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Christ Lutheran Church
Christ Lutheran Mission Statement
As members of Christ Lutheran we - Gather in Worship,
Grow in God's Word, Serve in Jesus' name.
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15th, 2020

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome & Announcements

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.**

Prayer of the Day:

Righteous God, **our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Gospel Acclamation: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴ 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." ²¹His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." ²³His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been

trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.”²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, “Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed;²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.”²⁶ But his master replied, “You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?”²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

*The Gospel of the Lord, we say: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

Sermon

Pastor Katherine

Prayers of Intercession

STEWARDING GOD’S GIFTS

We offer to God what is God’s own

Offering

[Please remember to send your much appreciated and needed weekly tithes and offerings.]

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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Temple Talk – Mission Sunday

Karin Ramige

Announcements

Benediction

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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A special thank you to all who helped assist with our worship service today:
Audio/Video Tech: Erin Sauter

Please lift these people up in prayers this week: Karen Wendlandt, Jeff Loudon (brother-in-law of Donna Senske), Kurt Landin, Shawn Davis, Brad Duenow, Vicar Susan Christianson, Gloriann Wacker, LuAnn Harms, Russ Lloyd (cousin of Dawn Peterson), Dennis Dittmer, Marlys Rehmann, Sandra Brenhaug, Dori Swedberg (mother of Katherine Grant), Lisa Style, Terri Hanson, Brian Mikolichek, Hazel Gruenwaldt, Erik Murray (nephew and Godchild of Gloria Gustafson), Carol Carver, Brayden Gildea (a GSL 9th grader, son of Jim and Kari Gildea, and nephew of Shaun and Charity Gildea), Nancy Mellesmoen, Tom Rozeske (father of Tami Alsleben), Beau Brelje (GSL 4th grader), Marie Kliche (mother of Nancy Kliche, Arlene Stene (sister of Mary Ellen Bullert), Gary Brown (friend of Joanne Chrast), and Eydie Knoll (sister of Millie Dreier).

Please pray for our deployed military people: Ryan Schrempp.

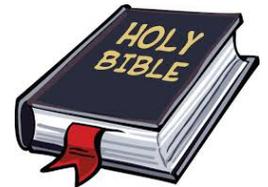
Adult Sunday School



Dr. John Bergseng is leading the Adult Sunday School series, “The Way of Reconciliation,” at 10:15 a.m. on Sundays. Each class will be about one hour long, and there will be a workbook provided by Christ Lutheran. Workbooks are available in the entry way near the mailbox. Classes will be meeting via Zoom. Contact Dr. Bergseng for more information.

Wednesday Morning Bible Studies

Men’s Bible is at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesdays via Zoom, and “Anticipating Sundays” Bible Study is at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays via Zoom. Contact Pastor Katherine for more information about either group. The lessons for this week will be Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95:1-7a; Ephesians 1:15-23; and Matthew 25:31-46.



THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Sunday, Nov. 15th, Livestreamed Online Worship Service @ 9:00 a.m. (will also be recorded); listen to service in the parking lot @ FM 97.7; online Sunday School @ 10:10 a.m.; Adult Education Sunday School @ 10:15 a.m. via Zoom.

Monday, Nov. 16th, Televised worship @ 3 p.m. on channel 10.

Wednesday, Nov. 18th, Men’s Bible Study @ 9:00 a.m. via Zoom; “Anticipating Sunday” Bible Study via Zoom @ 10:30 a.m.; 7th through 9th grade Confirmation from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. via Zoom – stay tuned for further announcements; no Wednesday Evening Worship Service.

Friday, Nov. 20th, Women’s Bible Study via Zoom @ 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 22nd, Livestreamed Online Worship Service @ 9:00 a.m. (will also be recorded) – Mission Sunday with ingathering for Gifts of Grace and Lutheran World Relief; listen to service in the parking lot @ FM 97.7; online Sunday School; Adult Education Sunday School @ 10:15 a.m. via Zoom.

Mission Sunday is November 22nd – We will Have an Ingathering for Two Mission Efforts!



Christ Lutheran will celebrate Mission Sunday on November 22nd. Due to current restrictions, Mission Sunday service this year will be quite different from previous years, but our focus and emphasis on mission work remains the same.

We have chosen two mission efforts as our focus for this Mission Sunday: **Gifts of Grace** and **Lutheran World Relief**.

Gifts of Grace is a continuation of the “Lily Grant” that our South-west Mn. Synod received a few years ago. The current grant is a dollar for dollar match to help Pastors in our synod conference with student loan debt, excess medical expense, and retirement funding shortfalls. Many of our Pastors entered the clergy after working in a different career. Many of these “second career” Pastors have incredibly large student loan debt. We have Pastors that currently serve as many as three congregations and additionally work part-time to be able to cover student loan payments.

Lutheran World Relief was founded by Lutherans in the United States after World War II with a mission to work around the world to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering. When disaster strikes, **LWR** has a reputation for being the first on the scene to provide help and the last to leave. They are truly an incredible organization. **LWR** provides relief to victims when natural disasters like hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, or fire destroy communities.

This Mission Sunday, please consider making a special contribution to support this valuable mission work. Contributions will be divided equally between the two efforts unless designated differently on your contribution.

Mission Committee Members:

Becky Olmstead, Karin Ramige, Nancy Dolezal, Cheryl McDougall, and Daris Remus

Glencoe Community Blood Drive on Wednesday, Nov. 18th



Glencoe Regional Health is partnering with the American Red Cross and with local community volunteers to sponsor an upcoming Glencoe Community Blood Drive on **Wednesday, Nov. 18th at the Glencoe City Center Ballroom (1107 11th St. E.) from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

Schedule your blood donation appointment online or by phone. Online: Go to redcrossblood.org to view available times and to book your appointment. By phone: Call Stephanie Beste, blood drive coordinator, at 651-497-8147. Thank you for your support.

Thankofferings to be Collected through December

Thankofferings will be collected by Christ Lutheran Women beginning at the Thanksgiving Eve Service and continuing through December. This offering is forwarded on to the ELCA Women to be used by them for many social justice programming. Will you consider contributing? Bring to the Thanksgiving Eve service or mail to Christ Lutheran. Your generosity as always is appreciated.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service on Wednesday, Nov. 25th at 7:00 p.m.

The Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service on Wednesday, Nov. 25th at 7:00 p.m. will be livestreamed.

Thanksgiving Offering

Due to current restrictions, the Mission Committee requests that this year, in lieu of donations of grocery items, that monetary donations be made instead. Thanksgiving offerings will be divided equally between the Food Shelf and World Hunger unless designated differently on your contribution.



FREE Community Thanksgiving Meal on Thursday, Nov. 26th

**FREE COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING
DINNER**

The 2020 Annual Community Thanksgiving meal is take-out only this year as your health and safety are our priority.

Signup is required. You can do so via text to 224-554-9492, or call 320-864-5651 by Monday, Nov. 16th, 2020.

Meal pickup is Thursday, Nov. 26, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at First Congregational Church (1400 Elliott Ave. N., Glencoe).

Donations are requested for the free Community Thanksgiving Meal. Any amount is welcome. Leave donation in the offering plate, mail to Christ Lutheran, or leave at the office. **Deadline for donations is Sunday, Nov. 22. Please make checks payable to "Christian Education Board."**

The dinner is sponsored by Glencoe area churches, along with a donation from Thrivent Financial. There is no charge for the dinner. There will be an opportunity for a free-will offering at the time of pick-up, which will benefit the local food shelf.