



JAMES

FAITH WORKS

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021
8AM TRADITIONAL



DEPLOYMENT UPDATE



I remember as a kid learning how to swim. The first time my mom took the floaties off, I recall kicking my feet like a madman trying to keep my head above water – it was exhausting... and it's that feeling that describes how many of us felt over the last several weeks as we participated in *Operation Allies Refuge* – the largest non-combatant military airlift in United States history. 16-hour days were hard on the body and the soul.

It's hard to describe the sights, smells, and stories of the last few weeks. When I've taken time to sit down and think about it, it's hard not to get choked up. Bare feet have told the stories of desperation. Scarred bodies have told the stories of torture at the hands of the Taliban. Sweating babies have told the stories of an overwhelmed base (that was never supposed to get Refugees in the first place).

In the day-in and day-out craziness of this operation, I was constantly reminded of Jesus' words in Matthew 25: "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me [...] as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me."

It's easy to look at this Operation and make it political, asking questions such as "did we exit Afghanistan in a good way" (NO!) and even "whose job is it to care for these Refugees?"

But let me be truthful with you: **politics and political stances should never take away our compassion.** Jesus reminds us very clearly: Christians feed the hungry. Christians give drink to the thirsty. Christians clothe the naked. Christians visit the sick. Christians welcome the stranger.

Why? Because that's what Jesus did for us.

Operation Allies Refuge has changed my life. It has reminded me once again of the great love Jesus has showered on me... and you. As you think on that – always remember that Jesus loves you, and so do I.

*With love and appreciation for your prayers and support,
Pastor Travis Ferguson*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHRIST-LIKE SERVANT LEADER WORKSHOP

A culture of trust is imperative to attain and sustain a high performing team – and ultimately superior performance. This unique workshop will discuss practical behaviors that convey a caring leadership style – all modeled by Jesus Christ - that create the most important element of a high performing team: trust. Leadership equals influence. Anyone in any kind of leadership role is invited to be part of this workshop experience. So, join us on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Lucas Hall from September 15-November 17. Become the servant leader Christ wants to make you to be! More information available at christlamesa.org/leadership.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Pastor Burkey is teaching a New Member class beginning Sunday, October 3 in the Teachers Lounge. This class is for people interested in joining Christ Lutheran, as well as long-time members who want a refresher about what we believe and teach as Lutheran Christians. For more information, contact Pastor Burkey at rburkey@christlamesa.org.

SERVE SUNDAY

Save the date for our next Serve Sunday, on October 10. Watch this space for more details as they are confirmed.

WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

Great marriages don't just happen. Be intentional with yours. Rekindle Your Love. Express Forgiveness · Increase Commitment · Escape Distractions. Attend one of the Weekends to Remember in San Diego, October 15-17 at the Hyatt Regency La Jolla, on October 22-24 or at the San Diego Marriot, Del Mar.

The difference between a good marriage and a great marriage is hard work. Go to www.familylife.com/weekend to find out more and register using our church's group code of clcm for the reduced rate of \$250/couple.

FLOWERS

The flowers are given by Frank & DeAna Verbeke in glory to God for family and friends celebrating birthdays in September, especially their nieces, Melissa, celebrating her 32nd birthday, and Julia, celebrating her 19th birthday.

AS WE GATHER

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church! Today we continue the message series called "Faith Works", exploring texts from the book of James. Today's message explores James 1:12-18, "Faith Works When Temptations Knock". One of the most comforting teachings from the Bible is that Jesus was tempted in every way, just as we are, so He knows what we face. Better yet, He can show us the way to avoid temptations through His powerful Word. *"Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him."* (James 1:12)

PRELUDE O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING, arr. by JASON D. PAYNE

WELCOME / INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen!

OPENING HYMN LSB 707, OH, THAT THE LORD WOULD GUIDE MY WAYS

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep His statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do His will!

Order my footsteps by Thy Word and make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget Thy way, restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

Make me to walk in Thy commands—'tis a delightful road—
Nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: God has guided our steps with His Word, but we have stumbled around, blind to His guidance. Let us confess our sins in a moment of silence before Him.

[silence for reflection and confession]

Leader: Guiding God,

People: We confess that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved others as You have loved us. We have fallen into temptation and failed to stand against it. We have relied on our own will instead of following Yours. Forgive our sins for the sake of our Savior, Jesus. Create new hearts in us that stand strong in Your love that we may share it with everyone. Amen.

Leader: God grants us grace to know His will and follow it. Sin has no dominion over us in Christ, and all our sins are forgiven, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

JAMES 1:12-18

Reader: In James, the first chapter, Christians are encouraged to persevere when facing temptation, trusting that God is never a source of evil.

¹²Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

¹³When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. ¹⁵Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

¹⁶Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. ¹⁷Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 4:1-11

Reader: To honor the words and works of Jesus, please stand for the Holy Gospel. Jesus is tempted by Satan and stands up to it with His Word, in the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ² After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

⁴ Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

⁷ Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹ "All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

DCE CHERI SELANDER

HYMN

LSB 770, WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

MESSAGE:

FAITH WORKS WHEN TEMPTATIONS KNOCK PASTOR RICHARD BURKEY

SONG OF RESPONSE *(choir and congregation)*

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME, arr. JOHN CARTER

*(Choir) Lead me, guide me, along the way; for if You lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with You. Lead me my whole life through.*

*I am weak and I need Thy strength and pow'r
To endure with grace my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness Your face to see. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

*Lead me, guide me, along the way; for if You lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with You. Lead me my whole life through.*

*Help me walk in the paths of righteousness,
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am trusting You whate'er may be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

*Where He leads me, I will follow; where He leads me, I will follow.
I am trusting You whate'er may be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

**(People) Lead me, guide me along the way; for if You lead me I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with You. Lead me my whole life through.**

*(Choir) I am lost if You take Your hand from me,
I am blind without Your light to see.
Lord, forever may I Your servant be. Lead me, O Lord, lead me.*

**(People) Lead me, guide me along the way; for if You lead me I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with You. Lead me my whole life through.**

(Choir) Lead me my whole life through.

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PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People: 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.**

PREFACE TO HOLY COMMUNION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22; COLOSSIANS 3:1

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly good, right, and proper that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)

ISAIAH 6:3; MATTHEW 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,



bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

MATTHEW 26:26-28

Leader: On the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,
broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying,

**People: "Take and eat; this is My body, given for you.
Do this to remember Me."**

Leader: Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to
drink, saying:

**People: "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all
people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember Me."**

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 CORINTHIANS 11:26; MATTHEW 8:8

Leader: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim Your
death, Lord Jesus, until You come in glory.**

Leader: Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed
are those called to the Supper of the Lamb.

**People: Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the word, and
my soul shall be healed.**

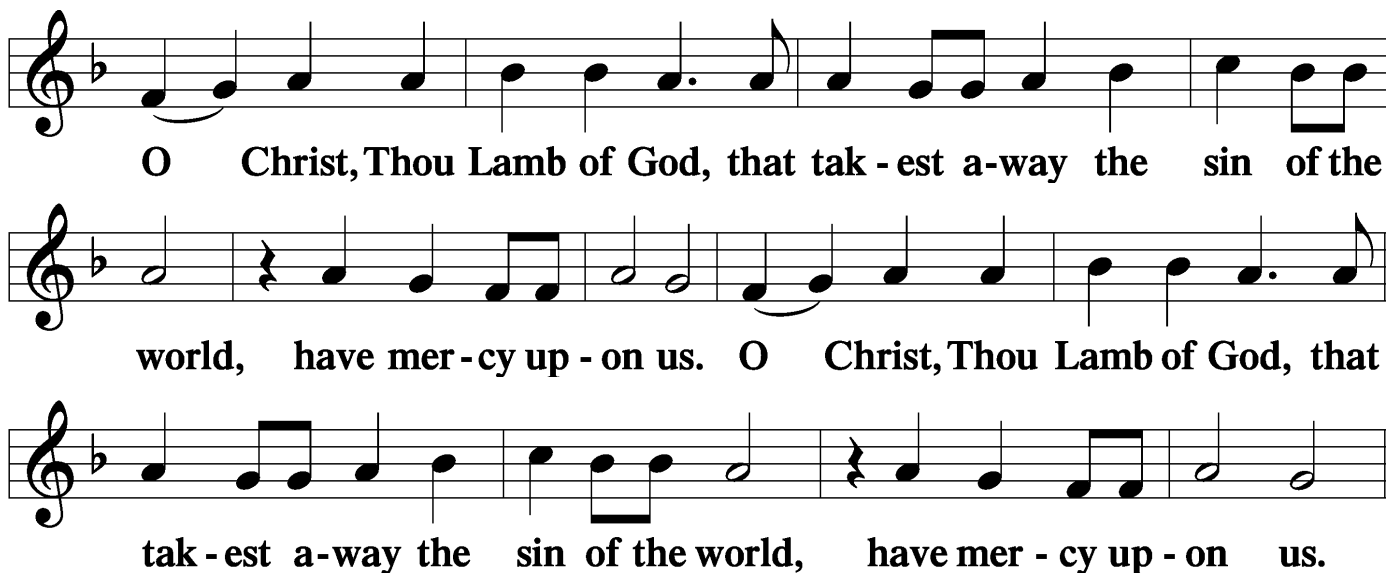
SHARING OF THE PEACE

Reader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

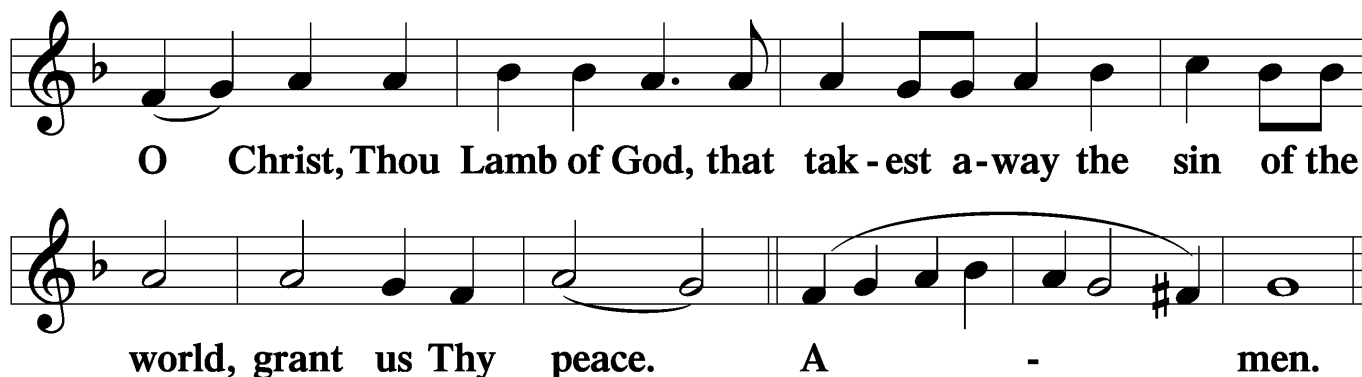
People: And also with you.

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

JOHN 1:29; 1 CORINTHIANS. 5:7



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



Personal Prayer Before Holy Communion

Lord Jesus, as I prepare to receive Holy Communion, Your most holy Body and Blood, deliver me from all my sins and from every evil. Enable me by Your Spirit to always abide in Your commandments and always walk in Your ways. Amen.

HYMNS

LSB 537, BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!

LSB 544, O LOVE, HOW DEEP

O love, how deep, how broad, how high, beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake!

He sent no angel to our race, of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame, and to this world Himself He came.

For us baptized, for us He bore His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp He knew; for us the tempter overthrew.

For us He prayed; for us He taught; for us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions thus still seeking not Himself but us.

For us by wickedness betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death; for us He gave His dying breath.

For us He rose from death again; for us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.

PRAYER OF DISMISSAL AND BENEDICTION

Leader: Now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and
preserve you in true faith to life everlasting.

People: Amen.

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon
you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give
you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN

LSB 924, LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING

Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration for Your Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful to Your truth may we be found.

Savior, when Your love shall call us from our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us, glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever reign with You in endless day.

POSTLUDE

PRELUDE IN B-FLAT MAJOR BY J.S. BACH

THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

PREACHER

Pastor Richard Burkey

WORSHIP LEADER

8:00 am: Jacob Sitze

10:30 am: Tim Walsworth

MUSIC LEADER

8:00 am: Roger Howard

10:30 am: Kathy Barkett

ACOLYTE

8:00 am: Delia Sitze

10:30 am: Misty Sullivan

READER

8:00 am: Robin Vincelett

10:30 am: Mary Tripp

MEDIA TECHNICIANS

8:00 am: Eric Berg, Stella Gardner

10:30 am: Joseph and Mark Arzillo

SPECIAL MUSIC

8:00 am: Sanctuary Choir

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

8:00 am: Steve Smith, Jim Weselis

WORSHIP PARTNER

8:00 am: Mike McGhen

10:30 am: Dennis Wetjen

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MESSAGE FROM GOD'S LIFE-BUILDING WORD

Faith Works When Temptations Knock

September 19, 2021

Introduction: A Large Bear Trap

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. (James 1:12)

1. Consider the consequences.

- James 1:13 When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone.
- James 1:14-15 ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.

2. Consider the bait.

- James 1:16 Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters.
- James 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

3. Consider the promise.

- James 1:18 He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.
- James 1:12 Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

Conclusion: Just a little?

Things I'd like to remember from this week's message:

G.P.S. – GROW, PRAY, STUDY GUIDE

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Day 1: Read *James 1:13*. What's interesting in this first chapter of James is not only when temptations keep coming, so will trials. If that weren't enough James uses the same Greek word for trials and temptations. So, what's the difference between the two? Their source and their goal. God uses trials to help us grow. Satan uses temptation to lead us to sin. Think about a challenge you are facing. How is Satan using it as a temptation? How is God using it as a trial to make you stronger?

Day 2: Read *James 1:14-15*. Satan follows is a consistent 3-step process with temptation: Desire. Disobedience. Death. It is not that every time you and I give in to temptation and sin, that we die. We have the forgiveness of Christ that we can hold on to and receive. Where have you seen this patten at work in your life? Where do you need to ask for forgiveness? To pray to the Holy Spirit for strength?

Day 3: Read *James 1:16*. Central to dealing successfully with temptations is to refuse to be deceived, fooled, or hoodwinked. How has Satan used that tactic in your life in the past? Where might he be seeking to deceive you in your life today?

Day 4: Read *James 1:17*. When temptations and trials come knocking, James wants us to know God is not the enemy. God is the source of goodness. Give thanks for 5 gifts of goodness you have seen God provide in the last 24 hours.

Day 5: Read *James 1:18*. While Satan uses desire's bait to hide temptation's hook, to catch you. God uses firstfruits to give you a glimpse of the great work His grace can do in your life. Where have you seen God's grace at work in your life this week?

Day 6: Read *James 1:12*. Even when you fall into temptation, you bite the bait, you've done what's wrong. Satan will seek to keep you down, and Jesus' arms extend from a cross to lift you up. Ask God to forgive your sin, then rejoice in the forgiveness, mercy, and grace God gives to you this day!

GOING DEEPER & NEXT WEEK

- **Book:** *Three Steps Forward, Two Steps Back: Persevering Through Pressure* by Charles R. Swindoll
- **Next Sunday:** James 1:19-27 "Faith Works Listen Do Continue"

WHAT'S GOING ON THIS WEEK?

TODAY | SEPTEMBER 19

- 8:00 am—Traditional Worship with Holy Communion
- 9:15 am—**Christian Education Hour**
 - Focus*—Room 101
 - Bereans*—Room 203
 - The Village*—Room 202
- 9:15—**Sunday School**
 - 3yrs - Kindergarten*—Lucas Hall, Top Floor
 - Grades 2-6*—Youth Center, Room 1
 - Confirmation*—Lucas Hall
 - Senior High*—Youth Center Room 3
- 10:30 am—Contemporary Worship
- 4:00 pm—Divorce Care, DC4K, DCTeens—Rooms 201-203
- 5:00 pm—Senior High Sunday Night—Youth Center

MONDAY | SEPTEMBER 20

- No Events Planned

TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 21

- 7:00 pm—Sabbath Sound Bell Rehearsal—Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm—Alcoholics Anonymous—Youth Building Room 1

WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 22

- 10:00 am—Women's Bible Study—Lucas Hall
- 6:30 pm—Christ-like Servant Leader Class/Gathering—Lucas Hall

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 23

- 9:30 am —Insights Bible Study—Lucas Hall
- 6:30 pm—Al Anon Meeting—Fireside Room
- 7:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal—Music Room

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 24

- No Events Planned

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 25

- 7:30 am—Men's Bible Study—Lucas Hall
- 1:00 pm—Shirley Dukes Celebration of Life

**Our calendar is always available at
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In Our Prayers



REJOICING

We rejoice in the great start to our Sunday morning Christian Education hour last week, including thirty-four registered confirmation students.

We praise God for our young dynamic disciples serving as acolytes (13), school handbell ringers (49), youth counselors (18), and CrossFire Band musicians (10). We ask God to grant them joy as they serve.

ASKING

We ask God to continue to provide a hedge of protection around Christ Lutheran Church Ministries as we seek to keep preschool, school, and church activities in session amid the ongoing threat of COVID.

We ask God to raise up a new church administrator to fill our vacant position, that we may continue to be good stewards of the resources He gives.

CALLING

We pray for God's wisdom and grace for educators at all levels as they serve their communities.

SERVING

We thank God for the leaders and hosts of Bible classes and Life Groups at Christ Lutheran as they help us grow in our faith and knowledge of God's Word.

We thank God for the members of our Prayers and Squares quilting ministry as they provide comfort and a loving touch to people who are hurting.