

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church



Do to others

as you would have them do to you.

Luke 6:31

Thursday, February 20, 2025 @ 7PM

Sunday, February 23, 2025

@8AM & 10:45AM

4333 Cleveland Ave, Stevensville, MI 49127

Sunday Services @ 8AM & 10:45AM

Sunday Bible Class 9:30AM

Thursday Evening Service at 7PM

Christian Day School: PreK – 8th Grade

The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

As We Gather

Just as we daily sin much against God, and yet He forgives everything through grace, so we, too, must ever forgive our neighbor who does us injury, violence, and wrong, shows malice toward us, and so on. If therefore, you do not forgive, then do not think that God forgives you {Matthew 18:23-25}. But if you forgive, you have this comfort and assurance, that you are forgiven in heaven. This is not because of your forgiving. For God forgives freely and without condition, out of pure grace, because He has so promised, as the Gospel teaches. But God says this in order that He may establish forgiveness as our confirmation and assurance, as a sign alongside of the promise, which agrees with this prayer in Luke 6:37, "Forgive, and you will be forgiven." (Large Catechism III:94-96)

"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" Hymn 940



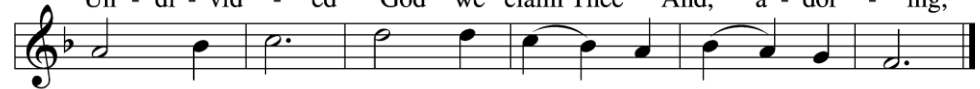
1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
 3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred
 4 Thou art King of Glo - ry, Christ; Son of God, yet
 5 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,
 bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 born of Mar - y. For us sin - ners sac - ri - ficed,
 three we name Thee; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with
 And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to
 As to death a Trib - u - tar - y, First to break the
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim Thee And, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.
 sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
 set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.
 bars of death, Thou hast o - pened heav'n to faith.
 bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

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

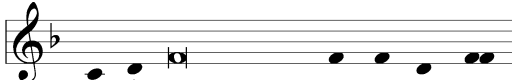
Introit



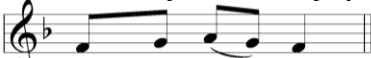
- P** Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;*
fret not yourself over the one who prospers | in his way.
- C** **Fret not yourself because of evil- | doers;*
be not envious of wrong- | doers!**
- P** For they will soon fade | like the grass*
and wither like the | green herb.
- C** **Trust in the LORD, | and do good;*
dwell in the land and befriend | faithfulness.**
- P** Delight yourself | in the LORD,*
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.
- C** **Commit your way | to the LORD;*
trust in him, and | he will act.**
- 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** Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;*
fret not yourself over the one who prospers | in his way.

Psalms 37:1-5; antiphon: vv. 7a, b

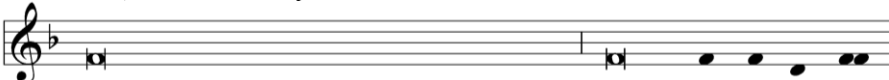
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



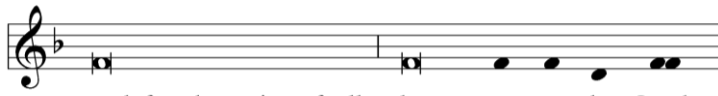
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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.



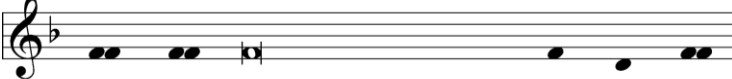
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



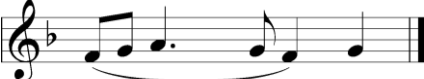
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

Gloria In Excelsis



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.

For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,

You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Salutation

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

Collect of the Day

- P** Let us pray. O God, the Strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Sit

Reading from the Book of Concord

An explanation of what we believe as Lutherans

*The Augsburg Confession; Article VI
New Obedience*

¹ Our churches teach that this faith is bound to bring forth good fruit [Galatians 5:22–23]. It is necessary to do good works commanded by God [Ephesians 2:10], because of God’s will. We should not rely on those works to merit justification before God. ² The forgiveness of sins and justification is received through faith. The voice of Christ testifies, “So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, ‘We are

unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty' ” (Luke 17:10). ³ The Fathers teach the same thing. Ambrose says, “It is ordained of God that he who believes in Christ is saved, freely receiving forgiveness of sins, without works, through faith alone.”

Readings from Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 45:3-15

³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴So Joseph said to his brothers, “Come near to me, please.” And they came near. And he said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’ ¹²And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

P This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

P Praise the LORD, all nations!

C Extol him, all peoples!

P For great is his steadfast love toward us,

C and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

P Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

C bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8

²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . . ³⁰Why am I in danger every hour? ³¹I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³²What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die." ³³Do not be deceived: "Bad company ruins good morals." ³⁴Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴²So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

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. Luke, the 6th chapter

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

²⁷[Jesus said:] “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³²“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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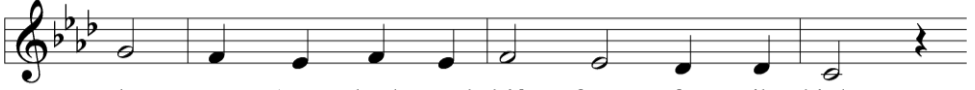
"O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth" Hymn 834



1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, Thy liv - ing
 2 Our fa - tal will to e - qual Thee, Our reb - el
 3 Thou cam - est to our hall of death, O Christ, to
 △ 4 O Spir - it, who didst once re - store Thy Church that



fin - ger nev - er wrote That life should be an aim -
 will wrought death and night. We seized and used in pride -
 breathe our poi - soned air, To drink for us the dark
 it might be a - gain The bring - er of good news



less mote, A death - ward drift from fu - tile birth.
 ful spite Thy won - drous gift of lib - er - ty.
 de - spair That stran - gled our re - luc - tant breath.
 to men, Breathe on Thy clo - ven Church once more,



Thy Word meant life tri - um - phant hurled In splen - dor through
 We housed us in this house of doom, Where death had roy -
 How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod The road that leads
 That in these gray and lat - ter days There may be those



Thy bro - ken world. Since light a - woke and life be - gan,
 al scope and room, Un - til Thy ser - vant, Prince of Peace,
 us back to God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that ran
 whose life is praise, Each life a high dox - ol - o - gy



Thou hast de - sired Thy life for man.
 Breached all its walls for our re - lease.
 To bring the great good news to man!
 To Fa - ther, Son, and un - to Thee.

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Sermon
“Our Life is the Lord’s Plan”
Genesis 45:3-15

Stand

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;**

**who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

(You may be seated if necessary.)

Prayer of the Church

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.

Offertory

"What Shall I Render"

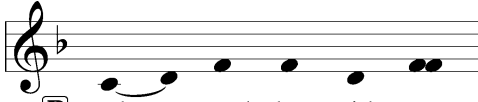
What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Service of the Sacrament

(Please see our Communion Statement in the announcements on Page 18.)

Stand

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



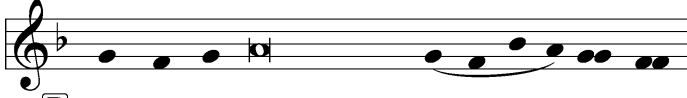
C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



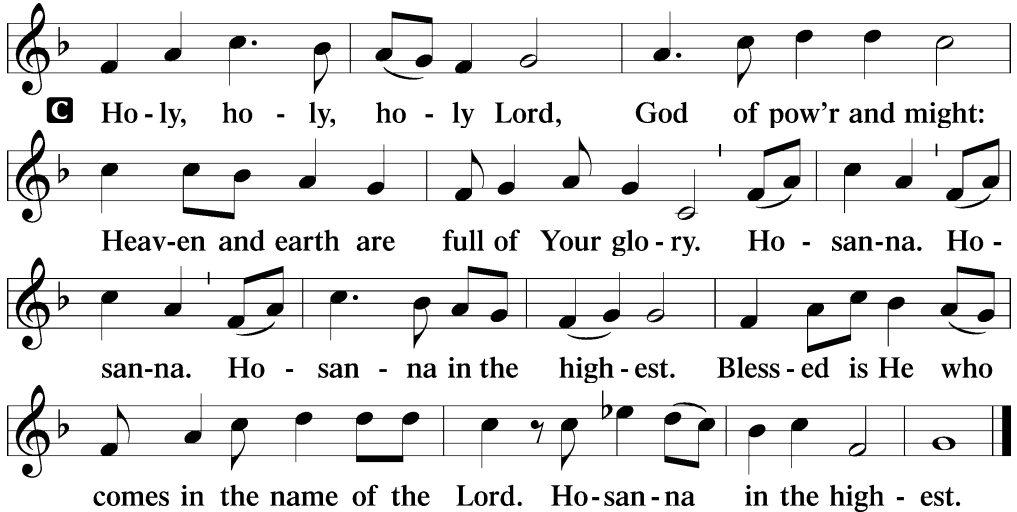
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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; for at His Baptism Your voice from heaven revealed Him as Your beloved Son, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him, confirming Him to be the Christ. 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



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

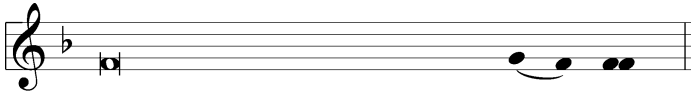
C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the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



G A - men.

Agnus Dei



G 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

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive” Hymn 609



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this
 2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich
 3 Sheep that from the fold did stray, No true shep - herd
 4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live
 grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
 e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for
 Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these
 Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that
 Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know:
 Were as scarlet my transgression,
 It shall be as white as snow
 By Thy blood and bitter passion;
 For these words I now believe:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive;
 Also I have been forgiven;
 And when I this earth must leave,
 I shall find an open heaven.
 Dying, still to Him I cleave:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace;
 From the Law I stand acquitted.
 Christ hath purchased my release
 And my ev'ry sin remitted.
 Naught remains my soul to grieve:
 Jesus sinners doth receive.

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 - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



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



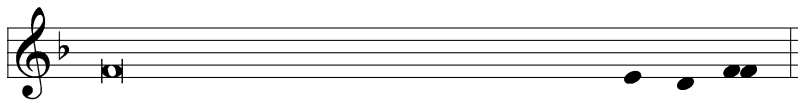
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

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.

Closing Hymn

“Beautiful Savior” Hymn 537



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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+ Silent Prayer +

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USHERS (8AM)	Bob Appelget, Andy Copi, Paul Jackemeyer
USHERS (10:45AM).....	Dale Zombory, Phil Cole

Luke 6:30-31 – “Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.” Is it really possible to live like this? Would it really work to be so open-handed and generous? Our conscience often reminds us of our failures, and the Lord knows our frailty, that’s for sure! But a life of faith is a life lived in imitation of Jesus, and every follower of Jesus knows that yes, indeed, it is better to give than to receive.

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.

MEMORY VERSE

*God is not man, that he
should lie, or a son of man,
that he should change
his mind. Has he said,
and will he not do it?
Or has he spoken, and
will he not fulfill it?*

NUMBERS 23:19



Prayers

Members who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

Amee Mantei	Dave Knuth	Ferny Rantz	Nancy Duke
Andrea Nystuen	Don Hutter	Jenna Harvey-Kabelman	Nathan Gerken
Barbara Maul	Don Damron	Klaus Nixdorf	Norma Priebe
Barb Rodgers	Eleanor Hoge	Miro Virsik	Ralph Dinges
Connie Schwanger	Faith Timm	Marilyn Waldenmaier	Susan Jackemeyer

Family or friends who are ill, hospitalized or having surgery

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*
Fred Gerken - *father of Andrew Gerken*
Gabe Szoke - *brother-in-law of Thelma Szoke*
Grant Plath - *friend of Joann Ciboch*
Jenna Veine - *granddaughter of Mary Spaulding*
Joe Lhotka - *Judy Jackemeyer's grandson*

Karol Syring – *daughter of Ken Vieregge*
Liam Pugh - *grandson of Paula Benner*
Lissa Dehring - *niece of Joyce Totzke*
Matt Jones - *friend of Chad Hartman*
Mark Wilkinson – *brother of Cindy White*
Mark Trulove – *friend of Sue Collins*
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**, **James Vieregge** USMC, **Joseph Schafer** – nephew of Pastor Quardokus, **Matt Weiss**, nephew of Fred & Jeanne Huff, **Ethan Rieck** – nephew of David & Laura Geyer.
Seminarian **Matthew Machermer** – grandson of Ellen Machermer.

Missionaries

Stanley and Dana Stigdon in the Dominican Republic, Jason & Emily Groth in Belize, and Deaconess Caitlin & Rev. Jeancarlos Ramirez in Peru.

PRAYING FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CONGREGATION

Kathy Conrad
Alex Conrad
Audrey Conrad

Fred Cooper
John & Jennifer Cooper Family
Andrew & LeAnne Cooper Family

Church News!

Friends and friends-to-be, we welcome you to this time of worship, faith education and Christian fellowship. May the Word of God nourish you for your life and ministry in the days to come. 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 **2025 chart in the commons**. Consider honoring a family member or special occasion by sponsoring Sunday altar flowers. **The cost is \$40.00 for all sponsorships**. 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 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:



Stanley and Dana Stigdon serve the Lord as missionaries through the LCMS in the Dominican Republic. As regional business manager, Stan works closely with the regional director to manage the financial and business affairs of the LCMS in Latin America and the Caribbean. These duties also include providing vital behind-the-scenes support for LCMS missionaries, as well as implementing and managing programs, projects and systems that improve organizational capability and efficiency — all in support of spreading the Gospel. He has also taken on responsibilities as an elder, adult Bible study leader and LCMS Better Homes for Appalachia Servant Event leader. In his free time, he enjoys engaging in DIY and home automation projects. In her role as volunteer coordinator, Dana interfaces between volunteer short-term mission teams and the local community for the recruitment, placement and support of short-term volunteers. Through this work, Dana's goal is to educate and inspire the volunteers to become advocates, long-term supporters and servants in their own churches and communities. In his free time, Stan enjoys engaging in DIY and home automation projects. In her leisure time, Dana enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren, scrapbooking, Bible journaling and taking leisurely walks. She is also passionate in her role as coach in Visual Faith Ministry.

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**.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS WITH PASTOR QUARDOKUS - Pastor Quardokus hosts a **Bible study** about the *Book of Ephesians* on **Thursdays at 10AM**. Hope to see you there!

NEXT MOVIE NIGHT! – Join us **Saturday, March 1st** from **3PM-5PM** in the *all purpose room* to watch more of *The Chosen*. Hope to see you there!

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP - If you have a younger child who will be eligible for Kindergarten this fall, please join us on **Thursday, March 6th** at **7pm** for our Kindergarten open house. If you're unable to make our open house, please call the office and request an enrollment packet. We are already receiving inquiries for the fall. We try to allow our current school families and church members to enroll before the *Kindergarten Round-Up*.



**CULVER'S STEVENSVILLE &
CLS PARENT-TEACHER LEAGUE**

SCOOPIE NIGHT

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025

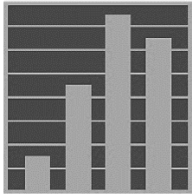
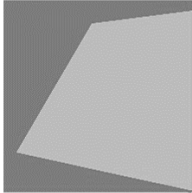
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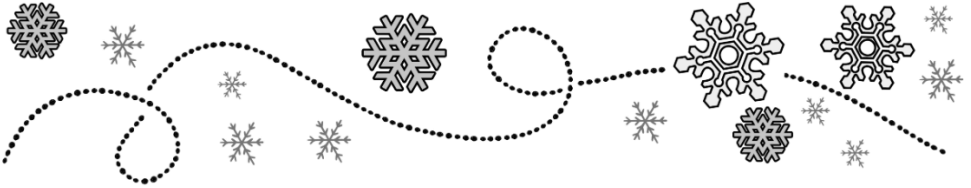


CHURCH CLERK'S REPORT

Weekly Services

Attendance

Thursday 02/13/25	7PM	13
Sunday 02/16/25	8AM	74
<i>Online Attendees: 41</i>	10:45AM	51
		Total: 138
Tuesday Bible Class	02/11/25	13
Wednesday Bible Class	02/12/25	24
Thursday Bible Class	02/13/25	16
Sunday Bible Class	02/16/25	24
<i>*Week of 02/16/25 total budgeted receipts</i>		\$15,437.00
YTD Contributions		\$585,516.94
YTD Budget		\$545,769.23
YTD Over (Under)		\$39,747.71
Weekly Budgeted Plate & General Fund Memorials		\$16,538.46
Over (Under)		-1,101.46



Sunday, February 23 <i>7th Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Communion Worship Service Bible Class Communion Worship Service
Monday, February 24		
Tuesday, February 25	7PM	Bible Class
Wednesday, February 26	9:30AM	Bible Class
Thursday, February 27	10AM 7PM	Bible Class Worship Service
Friday, February 28		
Saturday, March 1	3PM	Movie Night: The Chosen
Sunday, March 2 <i>Transfiguration of Our Lord</i>	8AM 9:30AM 10:45AM	Worship Service Bible Class Contemporary Worship Service



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