

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

*... when you see these  
things taking place,  
you know that*

*He  
Is  
Near.*

*at the very gates.*

*Mark 13:29*

**Thursday, November 21, 2024 @ 7PM**

**Sunday, November 24, 2024**

**@ 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 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**

# Last Day of the Church Year

## As We Gather

We preach not one coming only of Christ, but a second also, far more glorious than the first. The first revealed the meaning of His patient endurance; the second brings with it the crown of the divine kingdom. In His first coming He was wrapped in swaddling clothes in the manger. In His second coming He is clothed with light as with a garment. In His first coming He bore the cross, despising its shame; He will come a second time in glory accompanied by the hosts of angels. He first came in the order of divine providence to teach men by gentle persuasion; but when He comes again they will, whether they wish it or not, be subjected to His kingship. (Cyril of Jerusalem (c.315-386), Instructions to Catechumens, For All the Saints I:64-65)

### Prelude | Sunday

**"To Our Redeemer's Glorious Name"** (Christopher Tye) ..... Christus

To our Redeemer's glorious name

Awake the sacred song.

Oh, may His love, immortal flame,

Tune ev'ry heart and tongue!

He left His radiant throne on high,

Left realms of heav'nly bliss,

He came to earth to bleed and die,

Was ever love like this?

He came to earth to bleed and die,

Was ever love like this?

Oh, may the sweet, the blissful theme

Fill ev'ry heart and tongue

Till strangers love the charming name

And join the sacred song!

He left His radiant throne on high,

Left realms of heav'nly bliss,

He came to earth to bleed and die,

Was ever love like this?

He came to earth to bleed and die,

Was ever love like this?

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” ..... Hymn 516



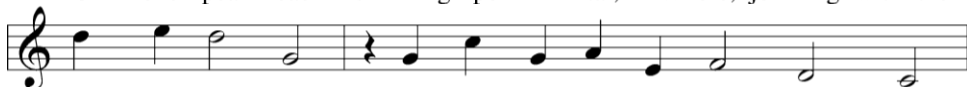
Choir 1 “Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing,” The watch - men on the  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with  
 3 Now let all the heav’ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; “A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!”  
 joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals’ clear - est tone.



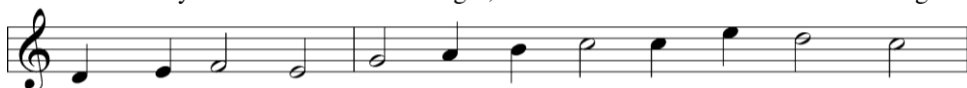
Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing  
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in  
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: “Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?  
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris’n, her light is come.  
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!  
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God’s own Son,  
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare  
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall  
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near.”  
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.  
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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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.

**C** **Amen.** *[John 20:19-23]*

# Service of the Word

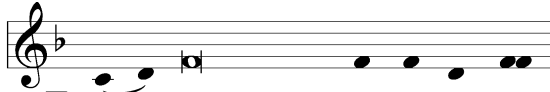
## Introit


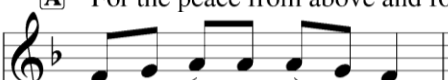


- P** We are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,\*  
the home of | righteousness.
- C** **O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;\*  
let me know how fleeting | I am!**
- P** Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,\*  
and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.
- C** **And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?\***  
**My hope | is in you.**
- P** Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.\*  
Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!
- C** **Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear | to my cry;\***  
**hold not your peace | at my tears!**  
**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** We are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,\*  
the home of | righteousness.

*Ps. 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b NIV*

## Kyrie



- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
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- C** Lord, have mer - cy.
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- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
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- C** Lord, have mer - cy.



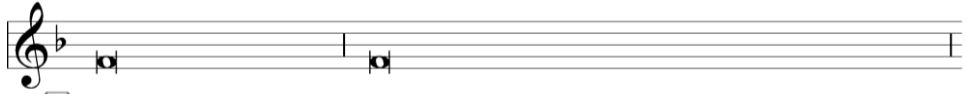
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



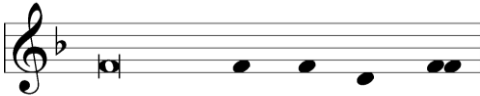
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



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



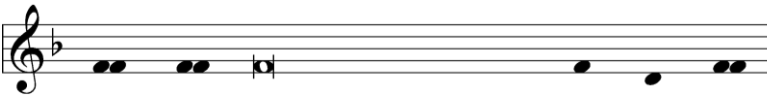
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



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”

*Refrain*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



Women 1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
Men 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Women 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

Men 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

*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 Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Reading from the Book of Concord

*An explanation of what we believe as Lutheran*

*Luther's Small Catechism  
The Apostles' Creed, The Third Article*

**C** 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.

*What does this mean?* I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

## Readings from Holy Scripture

### Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 51:4-6

<sup>4</sup>Give attention to me, my people,  
and give ear to me, my nation;  
for a law will go out from me,  
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near,  
my salvation has gone out,  
and my arms will judge the peoples;  
the coastlands hope for me,  
and for my arm they wait.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

**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** Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

**C** in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Rev. 7:14; Ps. 84:5

## New Testament Canticle (LSB 266)

*Refrain*



**C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



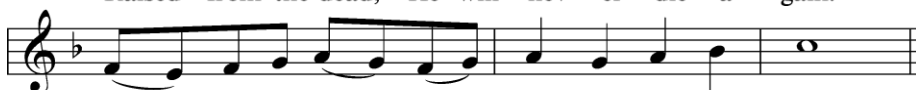
lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.



Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.



Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

*Refrain*



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He



lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a-live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

*Refrain*

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le - lu - ia.

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Epistle Reading

Jude 20-25

<sup>20</sup>But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; <sup>21</sup>keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. <sup>22</sup>And have mercy on those who doubt; <sup>23</sup>save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

<sup>24</sup>Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup>to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen

**P** This is the Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Alleluia

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>24</sup>“In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup> And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup> “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup> “But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup> Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup> lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

**“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”** ..... Hymn 336



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him  
 3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion  
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,



Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;  
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;  
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,  
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;



Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,  
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



Swell the tri - umph of His train:  
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.  
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly  
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.  
 rap - ture, Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

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**Sermon**  
**“Summer’s Coming...”**  
**Mark 13:24-37**

*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  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

*(You may be seated if necessary.)*

## Prayer of the Church

## Gathering of Our Tithes and Sacrificial Offerings

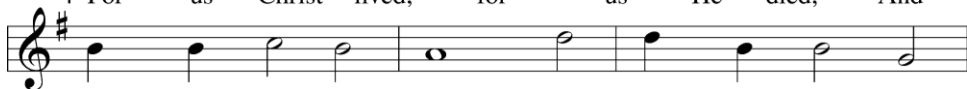
*There will be no passing of the offering plates.  
Please place your offering in the plates in the narthex.*

### Offertory

“Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death” ..... Hymn 697



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, And  
 2 To us on earth He came to bring From  
 3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, Who  
 4 For us Christ lived, for us He died, And



Christ shall give you light; So learn His love, its  
 sin and fear re - lease, To give the Spir - it's  
 died that He might save; With kind and gen - tle  
 con - quered in the strife; A - wake, a - rise, go



length and breadth, Its full - ness, depth, and height.  
 u - ni - ty, The ver - y bond of peace.  
 hearts for - give As God in Christ for - gave.  
 forth in faith, And Christ shall give you life.

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## Service of the Sacrament

*(Please see our Communion Statement in the announcements on Page 19.)*

### Stand

### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



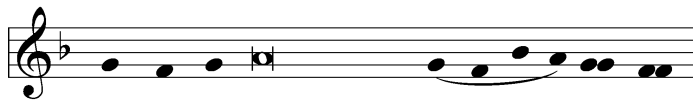
**C** And al - so with you.



**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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, ever more praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## 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

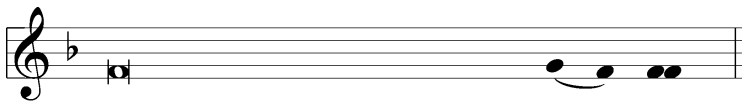
**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is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



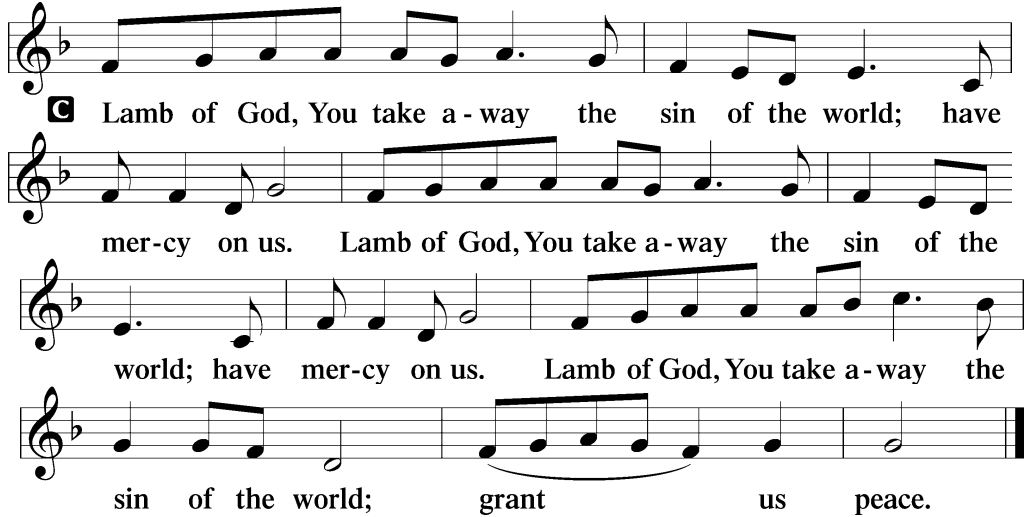
**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.



# Agnus Dei

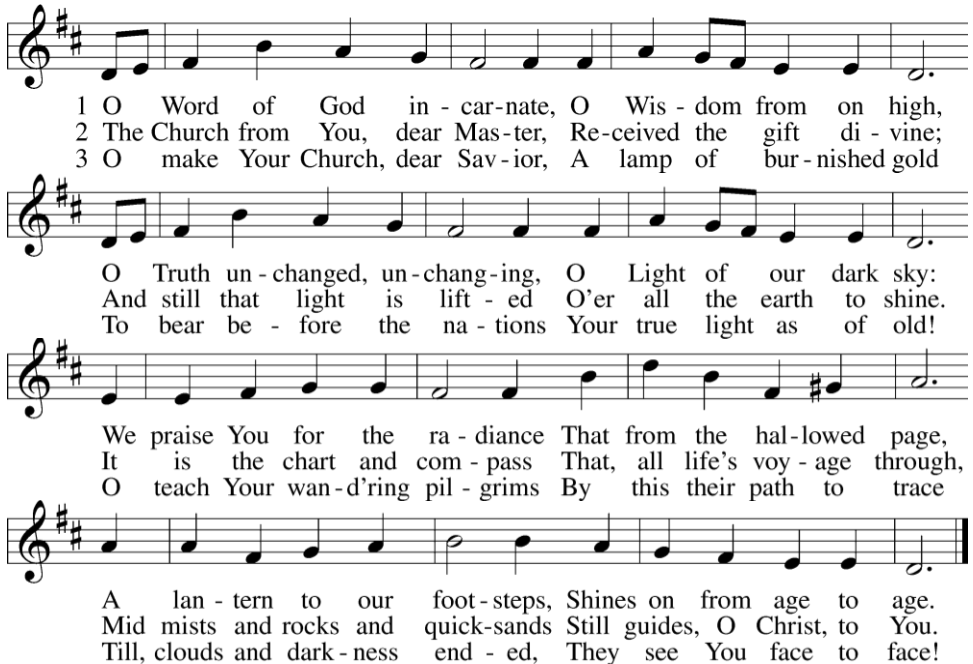


□ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

## Distribution Hymn

“O Word of God Incarnate”..... Hymn 523



1 O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
2 The Church from You, dear Mas-ter, Re-ceived the gift di - vine;  
3 O make Your Church, dear Sav-ior, A lamp of bur - nished gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang-ing, O Light of our dark sky:  
And still that light is lift - ed O'er all the earth to shine.  
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light as of old!

We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,  
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,  
O teach Your wan - d'ring pil - grims By this their path to trace

A lan - tern to our foot-steps, Shines on from age to age.  
Mid mists and rocks and quick-sands Still guides, O Christ, to You.  
Till, clouds and dark-ness end - ed, They see You face to face!

Stand

Post-Communion Canticle

Thank the Lord



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

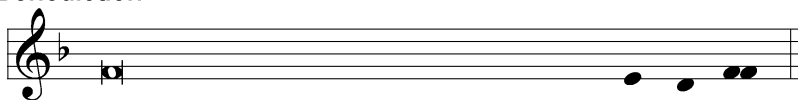
Post-Communion Collect

**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.

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.

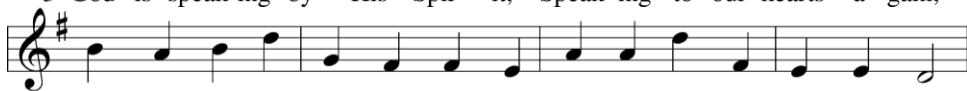


**C** A - men.

“God Has Spoken by His Prophets” ..... Hymn 583



1 God has spo - ken by His proph - ets, Spo - ken His un - chang - ing Word;  
 2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,  
 3 God is speak - ing by His Spir - it, Speak - ing to our hearts a - gain,



Each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the one, the righ - teous Lord.  
 Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, With the Fa - ther ev - er one;  
 In the age - less Word de - clar - ing His own mes - sage, now as then.



In the world's de - spair and tur - moil, One firm an - chor holds us fast:  
 Spo - ken by the Word In - car - nate, God of God, be - fore time was;  
 Through the rise and fall of na - tions One sure faith yet stand - ing fast;



God is king, His throne e - ter - nal; God the first, and God the last.  
 Light of Light, to earth de - scend - ing, He re - veals our God to us.  
 God a - bides, His Word un - chang - ing; God the first, and God the last.

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+ Silent Prayer +

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| <b>SERVICE PARTICIPANTS:</b>           |  |
| THE PREACHER & THE LITURGIST .....     | Rev. Martin P. Measel                      |
| THE PIANIST (Thursday) .....           | Heather Steffens                           |
| THE ORGANIST .....                     | Mark Steffens                              |
| THE ACOLYTES (Thursday   Sunday) ..... | Chloe Koehn   Micah Necas                  |
| THE STRINGS (Sunday) .....             | Beth Oeseburg, Jeff Oeseburg               |
| ELDER(S) ON DUTY (Thursday) .....      | Rich Wandel                                |
| ELDER(S) ON DUTY (8AM   10:45AM) ..... | Mark Russell, Andy Copi   Jeff Oeseburg    |
| ALTAR GUILD.....                       | Christine Quardokus, Pattie Allred         |
| USHERS (8AM) .....                     | Bob Appelget, Andrew Copi, Paul Jackemeyer |
| USHERS (10:45AM) .....                 | Dale Zombory, Phil Cole                    |

**Isaiah 51:6 – “For the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment.”**

The things of this earth that hold our attention, that cause us worry, that tempt us away from the Lord, are all passing away. They will vanish like a garment. They are not for us to worry over, but rather to use for the Lord's purposes. The things of this world are not ends in and of themselves, but only means to be used wisely by the children of the kingdom that has no end.

**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!*

Today we celebrate Christ the King, who declared to Pilate, “My kingdom is not of this world” (John 18:36). May we be open to his countercultural rule. Welcome to worship. 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 2024/25 chart in the commons. Consider honoring a family member or special occasion by sponsoring Sunday altar flowers. **The cost is now \$40.00 for all future sponsorships.** Feathers Floral is our new florist. After church services, the bouquet is delivered to a shut-in members or an individual on our prayer list. Thank you!

**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](http://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:*



Abigail Young serves the Lord through the LCMS based in Santiago de los Caballeros, Dominican Republic. In this role, she teaches music to students at a Lutheran school and a local public school, and she assists with English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) training. Abigail was born in San Antonio, Texas, but she later moved to Fishkill, N.Y., where she attends Our Savior Lutheran Church. She has a bachelor’s degree in music education from the University of North Texas, Denton. From 2020 to 2024, she worked as a music teacher in the Port Chester Union Free School District in New York. Over the last 10

years, Abigail has served the church in a variety of ways, including through the Lutheran Youth Corps (2014) and the LCMS Youth Gathering (2022). She has also served in English Bible Camps in Hungary (2018 and 2019) and at Our Savior as assistant youth group leader (2020–2024), handbell assistant director (2021–2024) and choir director (2022–2024). In her spare time, she enjoys inventing new games, designing posters, running and making music. Pray for Abigail as she serves in the Dominican Republic. Ask God to give her health and safety and to be with her as she learns Spanish. Pray also for the people she meets and teaches, that they would be open to hearing about their Savior, Jesus Christ, and joining His family in the church. Give thanks to God that Abigail is serving His children in this part of the world.

**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.**

**GIVING TREE** – Don't forget to take a peek at the Giving Tree in the church commons! This is a wonderful opportunity to bless the teachers and staff this Christmas Season. Thank you!

**MONDAY MUSICAL CLUB OF SW MICHIGAN** – Presents its 93rd annual *Candlelight Vesper Service* **Sunday, December 1 at 3:45pm** at the First Congregational Church (2001 Niles Avenue, St. Joseph). The program will feature the *Monday Musical Chorus* directed by Elizabeth Reed, organist Brenton Offenback, guitarist Steven Reed, and the Christmas Gospel read by Pearl Blaylock. The program is free and open to the public. There will be a free will offering for the Goodfellows Fund.

**MOVIE NIGHT** – Join us **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3PM** in the *all purpose room* to watch more of *The Chosen*. Hope to see you there!

**LADIES LEAGUE ADVENT BRUNCH** – All ladies are invited to the *Ladies League Advent Brunch*, to be held on Saturday, **December 7 at 10:30am** in the *All Purpose Room*. Please bring a pair of socks (any size) for men, women, and/or children as a donation. We hope you are able to come and enjoy a delicious meal, Christmas Carols, and much more. There will be a poster and sign-up sheet in the *commons* area. Guests are welcome! If anyone needs a ride, please contact Dot Belke at 269-519-0620. Hope to see you there!

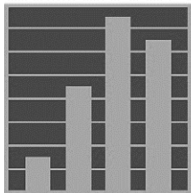
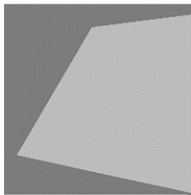
**TOYS FOR TOTS** – Do you want to help brighten up Christmas for local underprivileged children? Phil & Amy Cole have organized a Toys for Tots drive with the United States Marine Corps. New unwrapped toys can be dropped off in our donation boxes located in the commons. Donations must be received by **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**.

**MICHIGAN DISTRICT SUNDAY** – Laura Thomas, Director of Development for the Michigan District, will share a presentation regarding the work of the district and how we can work together in unity for the mission and ministry of the church. Please join us on Sunday, **December 15<sup>th</sup>** during the Bible Study Hour.

**REMEMBERING OUR SHUT-INS AT CHRISTMAS** – Be sure to pick-up a list of names of our shut-ins in the commons. Write out Christmas cards and return by **December 15<sup>th</sup>** for delivery by Ladies League. Thank you! Christmas blessings!

**OUR ANNUAL COOKIE SALE WILL CONTINUE AGAIN THIS YEAR!** Delicious, homemade cookies will be baked and available to enjoy during December. All cookies will again be preordered. Cookies will be available for **\$7.50 per container** and will be available for pick-up at church on **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**. Home delivery of your order is also available. Proceeds from the cookie sale are being added to the roof fund. Order forms can be found as an insert to the bulletin. **All orders are due by Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**.

**LUTHERAN WITNESS TIME!** – It's that time to order or renew subscriptions of *The Lutheran Witness*. Each issue of *LW* includes the *Michigan In Touch* supplement. **The subscription year is March 2025 through February 2026 for \$21.20/year.** Please fill out the subscription form insert to the office with your check (or cash) made payable to *Christ Lutheran Church*. Thank you! Subscriptions due **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**.



# CHURCH CLERK'S REPORT

## Weekly Services

## Attendance

|                             |         |    |
|-----------------------------|---------|----|
| Thursday 11/14/24           | 7PM     | 20 |
| Sunday 11/17/24             | 8AM     | 90 |
| <b>Online Attendees: 26</b> | 10:45AM | 63 |

### Total: 173

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| Tuesday Bible Class   | 11/12/24 | 13 |
| Wednesday Bible Class | 11/13/24 | 30 |
| Thursday Bible Class  | 11/14/24 | 19 |

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| <b>*Week of 11/17/24 total budgeted receipts</b> | <b>\$15,361.00</b> |
| YTD Contributions                                | \$305,444.68       |
| YTD Budget                                       | \$330,769.23       |
| YTD Over (Under)                                 | \$-25,324.55       |
| Weekly Budgeted Plate & General Fund Memorials   | \$16,538.46        |
| Over (Under)                                     | \$-1,177.46        |



# WEEKLY Sneak Peek

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| Saturday  | Sunday, November 24<br><i>Last Sunday of the Church Year</i> | 8AM<br><b>9:30AM</b><br>10:45AM  | Communion Worship Service<br><b>Bible Class</b><br>Communion Worship Service |
| Friday    | Monday, November 25  |  |  |
| Thursday  | Tuesday, November 26   | 7PM  | <b>Bible Class</b> <b>CANCELLED</b>  |
| Wednesday | Wed, November 27   | 9:30AM<br>7PM  | <b>Bible Class</b> <b>CANCELLED</b><br>Worship Service                       |
| Tuesday   | Thursday, November 28  |  <h2>Happy Thanksgiving!</h2> |  |
| Monday    | Friday, November 29  |  | <b>Office Closed</b>   |
| Sunday    | Saturday, November 30  |  |  |
|           | Sunday, December 1<br><i>First Sunday of Advent</i>          | 8AM<br><b>9:30AM</b><br>10:45AM  | Worship Service<br><b>Bible Class</b><br><b>Contemporary</b> Worship Service |



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