

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:

Norm Evers, Kierra Gosmire, Sue Gropel,
Lisa Jones, Sandy Kolhei, Ellen Lenz,
Anna (Olson) Meyer, Robert Olson, Mary
Schwisow, Ron Teske (Cal's dad)

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

Death: Yvonne Johnson

Tom Wisdorf

Families of our Congregation. This week pray for: Josh and Katie Fragodt, Deklan

Brandi Geihl, Liam, Jayce, Nova

Dave and Shannon Geihl, Tom, Jarrett

Students, Staff, and their learning of love for Jesus, in our Preschool through 12th Grades

Attending Luther Seminary: Kari Louwagie

Independent Living, Assisted Living, and Care Center Residents. This week pray for Shi Aamodt, Marietta Jarcho, Mary Schwisow, at Morningside Heights in Marshall.

Workers in Other Countries, Missionaries, and Local Congregation Missions. This week pray for ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

An Open House 80th Birthday Celebration for Irene Evers will be held Sunday, November 5, from 1 to 4 pm at the Wood Lake Community Center.

Irene respectfully requests no gifts.

Announcements—Please Take With You

— October 22, 2017 —

Today, Sunday, October 22

9:00 to 9:25 am 3, 4, 5 year old Sunday School

9 am Fellowship/Refreshments

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Congregational Meeting

10:30 am 7th - 12th Grade in Youth Room

10:45 am Adult Faith Formation class

10:45 am (approx.) Worship on Cable 180

Monday, October 23

7 pm Deborah Circle at Church

Tuesday, October 24

1:30 pm Communion at West Prairie

2:30 pm Communion at Fieldcrest

6:30 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 25

6:00- 7:00 pm Mission Possible K—6th

6:30 pm Choir

7:15 pm Confirmation Class

Thursday, October 26

1:30 pm Abigail/Naomi Circle

Saturday, October 28

Morning Lakeside/Fireside Rooms
Reserved

Next Sunday, October 29

REFORMATION ANNIVERSARY

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Time after Pentecost
October 22, 2017

Welcome!
Christ Lutheran Church
Cottonwood, Minnesota



When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God.

To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

(Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress, 2016)

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

Call to Worship

Welcome, Prayer Requests, Time for Question Reflection, and Community Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: We worship as we live each day in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: As we confess our sin and separation from God, let us pray together, in words and in silence.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

C: We have questions for you, O God. Where are you leading us? What if we don't want to go? Sometimes our trust lags when much in life has not been the way we want it to be. We often wonder why you don't intervene to make life better for us and all people? We sometimes want to feebly and foolishly suggest a few improvements you could make...

O God, our vision is so limited. Please don't punish us by giving us all we think we want. Your power and love are limitless, so much more than we can imagine. We've tried to play god to our own demise. Forgive us, O God, and turn us around. Amen.

P: "I will go before you and level the mountains," says our God. The Holy One hears our cries, affirms us even when we rebel or retreat, leads us away from the idols we create, and forgives us when we turn from our own ways to open ourselves to God's purposes. Receive the new life and forgiveness Christ has brought among us.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn – "God Is Here" ----- [526]

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.

C: Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

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

First Reading – Genesis 1:26

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation – “Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.”

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Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” ²¹They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon Reflection on Faith Questions

Pastor Shelly Olson

Hymn of the Day – “Lord, Be Glorified” ----- [744]

Please stand as you are able.

Confession of Faith *(The Apostles’ Creed is found inside the back cover of the hymnal.)*

Sharing of God’s Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please be seated.

THANKSGIVING

We respond in gratitude for God’s never-failing love and mercy.

Offering

Choir Anthem – “Let Us Hope”

Aaron David Miller

Please remain seated for the prayers.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Gracious God, we have rendered to Caesar much that we do not care to give. Now we return to you the gifts that are yours. All our wealth and possessions belong to you. Bless our stewardship of these resources, both what we bring for the church’s ministry and outreach, and what we keep to support ourselves and provide for those we love the most.

C: Amen.

Prayers of God’s People

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

Please stand as you are able.

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 and Sending

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn – “Take My Life, That I May Be” ----- [583]

Kids are invited to come up and choose an instrument to play on this hymn.

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

**Special Congregation Meeting
to be held today, October 22, 2017**

A special meeting of the Christ Lutheran Church Congregation will be held today, Sunday, October 22, 2017, at 10:30 am, in the Church Sanctuary.

Purpose of the meeting is to consider extending a letter of call to a new pastor.

Because of your generosity in sharing of time and resources, we have been able to reach out with God's never-failing love in countless ways, both inside and beyond our congregation. We are grateful for your financial gifts which allow us to continue the many ministries that we hold in common inside of God's mission for us here in this faith community.

	Sep-17	2017 Year to Date (09/30/2017)	
Income	\$15,697.00	\$132,353.82	*NOTE* Income Includes \$8800 transferred from Missionary Account
Expenses	\$15,284.17	\$135,159.05	
Net Surplus/(Shortage)	\$412.83	(\$2,805.23)	

An historic day in the Lutheran Church movement will be observed **NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, here at Christ Lutheran.** October 31, 2017, is the 500th anniversary of the date that Martin Luther nailed the 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenburg, Germany. Across the Lutheran and Catholic world there have been events to commemorate this significant anniversary.

- ◆ There is an open invitation to join our senior choir on the 29th to sing and make a festive and joyful noise in celebration of the day! If you would like to sing with the choir – with no strings attached for ongoing commitment – please come to our rehearsal on Wednesday evening, October 25th, at 6:30 and we will have a practice session for those who are singing with us on Reformation Day.

- ◆ If you play a musical instrument – brass or woodwind or percussion – and would like to be a part of a musical ensemble on October 29th in worship, please let Gwen Arneson know and she will get music for you to play.



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