



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.  
 Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.  
 Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect  
 your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

PLEASE BE SEATED

## WORD

### A READING FROM JEREMIAH

#### Jeremiah 31:7-9

*This passage speaks not only of the southern kingdom, Judah, and its homecoming from exile in Babylon, but also of the northern kingdom (“Israel” or “Ephraim”) and its restoration. The northern tribes of Israel had been lost in exile to Assyria more than a century before Jeremiah prophesied.*

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
 and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
 proclaim, give praise, and say,  
 “Save, O LORD, your people,  
 the remnant of Israel.”

<sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
 and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
 among them the blind and the lame,  
 those with child and those in labor, together;  
 a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come,  
 and with consolations I will lead them back,  
 I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
 in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
 for I have become a father to Israel,  
 and Ephraim is my firstborn.

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 126

*Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. (Ps. 126:5)*

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.  
Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us,  
and we are glad indeed.

<sup>4</sup>**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

<sup>5</sup>Those who sowed with tears  
will reap with songs of joy.

<sup>6</sup>**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

## A READING FROM HEBREWS

### Hebrews 7:23-28

*Human priests of old offered sacrifice for their own sins and served only until their death. In contrast, Jesus is God's Son, the holy, sinless, resurrected high priest. Death did not terminate his priestly service, but through his death he has interceded for our sins.*

<sup>23</sup>The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup>but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup>Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

<sup>26</sup>For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK THE 10<sup>th</sup> CHAPTER

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

**Mark 10:46-52**

*Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.*

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

*p* The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PLEASE BE SEATED

## SERMON

Pastor Taylor

PLEASE STAND

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Amazing Grace”

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## 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* Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God’s creation.

*A brief silence.*

*A* Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries throughout the world that serve as centers of prayer and action. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy. Hear us, O God.

**C** Your mercy is great.

*A* Holy One, we give you thanks for generous land that produces abundant harvests. Strengthen and protect all soils, from rooftop gardens to prairie farmlands, to patio planters to fertile valleys, and bless all who lovingly tend them. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

*A* Ruling One, we give you thanks for leaders of nations who work to build up the common good. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations, that peace extends in every direction. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

*A* Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others. Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with chronic pain. Send healing and relief to all who are sick. Especially we pray for Betty Lou, Shirley, Jean, Wilma, Emily, Dawn, Mark, Bob, Theresa, Betsy, George, Barbara, Dina, Joanne, Rich, Clyde, Carol, Rodney, Bonnie, Pauline, Carl, Larry, Patt, Dennis, Viola, Janice, Gail, John, Sandy, Al, Maryanne, Janet, Rich, Deb, Vivian, Eileen, Justin, Madelyn, Pam, Drew, Samantha, Emily, Evelyn, Bob and Sue. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

*A* Providing One, we give you thanks for all who provide for others. Inspire generosity in your people, so that we carry out the work of making disciples of all nations. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

*A* Living One, we give you thanks for the saints who have increased our faith. Give us courage to follow in hope until you gather us all around your table of abundance. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

*P* Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

**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

The musical score is written on five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

The second staff continues the lyrics: might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

The third staff continues: Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

The fourth staff continues: comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

The fifth staff concludes the phrase: 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

☩ 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

“On Our Way Rejoicing”

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### DISMISSAL

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

### POSTLUDE

“Classical Postlude”

Hayden/arr. Chesterton

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**Worship Helpers****8:00am**

Acolyte

Asst. Minister

Cindy Derr

Reader

Jim Schneider

Ushers

Margie Yost &amp; Sue Oliver

**10:30am**

Acolyte

Addison Bobrowski

Asst. Minister

Tom Toth

Reader

Bonnie Floryshak

Ushers

Danielle &amp; Jack Mariano

The flowers are offered to the glory of God by Lew & Maura Dryfoos in memory of Dolores Mattick & Lew Dryfoos and in honor of Maddie for her birthday.

The bulletins are offered to the glory of God by Tom Chegwidden & Julie Varner in honor of their children.

**Calendar of Events for the Week of October 24, 2021**

Monday-	5:00pm	Karate
Tuesday -	6:30pm	Stephen Ministry Training
Wednesday -		
Thursday -	5:00pm	Karate
	6:30pm	AA Meeting
Friday -		
Saturday-	9:30am-4:00pm	Eucharistic Training

**NEXT WEEKEND****October 30 & 31, 2021****REFORMATION DAY****Saturday Worship Service 5:00pm****Sunday Worship Services 8:00am & 10:30am****Sunday School 9:15am****Trunk or Treat – 6pm-8pm**

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

We are forming a Congregational Care Team here at Christ Lutheran Church. If you are interested in taking the Sacrament of Holy Communion to your siblings in the congregation, please call Pastor Deb or the church office.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – NOVEMBER 15-22

It is shoe box time again. Go to [samaritanspurse.org/buildonline](http://samaritanspurse.org/buildonline) to fill a shoe box from items shown on the web site, or have them fill a box for you. If you wish to fill your own box, pick up a pamphlet from the table in the back of the church and follow the steps there. Boxes will need to be dropped off at Faith Assembly of God church on dates and times to be announced.

## THANKSGIVING VALLEY FOOD PANTRY BASKETS

Our church has been asked to provide jars of apple sauce and boxes of macaroni for the Thanksgiving distribution. Coffee is always needed, too. **We need 110 of each of these 2 items** and please have them here at our church by **Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup>!!** Place your donations in the grocery cart inside the front door. Thank you.

**TRUNK OR TREAT**  
**IS BEING PLANNED FOR SUNDAY OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**FROM 6PM-8PM**

**DONATIONS OF CANDY WILL BE NEEDED. PLEASE PLACE**  
**YOUR DONATION IN THE ORANGE BIN IN THE BACK OF THE**  
**CHURCH.**

**NOTHING WITH PEANUTS OR PEANUT BUTTER PLEASE**  
**IN PAST YEARS WE HAVE HAD CLOSE TO 1,000**  
**HALLOWEENERS!!!**

**IF YOU WISH TO BRING YOUR CAR AND HAND OUT CANDY,**  
**PLEASE SIGN-UP ON THE SHEET IN THE BACK OF THE**  
**CHURCH OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE**

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET**

*The time is here and writers are needed!* Please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex and be one of our devotional writers for this year's booklet. This has become an annual event that many people look forward to receiving. We supply a Bible verse and you write a few thoughts about it, or just some feelings about the Christmas season. Then, end with a prayer. A sample will be supplied. Any questions, contact the church office. Thanks!

**WE NEED 5 WRITERS!**

## **STEPHEN MINISTRY NEWS**

Congratulations to Diana Jessel, Marty Kellow, and Anita Urso for being selected as our first class of Stephen Ministers. Following the training which begins in October, these women will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers to carry out ministries of caring within our congregation with people experiencing hospitalization, grief, divorce, job loss, and many other life crises.

One of the most powerful ways of affirming our Stephen Ministers is to pray for them. Whether you are thanking God for the gift of that person's presence and friendship or asking God to care for and watch over them, we ask for your prayers as they undertake this new training.

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](mailto:msjonesncc@gmail.com) or 570-233-7675 or Pastor Deb.

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## God, Whose Almighty Word

1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
 2 Christ, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,

and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
 heal - ing and sight; health to the trou - bled mind, sight where il -  
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
 Wis - dom, Love, Might: bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in

gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray, let there be light.  
 lu - sions blind; oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light.  
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place let there be light.  
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide, let there be light.

Text: John Marriot, 1780-1825, alt.  
 Music: Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

ITALIAN HYMN  
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TRUST, GUIDANCE

## Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 779

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me!— I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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## On Our Way Rejoicing

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.  
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.  
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;  
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?  
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

*Refrain*

On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,

hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

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Text: John S. B. Monson, 1811-1875, alt.  
Music: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Annual Pumpkin Fest at Christ UCC-Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm

Pasta Dinner at St. John Bosco (take-out only) on Tuesday November 2<sup>nd</sup>  
from 3pm-7pm

Annual Bazaar at Conyngham United Methodist Church on Saturday  
November 6<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm (masks required)

**LIVING NATIVITY DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> AND 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:00pm – 7:00pm each evening (note time change)**

Set-up dates and times

Saturday November 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am  
Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am  
Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 3pm (re-set)

Costumes

Thursday December 2<sup>nd</sup> for set-out at 9:00am  
Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm to help people  
get into costumes

Clean-Up

Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup> @7:00pm  
Sunday December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm  
Saturday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am for final clean-up

*Look for sign-up sheets on the table in the back of the church for these areas  
and for a WISH LIST of items needed and a COOKIES AND SNACKS sheet  
for the days of the Nativity.*

Sign-up poster boards for the scenes will be out soon.