

The 6th Sunday of Easter
May 6th, 2018



“You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. *John 15:16*”

WELCOME! We extend a cordial welcome to everyone in the name of our crucified and risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Please be sure to sign our guest book near the entrance to the sanctuary. Visitors are always welcome in our midst.

AS WE GATHER: “*Abide in Christ and Bear Fruit That Will Last*”
 The meaning of Easter continues to unfold for the life of the Christian. The words of Jesus take on new significance. We are called to abide in Christ through His Word and Sacraments. Abiding in Christ through the Means of Grace will enable us to bear the fruit of His new life in us now and even to eternal life. The fruits that endure are the good works that flow from a living faith and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, testify to Christ living in us.

Budget Update:

	<u>April</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Receipts:	\$ 18,902	\$ 79,787
Expenses:	\$ 19,952	\$ 87,398
Over/(under):	\$ (1,050)	\$ (7,611)
CLC Loan Balance:	\$ 10,977	
Operating Loan:	\$ 29,770	
Savings Borrowed:	\$ 14,000	
 Total Debt:	 \$ 54,747	

April receipts were not enough to cover expenses. To meet payroll expenses, \$6000 was borrowed from our savings account, bringing out total Savings deficit to \$14,000.

Treasurer,
 Jerry Kobiske

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ORDER OF SERVICE - Divine Service Setting 4, pg. 203

Opening Hymn—“Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious” (LSB 548)

Sharing of the Peace (Please greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “*Peace be with you,*” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.) [Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3]

THE INTROIT, COLLECT OF THE DAY, GRADUAL, AND SCRIPTURE READINGS CAN ALL BE FOUND IN YOUR BULLETIN INSERT

Collect of the Day

Scripture Readings

+ **First Reading**— *Acts 10:34–48* (All the prophets bear witness to Christ.)

Gradual (*spoken responsively*)

+ **Epistle**—*1 John 5:1–8* (Everyone who is born of God overcomes the world.)

Alleluia and Verse— *“Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.”*

+ **Holy Gospel**— *John 15:9–17* (Abide in Christ and bear the good fruit that endures.)

Nicene Creed

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Sermon Hymn “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (*LSB* 700)

Sermon “Walls Come Tumbling Down” (Acts 10.34-48)

Sermon Outline—

Introduction: Humanity struggles to break down walls, only to find others being built. The resurrection of Jesus, however, has forever changed this world. Jesus’ cross holds out the victory that pulls down one wall after another.

I. The Father loves to bind all people together in his Word of our one salvation (vv 34–36).

A. Peter reveals the love the heavenly Father has for Cornelius and all those in his house.

B. We reveal that the love the Father has for all people is without exception.

II. The Son loves to bind all people to the Word of what he did for our forgiveness (vv 37–43).

A. Peter declared this love from Jesus to Gentiles.

B. Jesus loves us to speak this Word of his love so that everyone may be bound to it.

III. The Spirit loves to bind all people together by the Word in Baptism (vv 44–48).

A. The Holy Spirit showed Peter the love he was to have for the Gentiles.

B. We see the same love of the Holy Spirit shared around Word and Sacraments.

Conclusion: God loves to bind our lives together by the Word of Christ.

Offering

Rite of Confirmation

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Bryna Katherine Fawn Boettcher & Jacob Wayne Earll

Prayers of the Church

Each petition of the prayers ends by the pastor saying: “Lord, in Your mercy” and the congregation responding: “Hear our prayer”

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

LSB 208

COMMUNION STATEMENT—(*Please read our church’s communion statement regarding our practice of close communion before participating in the Sacrament*).

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another.

Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Synod–Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

Proper Preface

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him. Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and

truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Distribution Hymns:

- “Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice” (LSB 556)
- “Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain” (LSB 865)

Closing Hymn “Let Me Be Thine Forever” (LSB 689)

+ *Go in Peace and Serve the Lord* +

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Attendance in Worship Last Sunday: 78

Officiant: Pastor John M. Taggatz

Organist: Chris Cutts

Elder: Jerry Strey

Ushers: Kevin & Linda Buchholtz & Doug & Beth Buchholtz

Altar Guild: Karen Tesch

Acolyte: Davianna Lund

Church Information—

Pastor’s E-mail: jtaggatz@yahoo.com

Pastor’s Cell Phone: 715-467-1231

Pastor Taggatz on Twitter: @jtaggatz

Pastor Taggatz’s Blog: www.thewordendures.blogspot.com

Church Body’s Website: www.lcms.org

Church Websites: www.clcms.org (Calvary)

www.christlutheranwestbloomfield.com (Christ)

REMINDER! Pastor’s Office Hours for Christ & Calvary

Monday (Christ) 9:30 am-1pm

Tuesday (Christ) 10:15 am-1pm

Wednesday (Calvary) 9:30am -1pm

Thursday (Calvary): 9am - 1pm

Friday (Pastor’s Day Off)

Visitations: Monday through Thursday afternoons

For Appointments, Call Calvary or Christ Office or Pastor’s Cell Phone.

For an Emergency, Call Pastor Taggatz: 715-467-1231.

Church Announcements Deadline: The deadline for getting church announcements into the bulletin for Christ and Calvary is on Wednesdays by 9am.

Our Prayer List: Samuel Cartwright, Pleasance Robbert’s father; Sherry Blomberg; Bob & Bev Buchholtz; Darin Triplett (cancer), son-in-law of Elvis Behm; Maggie Ollmann, granddaughter of Rita Thews; Dirk Niebaum (cancer) friend of the Taggatz family; Sam Ives friend of Ms Reindl (needing a liver and heart transplant); Ron Wurm (heart problems) oldest son of Pastor Bill Wurm; Tom Utecht (healing); Doris Behm; Bud Keller (healing); Judy Keller (healing); Michael Felske (rehabilitation), father of CarrieAnn Rohm; Scott Bauer (healing).

In the Military: Kaitlin Young, Fort Campbell, KY.

Our Shut Ins: Doris Buchholtz, Louis Hartzke, Mary Grambsch, Doris Behm, Lisa Liepert, Stanley Behm, and Elvis Behm.

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!—We rejoice with Pam and Jerry Strey, on the birth of their new granddaughter, Rylie Jaye Rodewald, the daughter of Betsy and Jeremy Rodewald. We pray that God the Father would keep watch over little Rylie, especially as she awaits to be baptized, so that Rylie may grow up in the knowledge of God as her Heavenly Father and the grace and mercy found in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The regular occurring **Christ Lutheran Voter’s meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday May 20th, 2018** immediately following the Worship Service. Please plan on attending our May Voter’s Meeting, as your input and involvement in our Lutheran Church and School are deeply needed, and greatly appreciated. Thanks for your support of our ministries here at Christ Lutheran Church & School!!!



Congratulations to our Christ Lutheran Confirmation Students!

God’s blessings to **Bryna & Jacob** upon their journey with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior that was started on the day of their baptisms and has continued to their Confirmation TODAY! Congratulations to them as they have confirmed their Christian faith that God gave to them in their baptism!

Bryna Katherine Fawn Boettcher’s Confirmation verse: Isaiah 41:10, *“¹⁰fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”*

Baptismal Date: 10/17/04

Jacob Wayne Earll’s Confirmation Verse: Matthew 5:16, *“¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”*

Baptismal Date: 7/24/04

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST

<u>Sunday – May 6th</u> COMMUNION 8:30 AM Confirmation Worship Service 9:45 AM Adult Bible Class 5:00 PM Elders Meeting
<u>Monday – May 7th</u> 6:30 PM Worship Team Meeting
<u>Tuesday – May 8th</u> 8:30 AM Chapel 5:30 PM BOE Meeting
<u>Wednesday – May 9th</u> 3:30 PM VBS Planning Meeting @ Christ
<u>Thursday – May 10th</u> 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study at Calvary
<u>Friday – May 11th</u> Pastor’s Day Off 8:30 AM Oshkosh Track and Field Day
<u>Saturday – May 12th</u> 9:00 AM Flower pouch pick up
<u>Sunday – May 13th</u> MOTHER’S DAY 8:30 AM Worship Service 8:50 AM Sunday school 9:45 AM Adult Bible Class

Christ Lutheran School is forming a Call Committee—in order to meet staffing needs for Christ Lutheran School for our Preschool through Kindergarten teaching position. If anyone is interested in being on the call committee, please call Aimee at the school office at 920-867-3263 or email Kelly Buchholtz at: kcbuchholtz@gmail.com.

Mrs. Schliepp’s retirement party is Sunday May 20th from 12-3pm at Christ Lutheran School—All congregation members, parents, students and alumni are invited to the retirement party. If you would like to help bring in food items, please grab a sticky note off the task board that is on the table in the church narthex. Please call Aimee at the church office if you have any questions at: 920-867-3263.

THRIVENT ACTION GRANTS—Christ and Calvary Thrivent members did you know that you can get up to \$500 a year for our Churches and School? You can by applying for a Thrivent Action grant to go towards community, outreach, and maintenance projects for our Churches and School. If you are interested in learning more please call our Church Office at Christ Lutheran at 920-867-3263 or Pastor Taggatz at 715-467-1231...

Calling All Graduates!!! Graduation Sunday is coming up at Christ Lutheran Church and School on Sunday May 20th. The Kindergartners at Christ Lutheran School will be recognized for graduating this year. Also, we are asking that any High School or College age students of our congregations of Christ & Calvary that are graduating would also join us for this event. They may also wear their cap and gown to be recognized for their graduation. Please let us know what school they are graduating from, and if it is from college, what is their major? We will publish this information in the church’s bulletins on May 20th.

Fellowship/Community Outreach: Do you have ideas on how to promote fellowship and community outreach here at Christ? If so, we would love to hear them! The Church Council is looking for people who have ideas and passion towards outreach and fellowship. It can be as much or as little as you want. No need to be involved at Council level or report at the Voters Meeting. Fund raising efforts to support your ideas would be led by Stacy Mundschau. If interested, please contact Pastor Taggatz or Stacy.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BIBLE STUDY? Pastor John is leading Bible Study on Thursdays at Calvary Lutheran Waupaca at 10:00am. Come join us as we study God’s Word together! We are currently studying, “A Christian Response to Mormonism,” through Lutheran Hour Ministries.

If you would like to worship at one of our parishes of Christ and Calvary Lutheran Churches, here is information regarding their addresses and worship times: Calvary Lutheran is located at: E1887 King Rd. Waupaca, WI 54981 (Calvary is located near King Veteran’s home and is close to County Rd QQ). Calvary worships at 10:30am on Sunday mornings. Christ Lutheran is located at: N6412 State Road 49 Weyauwega, WI 54983, and they worship at 8:30am on Sunday mornings. Also, if you drop your offering envelope into our sister parish on Sunday morning, your offering will make it back to the church that you are a member of.

Church Announcements Deadline: The deadline for getting church announcements into the bulletin for Christ and Calvary is on Wednesdays by 9am.

“The Challenges of Islam” is the topic of the Adult Bible Study which is held at 9:45 AM on Sundays here at Christ Lutheran. This study is part of the Lutheran Hour Ministries Bible Study topics.

BOX TOPS AND MILK CAPS: This is just a reminder that our school collects Box Tops and Kwik Trip milk caps, bag tops, glazed donut ovals and ice cream bar codes. If anyone has any to drop off, please put them in Aimee’s church mailbox or on her desk in the school office. Thank you!

FLOWER COMMITTEE: You will find a Flower Committee sign-up sheet. We are looking for one or two people to take care of flowers/plants for a month. The person(s) would be in responsible for Altar flowers and watering the green plants. If you are interested, please sign up or contact Susanne Utecht.

SCRIP AT CELC—SCRIP is being sold following the 8:30am service in the church basement. Thank you for your ongoing support.

The Vacation Bible School Volunteers have met from Christ & Calvary Lutheran Churches and we have selected a program for the summer for our two churches. We will be doing the VBS Program “Shipwrecked” from Group Publishing. We are looking to have Christ Lutheran’s VBS on Monday July 23rd-27th from 8:30am-11:30am Monday through Friday with registration on Monday beginning at 8am. Calvary’s VBS will be the week of June 25th-29th from 5-8pm Monday through Friday. Our next planning meeting will be held at Christ Lutheran on Wednesday May 9th at 3:30pm. We have applied for two Thrivent Actions grants to cover the supplies for Vacation Bible School, one for Christ and the other for Calvary.

Children’s Quiet Bags are available for your kids here at Christ and Calvary Lutheran Churches. These bags are full of coloring books, Bible Story books, and various other items for your child to play with during the worship service. Please ask an usher and we will be sure to get you one before the worship service.

TRUCK AND TRACTOR PULL PLANNING MEETING – It that time of year again to plan out Annual Truck and Tractor Pull. This year’s pull we be held Friday July 13, with tractors on July 14. There will be a planning meeting on Tuesday June 5th at 6 p.m. in the school library. The task board will be placed in the Narthex 3-4 weeks before the pull. Please spread the word of this year’s pull on your social media to help promote this fantastic annual event. If you have questions about the planning of this year’s pull please contact Kyle Tesch at ktesc624@gmail.com or at 715-513-0075

FLOWER POUCH PICK UP: Is Saturday, May 12 at 9:00 AM. Chantel is looking for volunteers to help so if you are able to help, please call at 920-867-2584. If anyone would like to order any last minute flowers, please talk to Chantel. Also, there will be extra tomato plants for sale so if you would like some, they will be available the day of pick up.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: There has been a change to the schedule due to Graduation happening on May 20. The last Sunday school for this year will now take place on Sunday, May 13. This will be the last Sunday school until school resumes in the fall.

Christ Lutheran lawn mowers needed for the season! We usually mow on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. or as needed. Contact Jim Baehman: 920-538-1883



THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP: wishes to thank Tom & Diane Hartzke for church care and communion preparation for the month of April. Pam Strey is serving on church care and Jerry Kobiske will be taking care of communion set up for the month of May. There is a need for members to volunteer for either task so please contact Diane Hartzke.

JUST A REMINDER: Please put your name on your money envelopes. It helps to keep track of member contributions.

The Congregation at Prayer Sunday May 6th, 2018, The 6th Sunday of Easter

Catechism: Table of Duties—To Workers of All Kinds: Ephesians 6:5-8

Verse of the week: Ephesians 2:8-9, “*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.*”

Psalm of the week: Psalm 107

Hymn of the week: (LSB 491) “Up through Endless Ranks of Angels” (stanza 1)

Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday— Whatever You Ask the Father in My Name—John 16:23-33

Monday— Saul Is Rejected by the Lord—1 Samuel 15:10-35

Tuesday— David Is Anointed King—1 Samuel 16:1-13

Wednesday— David Plays the Harp for Saul—1 Samuel 16:14-23

Thursday— The Great Commission & Ascension—Matt. 28:16-20; Luke 24:49-53

Friday—The Command to Preach the Gospel & the Ascension—Mark 16:9-20; and Acts 1:1-14

“Young women within our churches are watching how we as the Christian community treat unplanned pregnancy within our own four walls. Yes, it is very important to educate our people on the dangers of abortion and the value of life. But we will fail as life advocates if we do not demonstrate compassion for those among us who find themselves caught in the web of unplanned pregnancy.”
Diane E. Schroeder, former president of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. www.word-of-hope.org; 888-217-8679

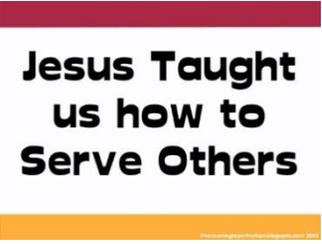
THE LUTHERAN HOUR—“Love One Another as I Have Loved You”

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. Jesus calls His followers to be different as they deal with difficult people (John 15:9-17) The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: lhm.org scroll down the page and click on, “listen now.” Or listen to any of these local radio stations on Sunday mornings.

- 5:30am The Lutheran Hour, WTMJ (AM 620)
- 7:30am The Lutheran Hour, WJMQ (FM 92.3)
- 8:00 am The Lutheran Hour, WDUX (AM 800)
- 10:00 am The Lutheran Hour, WRVM (FM 102.7)

THE WORLD ASKS, “WHAT DOES A MAN OWN?” CHRIST ASKS, “HOW DOES HE USE IT?” (Andrew Murray)

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Peter 4:10).



**Jesus Taught
us how to
Serve Others**

Stewardship Minute— Martin Luther wrote, “A god is that to which we look for all good and in which we find refuge in every time of need.” According to this definition, we live in a world that is anything but godless because people manufacture their own gods. We live in a very materialistic society so we find many people looking to material things which become “that to which we look for all good.” Rev. Harold Senkbeil in his book *Dying to Live* suggests that the chief false god of our age is pleasure. He writes, “We demand happiness. We want it now, and we want it on our terms and according to our own definition: personal pleasure...No wonder, then, that increasing chunks of our time and energy are given over to toys, activities and things designed to primarily to give us pleasure.” Ultimately, even people with the most toys must die.