

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

MARK
10:27,
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**"WITH MAN THIS
IS IMPOSSIBLE,
BUT NOT WITH GOD;**

**ALL THINGS
ARE POSSIBLE
WITH GOD."**



CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

Sunday, October 20, 2024 @ 8AM

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 Twenty Second Sunday after *Pentecost*

Contemporary Service

As We Gather

Imagine yourself on vacation. Perhaps you are staying at a nice hotel with people you love, enjoying your favorite activities, and savoring some much-needed rest. Now, notice something: while you are resting, others are working. They are cleaning rooms, making beds, preparing your food, serving your drinks. Someone else's work enables you to rest. So it is with God. Today your gracious Father invites you to enter into His rest, His Sabbath, through the saving work of Jesus. He has already done the work—savor it! Rest in His presence as He serves you with His living and active Word and as He prepares His Table of grace for you to enjoy. (Creative Worship, proper 24, 10-21-18)

In the Name of God the Father

In the name of God the Father, for the glory of the Son,
In the power of the Spirit, now in faith we come.
We are gathered in your presence as the people of the King
And you raise our hearts to heaven as we sing.

**We lift up your name, O God,
You are worthy of our praise,
So great in power and glorious in grace,
So high and holy, the mighty three in one;
In your name we come.**

We will call upon your mercy as we celebrate your grace,
And we'll bring our joys and troubles as we seek your face.
We will share the peace you've given
as we feast upon your word;
And you make us into light for all the world.

REFRAIN

Open our lips, open our lips, and we shall declare your praises.
Open our eyes open our eyes to you.
Open our hearts, open our minds, we're trusting you to change us, open our
lives, let Jesus shine anew.

REFRAIN

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

C Amen.

Service of the Word

His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?

Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum.

Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,

Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?

What Father, so tender, is calling us home?

He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor.

Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

What riches of kindness He lavished on us.

His blood was the payment;

His life was the cost.

We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford,

Our sins they are many; His mercy is more.

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more.

Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn.

Our sins, they are many; His mercy is more.

REPEAT

Kyrie

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P 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 mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray. O God, Your divine wisdom sets in order all things in heaven and on earth. Put away from us all things hurtful and give us those things that are beneficial for us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Reading from the Book of Concord

An explanation of what we believe as Lutherans.

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

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Lesson

Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

¹⁰He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. ¹¹When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? ¹²Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

¹³There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, ¹⁴and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. ¹⁵As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand.

¹⁶This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? ¹⁷Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

¹⁸Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. ¹⁹Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. ²⁰For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

P This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

P He will command his angels concerning you

C to guard you in all your ways.

P Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Ps. 91:11; 103:1

Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 4:1–13

¹Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. ²For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. ³For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said,

“As I swore in my wrath,
‘They shall not enter my rest,’”

although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. ⁴For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: “And God rested on the seventh day from all his works.” ⁵And again in this passage he said,

“They shall not enter my rest.”

⁶Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, ⁷again he appoints a certain day, “Today,” saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted,

“Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts.”

⁸For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. ⁹So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, ¹⁰for whoever has entered God’s rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

¹¹Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. ¹²For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

P This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, Lord

Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life! Alleluia!

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter

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

²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.” ²⁸Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, ³⁰ who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit



Ancient Words

Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world;
They resound with God’s own heart,
O, let the ancient words impart;

Words of life, words of hope,
give us strength help us cope;
In this world where’er we roam,
Ancient words will guide us home.

**Ancient words, ever true,
Changing me, changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.**

Holy words of our faith
handed down to this age,
came to us through sacrifice;
O, heed the faithful words of Christ.

REFRAIN

Martyr's blood stains each page,
they have died for this faith;
hear them cry through the years;
heed these words and hold them dear.

**Ancient words, ever true,
Changing me, changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.**

Sermon
“Do You Have Enough Blessings?”

Mark 10:23-31

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.

Sit

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.*

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

**He will hold me fast,
He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so,
He will hold me fast.**

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

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For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast.
Justice has been satisfied, He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

REFRAIN

(You may be seated if necessary.)

Prayer of the Church

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.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen

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"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Hymn 809



1 Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee.
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not: Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Refrain

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed;



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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+ Silent Prayer +

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CONTEMPORARY SONG LEADER Fred Huff | Joan Kern
ELDER(S) ON DUTY Denny Kern
ALTAR GUILD..... Celeste Grau, Terry Steffens
USHERS Steven Huycke – Captain, Tom Ulmer, Andrew Gerken
 John Schulz, Mike Essig

Mark 10:29-30 – “Jesus said, ‘Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.’ ” This is Jesus’ encouragement for every faithful disciple. Let it encourage you today.

MEMORY VERSE

THE LORD
 PASSED BEFORE HIM AND PROCLAIMED,
“THE LORD,
THE LORD, A GOD MERCIFUL AND
GRACIOUS, SLOW TO ANGER, AND ABUNDING
IN STEADFAST LOVE AND FAITHFULNESS.”

EXODUS 34:6



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Prayers

Members who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Amee Mantei	Don Jeschke	Jenna Harvey-Kabelman	Nancy Duke
Andrea Nystuen	Don Hutter	Laura Geyer	Norma Priebe
Barbara Maul	Don Damron	Louise Winter	Ralph Dinges
Barb Rodgers	Faith Timm	Mick Yeske	Sally Reschke
Connie Schwanger	Ferny Rantz	Miro Virsik	Susan Jackemeyer
Dave Knuth	Jeanne Huff		

Family or friends who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Alex Spaulding - granddaughter of Mary Spaulding
Ann Rausch - mother-in-law of Vicki Rausch
Austin Arndt - grandson of Linda Steinke
Carl Pages - brother of Joyce Totzke
Cate Reed - granddaughter of Doris Beezley
Chris Watson - son of Tom Watson
Christian Myers - son of friend of Thelma Szoke
Donna Winter - daughter of Sandy Dixon
Erin Sage - friend of Thelma Szoke
Gabe Szoke - brother-in-law of Thelma Szoke
Grace Gerken - niece of Andrew & Terri Gerken
Grant Plath - friend of Joann Ciboch
Jenna Veine - granddaughter of Mary Spaulding
Joe Lhotka - Judy Jackemeyer's grandson
Karol Syring - daughter of Ken Vieregge

John Drews - son of Virginia Drews
Larry Klepper - Brother of Patti Allred
Liam Pugh - grandson of Paula Benner
Lissa Dehring - niece of Joyce Totzke
Matt Jones - friend of Chad Hartman
Mark Wilkinson – brother of Cindy White
Nancy Gerald – daughter of Jerry & Wilma Malinasky
Phil Oberhaus - brother of Susan Jackemeyer
Reece Clark - grandson of Walt & Diane Clark
Robert White - father of David White
Ron Szweda – brother of Kathryn Robinson
Sherry Orchard - sister-in-law of Susan Collins
Tonda Morgan - cousin of Pat Jaeger
Veronica Wilkinson – mother of Cindy White

Our country, president, armed forces and all those who serve our country, including **Allison Blake**, **Luc Whitman** – grandson of Don & Pat Hutter, **James Vieregge**, USMC – grandson of Ken Vieregge, **Joseph Schafer** – nephew of Pastor Quardokus, **Matt Weiss**, nephew of Fred & Jeanne Huff, **Ethan Rieck** – nephew of David & Laura Geyer. Seminarian **Matthew Machemer** – grandson of Ellen Machemer.

Missionaries

Deaconess Kim Buelmann in Germany, Jason & Emily Groth in Belize, and Deaconess Caitlin & Rev. Jeancarlos Ramirez in Peru.

PRAYING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Dee Payovich
 Fred & Karen Pieplow
 Paul Pioske

Kyle & Brea Post
 Ryan Post
 Darren & Leslie Priebe

Church News!

Beloved of Christ, welcome to worship, faith education and Christian fellowship this day. May you sense the embrace of God's love through the people you interact with here. If you are visiting, please sign our guest book located on the *welcome* center desk.

FLOWER CHART – If you want to sponsor altar flowers, be sure to add your name to the **2024 chart in the commons**. Consider honoring a family member or special occasion by sponsoring Sunday altar flowers. The cost is **\$35.00**. After church services, the bouquet is delivered to a shut-in members or an individual on our prayer list. Thank you!

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are dedicated to the glory of God,

In loving memory of Jon Shembarger.

Given by Joan Shembarger.

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 on **WSJM 106.1 FM** on **Sunday mornings** from **9AM – 10AM**. 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 Jon Shembarger.

Given by Joan Shembarger.

THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE.

We remember the following Missionary in our prayers this week:



Deaconess Kim Bueltmann serves the Lord through the LCMS as a missionary in Germany. She assists congregations in Leipzig and Chemnitz in providing outreach to refugees, who are primarily from Iran and Afghanistan. Kim is actively involved in worship planning and leading music for worship in the Farsi language, and she works closely with Persian musicians in these congregations to develop more hymns and liturgy in Farsi. In addition, she offers diaconal support and teaches the Bible and catechism to refugees and socioeconomically disadvantaged Germans. Kim grew up in Central Illinois, and she is a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Whitefish Bay, Wis. In her free time, she enjoys playing various musical instruments, singing, and kayaking and hiking with her Italian greyhounds. Pray for Kim as she serves in Germany by asking God to give her boldness in speaking the Gospel to all those with whom she comes into contact.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS WITH PASTOR QUARDOKUS - Pastor Quardokus leads a Bible study titled, "God's Answers to my Personal Christianity." on **Thursday mornings at 10AM.**

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY: THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES – The midweek Bible class that just started last week will continue studying the *Book of Acts*. Join us: **Tuesday evenings at 7pm or Wed mornings at 9:30am.**

ADULTS DINE OUT – An *Adults Dine Out* will be held on **Friday, October 25th** at **D'Agostino's Navajo** in Bridgman. Please note the new start time for the ADOs is **5:30 p.m.** It is very important that you sign up to attend. The sign-up sheet is in the commons area.

MOVIE NIGHT – Join us **Saturday, November 2nd at 3PM** in the *all purpose room* for more of "The Chosen." Hope to see you there!

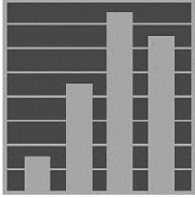
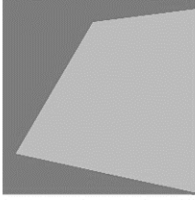
PIZZA & GAME NIGHT - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH from 4-7pm - Join us for a fun, relaxing evening of card games, board games, you name it! Feel free to bring one of your favorites to add to the amusement. Pizza & beverages will be provided. sure to sign-up in the commons. Bring your friends and hope to see you there!

LOOKING FOR A CO-CHAIR - The funeral luncheon committee is looking for a co-chair. If you are interested, please contact Dot Belke (269-519-0620) or Thelma Szoke (269-369-2821).

UPCOMING PTL BAKE SALE! NEED BAKED GOODS - Calling all bakers! Our school PTL plans to host a bake sale **November 7th @ 3pm**, but we need goods to sell. If you love to bake – we know people who love to eat! More details to follow, but if you have any questions please contact Kala Hoover @ 269-757-4847.

CRAFTING GROUP - Are you a crafter?! Interested in fellowship *while* crafting? The church is looking to start a crafting group that would potentially meet once a month in the *All Purpose Room*. The idea is to work on projects via a little assembly line or independently throughout the year that can be sold at future school craft bazaars or even sold on the church craft cart located in the commons. If you're interested, please contact the church office (269-429-7222 | clcoffice@christstevensville.com).

CLS DISCOUNT CARDS FUNDRAISER – Our middle school students are selling Christ Lutheran Discount Cards! This is a simple way to support our middle school students as they raise money for their end of the year class trip to St. Louis, MO. The back of the card has over ten money-saving offers – earning your \$20 purchase price back in savings with just a purchase or two! These cards are available for purchase in the church office. Thank you!



CHURCH CLERK'S REPORT

Weekly Services

Attendance

Thursday 10/10/24	7PM	19
Sunday 10/13/24	8AM	116
<i>Online Attendees: 24</i>	10:45AM	76

Total: 163

Tuesday Bible Class	10/08/24	12
Wednesday Bible Class	10/09/24	26
Thursday Bible Class	10/10/24	20
Sunday Bible Class	10/13/24	30

<i>*Week of 10/13/24 total budgeted receipts</i>	\$15,528.00
YTD Contributions	\$240,775.68
YTD Budget	\$248,076.92
YTD Over (Under)	-\$7,301.24
Weekly Budgeted Plate & General Fund Memorials	\$16,538.46
Over (Under)	-\$1,010.46



WEEKLY Sneak Peek

Sunday, October 20 <i>Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost</i>	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Contemporary Worship Service Pastor Appreciation Breakfast MATINS Worship Service
<i>thank you</i> PASTOR		
Monday, October 21		
Tuesday, October 22	7PM	Bible Class
Wed, October 23	9:30AM	Bible Class
Thursday, October 24	10AM 6:30PM 7PM	Bible Class <i>Choir Rehearsal</i> Communion Worship Service
Friday, October 25		
Saturday, October 26		
Sunday, October 27	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Communion Worship Service Bible Class Communion Worship Service



Reformation

Sunday



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