

Welcome in the name of Christ, whose church this is! If you are seeking a church home, please notify the church office. Contact information is on the front of the bulletin.

To contact Pastor Deb, please call or text her cell @ 570-350-5115.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE: Hearing Assistive Devices are located on the table at the entrance to the worship space. An ADA Compliant restroom and changing station are located in the entrance hallway. A first aid kit, water, juice and snacks are in the kitchenette adjacent to the Parlor (main entrance room).

ABOUT COMMUNION: We are observing pew communion. Please pick-up a pre-filled communion set when you enter church. During worship you will be instructed when to partake of the elements.

FOR SECURITY: During worship, only the upper level main entrance doors are open- all other doors are locked.

Have any questions? An usher will be glad to help you!

Bishop Christopher DeForest of the NEPA Synod has strongly encouraged the wearing of masks at worship services (please see his statement). Our Congregation Council has decided that each of us should use our own discretion as to personal choice. Please consider wearing a mask if you are not vaccinated and everyone practice social distancing. You may worship in the parlor (televised), courtyard (weather permitting-audio only) and from your car in the parking lot at 90.1FM on your radio.

Individual communion cups are ready for pick up for you to use at home. They are inside the front door of the parlor and may be picked up during office hours. Please help yourself. If you cannot come to the church during the hours posted, please call the church office (570-788-1572) to make other arrangements. You may also commune with what you have handy at home; bread, crackers, juice, wine, etc.

Our Sunday morning 10:30am service is on our FaceBook page “Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church Congregation’ or catch the service on the website video tab using ‘clconyngham.org’. The bulletin is on the web site using the bulletin tab

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God our comforter:

C like lost sheep, we have gone astray.
We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
Free us from our sin, gracious God.
Listen when we call out to you for help.
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Amen.

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
By the gift of grace in ✝ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C Amen.

PLEASE STAND

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

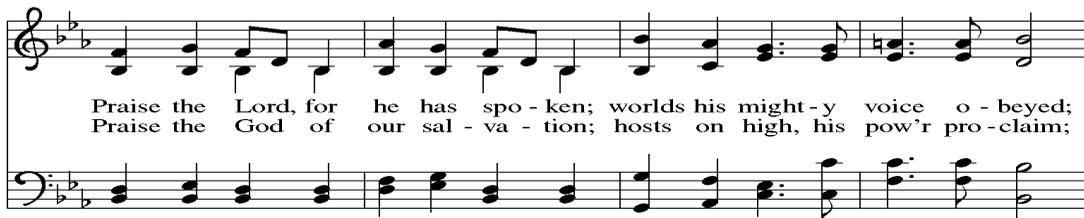
Praise the Lord! O Heavens



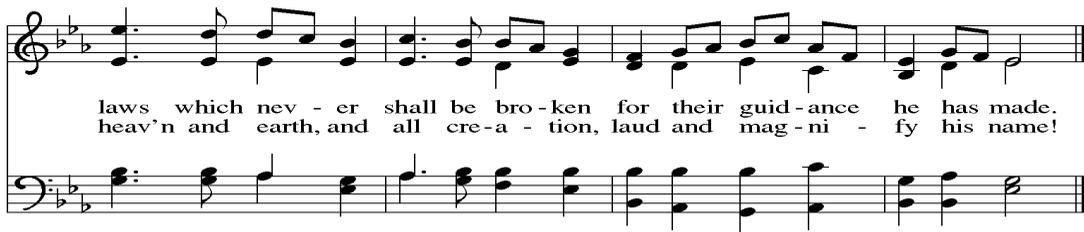
1 Praise the Lord! O heav'ns, a - dore him; praise him, an - gels, in the height;
2 Praise the Lord, for he is gra - cious; nev - er shall his prom - ise fail.



sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; praise him, gleam - ing stars and light.
God has made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.



Praise the Lord, for he has spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice o - beyed;
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion; hosts on high, his pow'r pro - claim;



laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance he has made.
heav'n and earth, and all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his name!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray.

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

WORD

A READING FROM NUMBERS

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

What constitutes legitimate need and legitimate leadership is the focus of this reading. God provides manna in the wilderness, yet the people crave meat. What is truly needful? God bestows the spirit on seventy elders, yet two men not designated as leaders prophesy in the power of God's spirit. What constitutes real leadership?

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me.

¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” ²⁹But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD’s people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!”

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

L Please join in reading the Psalm - Congregation responses are in **bold** type

Psalm 19:7-14

The commandment of the LORD gives light to the eyes. (Ps. 19:8)

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one’s own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

A READING FROM JAMES

James 5:13-20

Marks of the Christian community include praying for those who are sick and in need, celebrating with those in good health, restoring those who have strayed, confessing sins to one another, and offering forgiveness to each other.

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

PLEASE STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” **Page 21 of bulletin**

APOSTLES' CREED

P Let us join in confessing our faith using the words of the Apostle’s Creed.

C **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

THE PRAYERS

A Made children and heirs of God’s promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church and its ministry. Bless the newly baptized and encourage them in their journey of faith. Sustain all members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, service, and worship. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We pray for natural wonders of your creation. Restore damaged forests, waterways and natural habitats and lead us to be good stewards of what you have provided. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We pray for those in authority. Give them wise minds and compassionate hearts. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable and care for those underserved. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, or any other disease. Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Sustain caregivers with energy and patience. Especially we pray for Betty Lou, Shirley, Jean, Wilma, Emily, Dawn, Mark, Bob, Theresa, Betsy, George, Barbara, Dina, Joanne, Rich, Deanna, Clyde, Carol, Rodney, Bonnie, Pauline, Carl, Neal, Larry, Patt, Dennis, Viola, Janice, Gail, John, Sandy, Al, Maryanne, Janet, Rich, Deb, Vivian, Eileen, Justin, Madelyn, Pam, Drew and Emily. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We pray for the worship leaders of this congregation: musicians, readers, acolytes, and ushers. Bless us through their ministry and grant them the passion to continue in their service. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A We give thanks for all your saints, those we have loved and known and those from every time and place. Continue to guide us by their example and reassure us of your promised salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

Please wave to each other or share the peace sign

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A In thanksgiving for our offerings, let us pray.
 God of abundance,
 you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens.
 Accept the gifts you have first given us.
 Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly;
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

MEAL**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

p The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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 indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God,
 our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
 you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.
 You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
 and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.
 You sent your Son to eat with sinners
 and to become food for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore,
 his life given for us
 and his rising from the grave,
 we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.
 By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
 strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
 and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.
 Through him all glory and honor is yours,
 Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
 in your holy Church,
 both now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P All who hunger and thirst, come.
The table is ready.

COMMUNION

C 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.

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.

C Amen.

CANTICLE

C Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
 one what God has done. Let all who seek the
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
 lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A* Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

- P* People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
bless you now and forever.
- C** Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“To Be Your Presence”

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DISMISSAL

- P* Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
- C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

Blake

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Worship Helpers**8:00am**

Acolyte	Nicholas Cwierniewicz
Asst. Minister	Cindy Derr
Reader	Jim Schneider
Ushers	Henry & Jane Heller

10:30am

Acolyte	Addison Bobrowski
Asst. Minister	Fred Jaxheimer
Reader	Jo Cvammen
Ushers	Craig Dillman & Jeff Schmidt

The flowers are offered to the glory of God by Mary Lou Keck in memory of Marvin.

The bulletins are offered to the glory of God by Sue Boyer in memory of Don Boyer.

Calendar for the Week of September 26, 2021

Monday - -	5:00pm	Karate
Tuesday - -	5:30pm	AA Meeting
Wednesday - -		
Thursday - -	5:00pm	Karate
Friday - -		
Saturday - -	2:00pm	Baby Shower

NEXT WEEKEND**October 2 & 3, 2021****THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST****Saturday Worship Service 5:00pm****Sunday Worship Services 8:00am & 10:30am****Sunday School 9:15am**

GERANIUM CARE

The geraniums are planted and now we need to care for them. Please consider checking in to deadhead and water the plants as needed, and pull any weeds that may be there. The garden hose and watering can are by the side of the church.

PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED

i.e. from Gould's, Weiss or Giant markets for our upcoming events. Please place in bin at the back of the church. Please bring by **October 3rd**.
Thanks!

APPLE FEST 2021

Saturday October 16th from 8am-3pm.

Volunteers are needed for our annual event. **Dates are Thursday at 9am on October 7th, and the week prior to the Fest October 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th. Also, the day of the Apple Fest the 16th.** Please see the sign-up sheets on the table in the back of the church and help wherever you can!! *Also, see the sheet to sign-up to bake apple pies.*

STEPHEN MINISTRY NEWS

Deb Jones and Pastor Deb are in the process of selecting our first class of Stephen Ministers. Training will begin in October. Over the next few months these future Stephen Ministers will receive extensive training in Christian caring skills. Some of the areas they will cover include listening effectively, addressing feelings, confidentiality, using the resources of Christianity, being assertive, and a number of topics dealing with specific life crises.

Throughout, the training will emphasize the theology of caring for the whole person. We ask for your prayers as we select our Stephen Ministers and prepare them to provide one-to-one lay caring ministry to people experiencing life difficulties in our congregation and community.

There is a cost to training our Stephen Ministers and running our Stephen Ministry. If you would like to donate to help defray these costs, you can place any donations in the offering plate and mark it for Stephen Ministry. For more information, contact Deb Jones at msjonesncc@gmail.com or 570-233-7675 or Pastor Deb.

WITNESS

675 O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True

1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the wan - d'ers
 3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -
 4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on
 5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,

those es - tranged from you, and bring them to your home a -
 lost in er - ror's maze. Set free all those whose hearts and
 way the need - less fears of those who trem - ble to ex -
 oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed
 ev - er to re - joice with wond'ring grat - i - tude and

gain, where their de - light shall nev - er end.
 minds some deep de - lu - sion haunts and binds,
 press the faith their in - most hearts con - fess.
 sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.
 praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace,

JUSTICE, PEACE

712 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
 2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
 4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,

who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
 still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;

we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,

con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
 by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
 stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
 that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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BEACH SPRING
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To Be Your Presence

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- 1 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion here, to show com-
 2 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion bold, to feed the
 3 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion blest, to speak for
 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas-sion's face and lis-t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer-cy
 poor and shel-ter home-less cold, to be your hands of jus-tice,
 all the bro-ken and op-pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
 peo-ple is our call and choice, and in this mis-sion we, the



ev-er near,
 right up-hold, al-le-lu-ia!
 love ex-pressed,
 church, re-joice,

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LIVING NATIVITY

Yes, it is only September, but we need to think about our annual gift to the community on **December 4th & 5th**.

The folks you have been preparing for the Living Nativity these many years are now in their 'senior' years and cannot handle all the work alone.

A VERY IMPORTANT PLANNING MEETING WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 13TH AT 6:30PM. IF WE DO NOT HAVE AT LEAST 10 PEOPLE ATTENDING (or if you cannot attend, commit to helping by calling the church office and letting us know you will help) THE LIVING NATIVITY CANNOT BE HELD!!!!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL HELP NEEDED!!!!!!

We still need substitute teachers and helpers. Enough helpers will allow us to 'team teach' in each section, so Sundays can be split according to your schedule. All material is provided, and we have a room full of craft items if you wish to do a special project. Please contact Cindy or Pastor Deb if you are willing to serve.