

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church

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*October 27, 2024 -Reformation Sunday
The liturgy is Setting 12 in the ACS.*

PRELUDE “A Mighty Fortress” - J.S. Bach

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Temple Talk - Dan Paulson

FLOWER DEDICATION Today's altar flowers are provided by David and Beth Erickson in grateful appreciation for all the farmers who grow our food. May God continue to bless the harvest.

OPENING HYMN ELW #504 - “A Mighty Fortress” (page 9)

PASTORAL GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

On this Reformation Sunday, we give God thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit whose light brought new understanding of both the Living Word and the written Scripture. We are grateful for the courage and faith of Martin Luther, Philip Melancthon, Katharine Von Bora-Luther and all the reformers of the 16th Century who responded to God's call to bring the holy Church back to its roots.

We thank you, Lord for open hearts that were prepared to hear and receive the good news of freedom in Jesus. We also thank you for our continued freedom in Jesus to share that same news of salvation through your grace and Jesus' faithfulness.

We remember the lives that were lost in the struggle to reform the church -those who were martyred, those who died fighting, those who perished in hiding. We also remember the lives that have been lost throughout history in the name of religion and for those who die today for daring to believe. We thank God for the instruction that comes through our church heritage - the Large and Small Catechisms, the gift of community, and a deeper appreciation of God's gifts of Holy Communion and Holy Baptism.

We thank you, Lord, for the presence of Jesus Christ --in us, with us, and for us - and for the support of the Holy Spirit, ever-reforming us.

God of stability and change, we thank you that true reformation is always your work and always being done in us out of your love for your whole creation.

Forgive us, Lord, when we stifle the work of your Holy Spirit and refuse to see all that you intend for us and for your Church. Open our hearts, open our minds so that we continue to be a church that is always being made new.

Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. He is our peace, who breaks down the walls that divide us. In Jesus, all our sins are forgiven. Now live in the joy of that freedom. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING - Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. ²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; ³though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. ⁶The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. ⁷The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. ⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. ⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. ¹⁰"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." ¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING - Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (please stand and sing)



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

Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

This is the good news according to St. Mark
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL - Mark 10:46-52

⁴⁶As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” ⁵²Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

CHOIR ANTHEM - “The Great Commission” - Mary Kay Beal & John Carter

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #517 - “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” (page 10)

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Confident in the grace and mercy of God, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all who yearn for wholeness of life.

God of freedom, liberate us from our bondage to sin, that your church would continually be reshaped and reformed by the fire of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, make wars to cease in all the world, that all hatred, violence, and wars give way to peace, compassion, and hope. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of love, take us by our hand, when we are paralyzed by our fears and unable to step out in boldness. Give us courage to walk confidently with you as Martin Luther and all the reformers did when the church needed them the most. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of healing, give your stillness, to all who are facing illness, surgery, or any uncertainty of health. May they know that their lives are in your ever-healing hands. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of hope, may the legacy of the saints inspire us every day. We hold fast to the promise that one day we will be together in your presence forever. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.
Amen.



OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN ELW #686 "We Give Thee But Thine Own" (vs. 1)

- 1 We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... (ELW #191)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Let us pray for God's kingdom to come here, now and forever:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the Lord's Supper, for all is now ready.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



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



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



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

SHARING THE MEAL

All are welcome to receive the Real Presence of Christ in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. You do not need to be a member of this church or a Lutheran to receive the sacrament. We do ask that you desire a relationship with Jesus Christ.

If you require gluten-free hosts, please say “no gluten” when you approach the person sharing the host.

The center rings of the trays provided contain grape juice for those desiring it.

Cups may be returned to the Acolytes’ baskets. The Common Cup is also available.

Children may come forward for a blessing, or to receive communion if they have been through instruction, here, or at another church.

If you wish to still receive the individual communion packet (wafer on top and wine/juice on the bottom), please pick one up as you approach the front.

*If you would like the sacraments brought to you, please let the usher know.
Welcome!*

PASTORAL BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION - 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. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW #511 - “Thy Strong Word” (vs 1-4) (page 11)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be in the Friendship Room before we know it! Keep an eye out for more information.

Have Sunday Dinner and Donate Back

Dine at the Texas Roadhouse on Sunday and show your server a bulletin from Sunday’s church service. Texas Roadhouse will donate 10% of your meal back to Christ Lutheran



**Serving you today in
Christ's Love**

Ushers

8:00 am

Team Lockman
Leighton Vieau

10:30 am

Team Emerson

Reader

8:00 am

Beth Erickson

10:30 am

Tim Gerritsen

Communion Helpers

8:00 am

Team Paulson

10:30 am

Team Ursin

Acolyte

8:00 am

Noah Little
Keegan Little

10:30 am

Tristan Andorfer
Caleb Grinde

Calendar-Week of October 27, 2024

Sun, October 27

8:00 am Worship Service
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

Mon, October 28

8:00 am Quilters -NK
5:30 pm Girl Scouts -NK

Tues, October 29

9:00 am Women's Bible Study - FR
6:30 pm Bell Practice

Wed, October 30

5:15 pm Band practice -S
6:00 pm Confirmation class -NK
6:30 pm Choir-FR

Sun, November 3

8:00 am Worship Service
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship



Thanksgiving Meals For The Hungry

This year we will be donating meals to elderly through the DeForest Area Community Center, donating non-perishable food items to the DeForest Area Food Pantry and also helping the Moravian Church with the Thanksgiving meal they prepare for community members in need. We will be distributing the meals etc. the week of November 18. Bags & shopping lists will be available outside of the Friendship Room on October 27. Each bag will have a number on it. There will be a list next to the bags. Please write your name and phone number next to the number on the list which corresponds with the number on the bag you have taken. There will also be envelopes available if you would like to contribute towards buying turkeys for the meals. Please return the full bags to the Friendship Room no later than noon on November 13. Any questions, call Pam Hamele at 608-215-0382 or the church office. Thank you everyone!!

OPENING HYMN ELW #504 - "A Mighty Fortress"



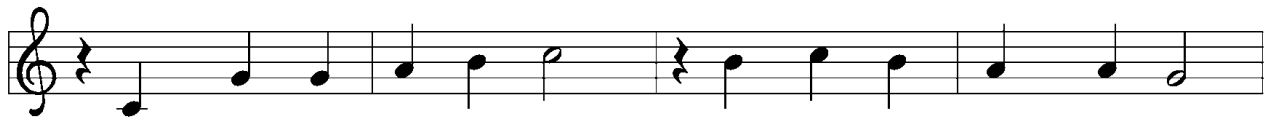
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

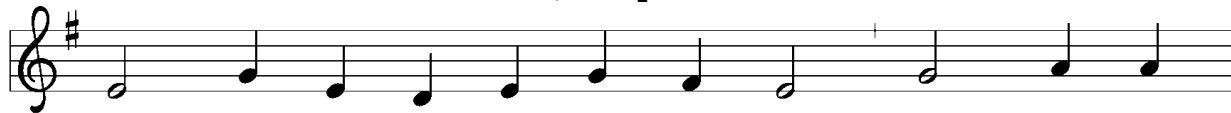


he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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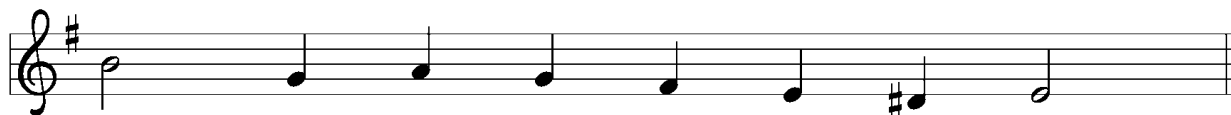
HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #517 - "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

It's time to think about the Bazaar and Bake Sale 2024!!

For new members, the Christ Lutheran Church Women hold a Bake Sale and Raffle in the Friendship Room in conjunction with the Lutefisk Dinner. Some members create a variety of yummy treats for the Bake Sale, such as traditional Norwegian treats, brownies, cookies, bars, pastries, breads and canned items, such as jams, jellies, horseradish, relishes, beet pickles, etc.



Other members with different skills and talents create items for the raffle portion of the Bazaar. The sky is the limit! Examples of items raffled in past years are paintings, carvings, table runners, floral arrangements, wood working, homemade cards, quilts and jewelry, just to name a few. Other members have opted to donate gift cards from local establishments.

Money generated from the Bazaar has been used for a wide variety of things both within our walls and throughout the community, state, nation and world!

So start thinking about your talent and what you can contribute. Any questions can be directed to:

Vicki Sobczak, Bazaar Chair, at 608-444-1804 or email: vsobczak@yahoo.com

SENDING HYMN ELW #511 - "Thy Strong Word" (vs 1-4)



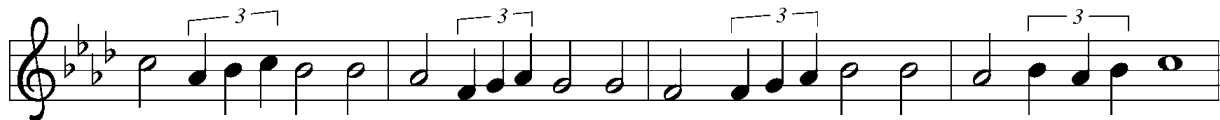
1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; bright with
 4 From the cross thy wis - dom shin - ing break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
 night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
 thine own ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward
 forth in con - qu'ring might; from the cross for - ev - er



thank thee, while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 va - tion, breathed thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 glo - ry, and our lives our hopes con - fess.
 beam - eth all thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send!



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

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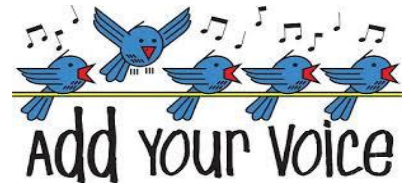
Coffee Hour



Coffee Hour is happening now, please consider helping. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the Friendship room. Or you can contact the office, and we will pass on your information 608-846-4718.

CLC Choir Practice Has Begun!

Enjoy singing? Come and sing with the Christ Lutheran Church Choir. Practice began on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30PM (NOTE NEW TIME) in the Friendship Room. We meet once a week and sing most Sunday's. A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Friendship Room as well. Don't worry if you have a busy schedule and can't make every practice. We are happy to have you join us whenever you can! Any questions, please call Anne Emerson (608)846-0898



Lutefisk Is Right Around The Corner!



Saturday, November 9th will be here soon—Christ Lutheran Church's Lutefisk and Meatball Dinner! We again expect around 1,400 members, friends and neighbors to come to enjoy this delicious meal which includes the area's best-tasting lutefisk, meatballs and lefse with all the trimmings topped off with a piece of tasty pie.

Reservations may be made beginning on September 4 through Friday, November 4 by making reservations online or calling the church office 608-846-4718. Walk-ins and carry-out meals are also possible! Please share the date of dinner with your family, friends and neighbors. In order to help us prepare the meal and serve our guests, we need your help! A sign-up board is up outside the Friendship Room.

2024-25 Sunday School at Christ Lutheran Church There's Still Time! Signup details, dates, and more!

We offer Sunday School lessons for children from preschool to 6th grade. If you're interested in enrolling your child(ren), please see below for important details.

Sunday school classes began **Sunday, September 15**. Sunday school takes place Sundays from 9:15-10:15 AM, between church services. **Registration forms** are available on line or in the Friendship Room that you can fill out. You can return the form by mail or drop it off at church at the front office or in the offering plate. We strive to make Sunday School an interactive and fun experience for children of all ages! They can expect crafts, games, song time, and snacks while learning about Bible lessons and making new friends.

Teachers and classroom helpers needed! We are short-handed this year. Parents, please consider volunteering. We can be flexible with schedules! If you have a high school student, we could use their help—it could count towards their National Honor Society volunteer hours.



Questions? Contact: Kristy Bergeron (kroloff@hotmail.com)
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