

Welcome!
February 17, 2019

Christ Lutheran Family of Faith
Cottonwood, Minnesota



*Challenge us, renew us and claim us, Gracious God, until we become
refashioned as your people, transformed by the power of your Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.*

Prelude

Please use this time of music to quiet your hearts for worship.

Call to Worship

Words of Welcome

L: This is the day that the Lord has made,

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Community Announcements and Opportunities to Offer Ourselves

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us and forms us, who
redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us.

C: Amen.

P: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Mighty and loving God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.

P: Hear the voice of Jesus: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.” In the name of + Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn – “Gather Us In” ----- [532]

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Living God,

C: in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

Children’s Message

Marv Nysetvold, Director, Shetek Lutheran Ministries

WORD

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

First Reading – Psalm 119: 1-8

¹Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD.

²Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart,
³who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.

⁴You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

⁵O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

⁶Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

⁷I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances.

⁸I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading – Romans 12: 1-13

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. ⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation – “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” ----- [172]

Gospel Reading

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they

Prayers of God's People

The congregation will respond to the prayer petitions with, "hear our prayer."

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.

Blessing

Sending Hymn – "Shine, Jesus, Shine" ----- [671]

A: Go in peace as transformed people of God. Christ is your light.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Children of all ages are invited to come forward to choose an instrument to play during the Postlude music. The congregation is invited to stay and listen if you'd like.

Epiphany Blessing for the Journey

*May the God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path.*

— Thank You For Serving This Sunday, February 17, 2019 —

Guest Preacher: Marv Nysetvold, Director, Shetek Lutheran Ministries

Ushers: Scott Boehne, Greg Golberg, Conner Moseng, Corey Moseng, Michelle Moseng, Jonathan Olson, Linda VanUden

Pianist: Amy Jo Remmele

Acolyte: Jerrika Keleher

Video Camera: Erik Lundberg

Altar Care: Anne Isaackson, Michelle Moseng

Counting: Shawn Myers, Linda VanUden

PA: Pete Lavin



LOVE ONE ANOTHER

For one of The Ten Commandments Martin Luther offers this explanation:

“This commandment is violated not only when we do evil, but also when we have the opportunity to do good to our neighbors and to prevent, protect, and save them from suffering bodily harm or injury, but fail to do so. If you see anyone who is suffering from hunger and do not feed her, you have let her starve. It is God’s real intention that we should allow no person to suffer harm, but show to everyone all kindness and love.”

Keep reading to find out which commandment it is!

Martin Luther understood God’s commandments as both law—what we should not do—and grace—what we are invited to do as God’s people. Luther was very serious about this commandment and how it fits into our lives as we try to be good neighbors to one another.

The explanation is from the Fifth Commandment—you shall not murder.

We should fear and love God so that we do not act in ways that may directly or indirectly harm others, but rather to help and support them.

“Since God so loved us, we also ought to love another.” 1 John 4:11

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— This Week: February 17, 2019 —

Today, Sunday, February 17

9 am Fellowship/Refreshments

9:00 Preschool Sunday School

9:30 Worship; Guest Shetek Luth. Min.

10:45 (approx.) Worship on Cable 180

1 pm Pew Removal

6:30 - 8:30 pm Financial Peace University

Monday, February 18

5 pm Worship on Cable 180

Tuesday, February 19

9 am Quilting

7 pm Christian Ed. Committee

Wednesday, February 20

6 pm Mission Possible

7:00 Confirmation

7:00 Senior High Hang Out with Vicki

8:00 Council Meeting

Saturday, February 23

8:30 am Equipping Cong. Workshops, Willmar

10:30 am Laleman Baptisms

Next Sunday, February 24

9 am Fellowship/Refreshments

9:00 Preschool Sunday School

9:30 Worship with Holy Communion

10:45 (approx.) Worship on Cable 180

6:30 - 8:30 pm Financial Peace University

Prayer Requests

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:6-7 to, “*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*” Your prayers are a gift to those requesting them, and encouragement for one another as we experience challenges, sorrows, or thanksgivings of any kind.

Health Concerns, as well as Others In Our Hearts and On Our Minds:

Craig Ahmann	Bob Bode	Mark Bode
Darleen Cole	Elaine Elston	Adela Espinoza
Norm Evers	Sue Gropel	Gordy Geistfeld
Jon Hakes	Bruce Hoffman	Virginia Isaackson
Bob Kaeter	Pr. Curt Miller	
Robert Nolin, loved one of Allie Enga		Gretchen Noon
Rodney Olson	Milton Rebers, hospice care	
Harvey Suer	Gary Timmerman	
Cole Louwagie, infant son of Derek and Kristin (Swope) Louwagie		
Jori Ella Morrison, 2-1/2 year old niece of Crista Olson		

All those dealing with illness, addictions, depression, unemployment, under-employment, and any challenges in their lives.

Families of our Congregation.

Pray for: Larry and Bev Isaackson Julie Jaeger Sherry Janiszski

Death: Wayne Nelson, Sandy Dovre’s father
Virgil Anderson, father of Bishop Jon Anderson (SWMN Synod)

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