She helped with youth ministry, was an evangelistic social worker, worked in counseling services and taught *English as a Second Language* (ESL) classes in various cities throughout this country. Pray for Barb as she serves in Taiwan by asking God to give her good health as she embarks on this journey. Pray that she has clear thinking and clear expression in all that she communicates. Ask God to generously provide for the financial aspects of her mission work so that she can accomplish all that has been set forth for her to do in Taiwan.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TOPIC THIS WEEK [UNIT 3 | LESSON 9] – "A Telling Truth" is the Bible lesson for this week. With the sound of a rushing wind and tongues of fire, the promised Holy Spirit descends on the disciples. As they speak "in other tongues" (Acts 2:4), their hearers, from a multitude of nations, hear about "the mighty works of God" (v. 11) in their own languages. Beginning with Old Testament prophecies, Peter's sermon proclaims Jesus, the promised Messiah. Discuss, "How did Pentecost change the Church forever?"

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 the "Baptized into God's Family" bible class. 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.

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).

THE HOLIDAY POTPOURRI BAZAAR – Come shop ***Saturday, November 14, 2026,*** from 9AM to 2PM at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Cassopolis. For more information or vendor inquiries, please contact Jenny @ 269-782-7484 or jennybischoff@hotmail.com.

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!





Stuff-A-Truck Donations

All Stuff-A-Truck donations remain in Berrien County and help local families that are in need. Donations of both food and personal care items are needed. Below are some suggestions of items needed.

FOOD ITEMS

Canned Vegetables & Fruit
Boxed or Instant Potatoes
Rice / Soup / Noodles / Spaghetti Sauce
Mac 'N Cheese / Cereal / Granola Bars
Cooking Oils / Condiments
Coffee / Tea / Juices

BAKING PRODUCTS

Flour / Sugar / Salt / Baking Powder / Vanilla
Cake Mix / Muffin Mix

PERSONAL CARE ITEM

Toothbrush / Toothpaste / Dental Floss / Mouth Wash
Deodorant / Body Wash / Lotion
Shampoo & Conditioner / Brushes & Combs

BABY PRODUCTS

Diapers / Wipes / Rash Ointment
Baby Food & Formula / Baby Wash & Lotion

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Toilet Paper / Tissues / Laundry Detergent
Dish Soap / Paper Towels /Plastic Wrap / Aluminum Foil

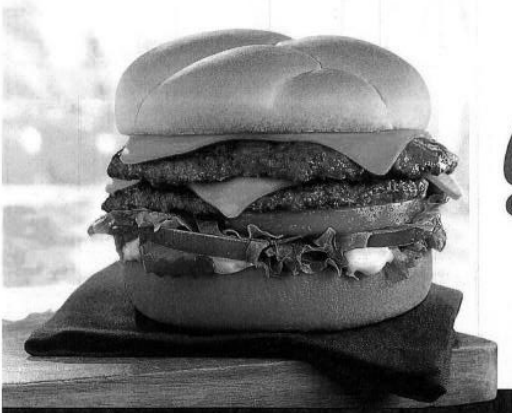
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Weekly Services		Attendance
Thursday 10/29/26	7PM	21
Sunday 11/01/26	8AM	124
Online Attendees: 84	10:45AM	70
Tuesday Bible Class	10/27/26	8
Wednesday Bible Class	10/28/26	32
Thursday Bible Class	10/29/26	17

Week of **11/01/26 total budgeted receipts*	**$10,119.00**
Weekly Budgeted Plate & General Fund Memorials	$17,307.69
Over | Under	*$-7,188.69*
YTD Contributions	$237,709.21
YTD Budget	$311,538.46
YTD Over | Under	*$-73,829.25*



Sunday, **November 8** *Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*	8AM **9:30AM** 9:30AM 10:45AM	Communion Worship Service **Bible Class** Sunday School Communion Worship Service
Monday, **November 9**	7PM	All Boards Meeting
Tues, **November 10**	**7PM**	**Bible Class**
 Wed, **November 11** *Veterans' Day*	**9:30AM** **11AM**	**Bible Class** Veterans' Chapel & Lunch
Thursday, **November 12**	**10AM** **6:30PM** 7PM	**Bible Class** **Choir Practice** Worship Service
Friday, **November 13**		**School Half Day**
Saturday, **November 14**		
Sunday, **November 15** *Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost*	8AM **9:15AM** 9:30AM 10:45AM	***Contemporary*** Worship Service **Voters' Meeting** Sunday School Worship Service



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