



# The Beacon

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**Divine Worship  
Services  
Starting Sept. 10  
Sunday - 8:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday - 6:30  
p.m.**

**Bible Study &**

## **“Standing on the Rock.”**

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. <sup>26</sup> And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. <sup>27</sup> And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

The above from Matthew 7 were some of the verses for study at the Minnesota North District Youth Gathering under the theme “Standing on the Rock.” I was privileged to attend this gathering, held at Lutheran Island Camp on August 18-20 with four of our youth. It was indeed a blessing to be there with 70 high school students and youth leaders from around the district! The main presenter was Pastor Jeffrey Meinz, who flew in from Colorado Springs, CO on Friday, presented for three sessions, and then flew out Saturday afternoon. Using personal stories and much comedy Pastor Meinz entertained and engaged students and adults alike. But they weren’t just stories; while his way of telling them often made us laugh they also brought out the very difficult challenges—even tragedy- that our youth face daily. Pastor Meinz made no bones about it; “storms will come,” he said, as he shared some of his own storms. And when he asked the youth about some of the storms they had, or were encountering, it was enough to break your heart: loneliness, friends overdosing on drugs, divorce and others. But, he reminded us, when we know Jesus as our Savior, we are standing on the rock! “And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.” Pastor Meinz helped us to see that Jesus is not promising that there will be no storms, but He did promise that He WILL see us through them.

Reader, are you undergoing storms? Does it sometimes seem as if the rain is falling and causing floods in your life? Then these verses are for you as well. Everyone who hears Jesus words and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The world wants us to build on the sand, the things that do not last or bring lasting peace. Great indeed will be the fall of those who did not build their house on Jesus, the Rock. But through faith in Jesus we are standing on the Rock. Jesus lived the life we could not live. Then he died on the cross to pay the debt for our sins. By his rising again he has defeated Satan, sin and death. He is our Rock!

Pastor Meinz closed his final session with more funny stories but also a word of encouragement to witness. “We are so blessed to be standing on the Rock,” he said. He continued, “When someone asks you how you are you can say, spectacular! Many may give you a funny look, but it opens up the opportunity to share Christ with them. No matter what happens, you can point out, we know that Jesus loves us and died and rose for us. This good news is not just for us- this good news is also the person to whom we are talking.

With Jesus as our Rock we will get through the storms in our lives until he returns, or calls us home to be with him, where there will be no more storms. Instead there will be sunshine, safety and peace with him.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Schield

## Fall/Winter Worship Schedule Begins Sunday, September 10

### Sunday

Divine Service – 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Adult/Teen Bible Studies – 9 a.m.

### Wednesday

Divine Service – 6:30 p.m. & Bible Study – 7:30 p.m.

## Rally Sunday Pig Roast

With the success of the pig roast last year the board of education planning for a pig roast and potluck on Rally Sunday again this year following the 2nd Service on Sunday, September 10, 2017. We plan to have a Bounce House for the youth of the congregation, and a Pig Roast put on by B&B Market. The event is planned to be a potluck and gives you all a chance to be involved in the food, fun, and fellowship.

We will be posting a sign-up sheet on the office door for sign-up on Sunday, August 6, or you can contact Roni at 715-398-3680 or [clcoffice320@gmail.com](mailto:clcoffice320@gmail.com) and give her the message.

On the sign-up sheet, you will be asked: 1) your name, 2) how many will be in attendance, and 3) the food item being brought for the potluck. We will have to give B&B Market the number of people attending 7-10 days in advance to make sure there is enough pork for everyone, **so we are asking for your commitment "no later than" Sunday, August 27.**

## Reformation 500

Concordia University, St. Paul, the MN South District, and the MN North District invites you to join us in celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation October 28-29, 2017.

Together we will honor our Lutheran heritage with worship service featuring a sermon from LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, performances from mass youth, and adult choirs, instrumental ensembles and more. There will also be the play "Luther" on campus and a display of Reformation archives in CSP's library.

For more information: [CSP.EDU/REFORMATION500](http://CSP.EDU/REFORMATION500)

## Lake Superior Circuit Is Offering a Coach Bus Ride to Rehearsals and Worship

For those who would like to attend the worship service or sing in any of the mass choirs, the Lake Superior Circuit is offering a roundtrip coach bus ride for \$20 per person. Please let your church office or pastor know if you are interested in attending. (There may be a "sign up" sheet as well.)

The rehearsal times and locations are as follows: 1-2 p.m. Adult Massed Choir practice in the Gangelhoff Center, Youth Choir (grades 9-12) in the Buetow Music Center or Pearson Theatre, Children's Choir (grades 4-8) in Buetow Music Center or Pearson Theatre. The entire massed choir will rehearse at 2:45 p.m. in the Gangelhoff Center.

More information will be forthcoming about specific coach bus departure times.

## Sunday School Starts

The fall quarter of Sunday school begins on September 10 at 9 a.m. Classes are offered for grade pre-k through high school and Bible study for adults. We have an exciting year planned and hope your family is a part of it. Parents need to come in and register their children on the first day, you can do this in the classrooms in the Sunday school wing after Pastor's opening.

Then worship together as a family in one of our Divine Services (8 & 10:30 a.m.).

Please join us at the Rally Day pig roast after the 10:30 a.m. service. There will be a bounce house, and great food.

## Cradle to the Grave—the Bible is for Everyone!

Not only does our Sunday school begin its fall quarter on September 10, but we teens and adults have some great opportunities to grow in God's Word too. Christ Lutheran offers us **many different choices** for Bible study! Pick one and enjoy! *"The words of the LORD are flawless, like silver refined in a furnace of clay, purified seven times" (Ps. 12:6).*

### Sundays:

9:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall – Adult Bible Study

9:00 a.m. Youth Room – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Confirmation

### Wednesdays (Starting Sept. 13):

10:00 a.m. Reading the Psalms Multipurpose Room

3:30 p.m. Confirmation Multipurpose Room

7:30 p.m. Bible Study Multipurpose Room

*How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path" (Ps.119:103f)*

## Church Council Minutes

**NO council meeting in August**

## Stewardship

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl. 9:10).

God bids us to be faithful in the tasks He calls us to do. He calls us to be members of a family (husbands and wives; fathers and mothers; sons and daughters). He calls us to be members of society (those who govern and those who are governed). And He calls us to be members of His family, the Church (those who preach and teach and those who hear and learn). Each of these callings from God places a duty on us.

As members of a family, husbands are given the duty to die for their wives as Christ gave His life for His bride, the Church; while wives are given the duty to respect their husbands and submit themselves to them as the Church does to Christ. Fathers and mothers are to raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, teaching them the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Scriptures concerning Baptism, Confession, the Office of the Keys, and the Lord’s Supper. Children are to honor their parents throughout their lives, and even when their parents are no longer alive, serving and obeying them, loving and cherishing them, and speaking well of them.

As members of society, God calls those who govern to bear the sword, that is, to punish those who do evil—those who live contrary to God’s will—and to reward those who do good—those whose lives are lived in conformity with God’s will. Those who are governed are to obey their leaders as to the Lord Himself, for their leaders bear the sword of God’s temporal justice for a purpose.

As members of God’s own family, the Church, He calls those who preach and teach to do so in faithfulness to His holy Word. To preach and teach the Law of God to convict the hearts of hearers of their sin and to encourage, admonish, and exhort them to do good works in accordance with God’s will. They are to preach and teach the Gospel, the full forgiveness of their sins accomplished by Christ and received through faith, not by works. They are to administer the means of grace in accordance with the Gospel and the Word of God. They do all this for the young and old alike, for those who are near and far off. Those who hear and learn are to submit themselves to their preachers and teachers. They are to support them by their prayers and their gifts.

Each of these callings from God places a duty on us. They make a claim on our presence, our prayers, and on our time, talents, and treasures. So, “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl 9:10). Pray for your family, for your government, and your church. Give of yourself by means of your time, your talents, and your treasures to your family, your government, and your Church. That is what it means to be faithful in the tasks that God has given us. That is what it means to do it with all your might.

## Suggestions for Greeting Visitors

It is because of our Risen Savior Jesus’ love and forgiveness that we at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church do what we do!

It’s always a good time to learn and put into practice ways in which we can serve our fellow members as well as welcome our visitors and share with them love of Christ and the hand of friendship!

To that end, here are some ways all Christ Lutheran members can be as welcoming as possible:

- Smile, be friendly, and introduce yourself to new faces entering the church! Encourage your fellow Christians to mingle with others. Greeters can model this by engaging and talking with visitor(s) and new member(s). Ask visitors about themselves to break the ice. Show them that you are listening and care about them. Ask them if they would like more information about Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church and answer any questions they may have. Introduce them to Pastor whenever possible. If there is a question you cannot answer, direct them to Pastor or appropriate person for further assistance.
- Show them our Service Bulletins, Newsletter, current Portals of Prayer booklets and/or the many other informational pamphlets available. Ask visitor/guests if they would like the current Portals of Prayer booklets. Help them select what is best for them.
- Check with the visitors to see if they are able to follow along with the order of worship.
- Specifically invite visitors to stay for fellowship, Bible Class, and Sunday School. Invitations by many people can be positive and entice visitors to check into our programs and/or come back for a return visit.
- Ask visitors to sign the Guest Book. This is important for follow up, i.e., sending thank you cards or making visits.
- Pray for people you know, invite them, and pray that others would search us out.

### Note of Reminder to Congregation:

Those of you who are physically able are asked to park a reasonable distance from the entrance door. The idea is to leave the nearest spaces for our visitors or our members that have accessibility or mobility issues.

### Something to think about.....

When asked why they joined the church they did, one family said:

*“Because they seemed to care so much about us, we really felt they wanted to show us Christ’s love.”*

**And by God’s Grace, that is what Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church is all about!**



### The Motto of the Reformation

*Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum* (The Word of the Lord Endures Forever) is the motto of the Lutheran Reformation, a confident expression of the enduring power and authority of God's Word. The motto is based on 1 Peter 1:24–25. It first appeared in the court of Frederick the Wise in 1522. He had it sewn onto the right sleeve of the court's official clothing, which was worn by prince and servant alike. It was used by Frederick's successors, his brother John the Steadfast, and his nephew John Frederick the Magnanimous. It became the official motto of the Smalcaldic League and was used on flags, banners, swords, and uniforms as a symbol of the unity of the Lutheran laity who struggled to defend their beliefs, communities, families, and lives against those who were intent on destroying them. It was found inscribed inside churches, over doorways, on foundation stones, even on horse's helmets! The VDMA logo and statement has appeared throughout Lutheran churches worldwide and remains an enduring motto of the Reformation to this day.



### Why? A Layman's Guide to the Liturgy Why do we stand up for the last stanza of some hymns?

A good number of our hymns have as a last stanza a Trinitarian doxology. This is an ascription of praise to the Holy Trinity. Doxology comes from two Greek words: doxa which means "praise", and logia, which means "words", hence, "praise words." A Trinitarian doxology is therefore simply an ascription of praise to Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Holy Ghost). This is a custom dating to the early church, when the psalms were sung with a Gloria Patri at their conclusion (as we still do when we sing psalms). The Gloria Patri (Latin for "Glory be to the Father", its opening words) is itself the earliest form of the Trinitarian doxology, and was added to the psalms to indicate that these Old Testament prayers have now been fulfilled in Christ our Lord, who commanded Baptism in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Ghost. When Christian hymns began to be written, they were generally seen as psalms in verse, hence the Gloria easily found its way into their last stanza. Since the Psalmist declares that it is by His name that God saves us (e.g., Ps 54), it is good fitting for Christian

people, according to long-standing custom, to honor the blessed name of the Holy Trinity whenever it is expressed aloud. Indeed, not only standing but also the bowing of the head is appropriate at the point when the name Father, Son, and Holy Ghost is sung. Some churches even have the custom of making the sign of the cross at this point. Such bodily involvement in the liturgy is always helpful, as an indication that in Christ our whole body, mind, and soul are held captive to the Word of God.

### Parent's Confirmation Meeting

Our congregation has a solid and exciting program for the catechesis (teaching) of our children (in the process of confirmation). An orientation meeting for parents and catechumens (learners) is on **Wednesday, September 13 at 3:30 p.m.** We will outline our "cradle to the grave" confirmation process and confirm our weekly schedule so that together we can enable our children to thrive in their Christian faith and life. Book purchases will be made on this day. Confirmation process starts for children in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. **Confirmation class begins that same day.**

### Faith Stepping Stone: My First Bible — for Third Grade and Up

We will present brand new Faith Alive ESV Bible to our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, on Reformation weekend (October 29). But our goal is not just to place a book in their hands. The goal of this stepping stone is to place the gift of family devotions into your family's daily rituals! Stepping Stone 4 ends at the Altar where parents are affirmed for keeping your promise to "place in their hands the Holy Scriptures" and asked to add "a verse a night" to the highs & lows, daily prayers, blessings, and bedtime music that features the Word of God.

We invite parents of our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to participate in this two-session experience that will gift you with the use of God's Word in your home. This is a very practical idea gathering' time when you can network with other parents, obtain some great resources on maintaining a faith-filled, Christ-centered home, and enjoy Christian fellowship. The dates for this year's workshop are Sundays, October 15 & 22, at 9:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall. **Parents are asked to pre-register by calling the church office at 715-398-3680 or emailing [clcoffice320@gmail.com](mailto:clcoffice320@gmail.com) by October 1.**

### Christ's Men Men, Let's Do Lunch

Christ's Men will meet on Tuesday, September 5 at 12 noon at the Upper Deck Restaurant at the Bong airport. This is an opportunity to gain guidance and spiritual support from God's Word as well as an excellent opportunity for Christian friendship.

## Quilting

Quilting starts up for the year on Tuesday, September 12. Quilters meet in the fellowship hall at 9 a.m. Everyone is welcome! You don't need to know how to sew! There have been a couple of large material donations over the summer, so there is a lot of material to make into quilts.

## Did You Move? Or Someone You Know Move?

Summer is a time when many people move. If you or someone in your family has moved recently, please let the church office know your new address. If you have moved to another city, remember to transfer your church membership to one of our sister LCMS congregations by simply requesting a transfer from the pastor of the church you wish to be transferred to. There are many reasons to transfer your membership when you move, but the most important is that you will have a place close to home where you can regularly hear the Word of God and receive the Body and Blood of the Lord in His Supper. So if you've moved recently, and distance keeps you from weekly worship at Christ Lutheran, now is the time to answer God's call by remaining faithful to our faithful Lord!

## Defending the Faith, Teaching the Truth

Issues, Etc. is a talk radio show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio. Recent topics include: Same-Sex Marriage, Reformation *Solas*, Depression, Radical Islam, What Boys Need, Pro-Life Women and more. Listen to what you want when you want at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org).

## Food for the Local Food Shelf

The first Sunday of every month is when you need to bring in your donations of non-perishable food items for the local food shelf. You may put your items under the table in the narthex. This is given to those in need and then to the local food pantry.

## Do We Have Your Current Email Address?

Are you receiving email from Christ Lutheran? If not, you are missing important and timely information from your church. We will not flood your inbox or share your email address (addresses are always hidden when sent from church). Please help us keep you informed! Call the office at 715-398-3680 or send it to [clcoffice320@gmail.com](mailto:clcoffice320@gmail.com)

## Looking for something?

The LCMS staffs the "Church Information Center", which offers a great deal of help and resources on a variety of topics. To contact the CIC with your questions, you may write: [infocenter@lcms.org](mailto:infocenter@lcms.org) or call toll free 1.888.843.5267



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### Online Information

**LC-MS Website**  
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**Minnesota North District Website**  
[mnn.lcms.org](http://mnn.lcms.org)

**Lutheran Witness Online**  
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