

The Chronicle

Christ Lutheran Church and School

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Worship: 9:00 a.m. Bible Class/Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

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"...Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone..." Ephesians 2:20b

Serving Today

Vacancy Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Mark Brighton

Elder

Bill Reichert

Welcome!

Welcome to worship. As God fed Elijah in the wilderness so he could journey on (1 Kings 19:1-8), may God feed and strengthen you here today.

Preparation for Worship

"The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season" (Psalm 145:15, NRSV). With harvest underway across the land, I thank you, Lord, for food — and for spiritual nourishment.

Save Us by a Word of Faith

The Lord who "laid the foundation of the earth" (Job 38:4) is the Author and Giver of life who governs all things by His Word. His wisdom and power are beyond our understanding, except as He reveals Himself in the incarnate Word, Christ Jesus. He has "entered into the springs of the sea" and "walked in the recesses of the deep" (Job 38:16), and He draws near to us in mercy. We have been "a long way from the land, beaten by the waves" and tossed about by hostile winds (Matt. 14:24). In our mortality and sinful unbelief, we do not always recognize the Lord Jesus. But as we cry out in fear, He speaks tenderly to us, "Do not be afraid," and He reaches out His hand to save us (Matt. 14:27, 31). "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Rom. 10:13), and now we call upon Him in faith, because we have heard "through the word of Christ" (Rom. 10:17). "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (Rom. 10:8).

Communion Attendance

You are invited to commune at our table if you meet these guidelines:

1. I am a baptized Christian.
2. I believe that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.
3. I believe that the bread is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given to me in remembrance of Him.
4. I believe that the wine is the true blood of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given to me for the forgiveness of sins.
5. For a blessing only, cross your arms over your chest.

If these statements are true for you, we invite you to join us in the Sacrament. If they are not true for you, we ask that you please refrain from participating at this time.

We're Here for You

If you are a visitor today, please be sure to stay for fellowship. We have coffee and snacks available in the gymnasium.

Following fellowship, we welcome you to participate in one of our hour-long programs for adults (called Adult Bible Class on the next page) or for children (called Kids in Christ on the next page).

Perhaps you have questions about what it means to be a Christian, or about the Bible, or about something you heard today in worship. Please feel free to seek out our pastor with your questions.

If you prefer you can call our office to set up an appointment. You may also email your questions to office@clschool.org and we will forward it to him.

Thank you for your presence here today. It is our prayer that the Spirit touched you. We hope to see you again soon.

Welcome to Worship

We Welcome:

The Rev. Dr. Mark Brighton: Pastor Brighton is a Professor of Biblical Languages/Theology at Concordia University, Irvine. He will serve as our Vacancy Pastor until we call a new pastor.

Adult Bible Class

Revelation: Did you ever read the book of Revelation and wonder what it was all about? What are all those mysterious references like the one to a beast with ten horns and seven heads, with ten crowns on his horns? Well, Pastor Brighton is helping us understand those mysterious references, which are described elsewhere in the Bible. Join us for this enlightening study of this Bible book that can be hard to understand. The class is taught by Pastor Brighton in Room #101.

Prayer Groups: The prayer chain is a group of women who pray for the prayer requests from Sunday morning and any urgent prayer requests that come up during the week through the office and anyone who communicates with a member of the chain. These requests are considered confidential. These requests are communicated to group members through e-mail and direct phone conversation. We take both public and confidential requests.

The **Sunday Morning Group** that meets at the Bible study hour prays using the ACTS method: *Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication* based on scriptural meditation on God's name and attributes. All prayer is confidential. We pray for personal, family, church, school, community, national, and world concerns.



Kids in Christ

Kids in Christ is our Sunday School at Christ Lutheran Church. It is for grades Preschool – Junior High and meets every Sunday morning at 10:30. If you are in Junior High, you will meet in the Youth Room, room 207. If you are preschool – 5th grade you will meet in Room #103. From there you will be divided up into your groups.

If you have questions please contact any of our Kids in Christ teachers. Invite your friends to come along!

Fellowship Hosts



Looking for a way to be an active participant at Christ Lutheran Church? Be a fellowship host!

Annette Balog and Shannon Ross are our fellowship coordinators! Annette and Shannon are looking for others to join them in Fellowship Ministry. You may contact Annette at annettembalog@sbcglobal.net or Shannon at shannonross27@yahoo.com

Thank you for your willingness to serve!

Stewardship Minute

Matthew 14:30 "But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." The world, really, is a scary place – natural disasters, disease, terrorism, and a hundred other things. But where do we place our hope, our trust – our *vision*? Where do we look for aid and comfort? When Peter's eyes were on the Lord, he had confidence. When he turned to look at his problems and took his eyes off the Lord, he fell apart. Sometimes God's call to support the work of His Church with our offerings makes us nervous. But put your eyes back on your Lord, trust Him, follow His Word, and all, really, will be well.

We Get More From Giving

Winston Churchill reportedly said that "we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." According to Churchill then, our lives are defined less by what we have gotten, and more by what we give away.

Our Lord's life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God's Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserve because of sin. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death, and hell. And so, it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself us, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it is also for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and making a living has on us. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives—our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking the question—How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor, and servant to others—to asking the question—what have they done for me lately. We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But when we give, we do not have less, we have more because when we give we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus we are reflecting the divine nature. As Jesus said "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

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Lutheran Social Services

During trying economic times, agencies like **Lutheran Social Services** have a hard time meeting the increasing demand for food.

Please remember to bring canned food and staples to church with you during the coming weeks. You can place your donation in the back of the church in the bin marked LSS. Each month a member of our congregation delivers the food and clothing to LSS in Long Beach.

Please remember when you bring your goods to Christ Lutheran that LSS is not a thrift store and can not handle large items such as furniture, framed pictures, glass ware and baby equipment but they are always in need of food and clothing.

Life Quotes from Lutherans for Life

August 13 "As Christians, we have a responsibility to provide comfort to the sick, as we do not want anyone to suffer. That is why we promote work to improve palliative care so doctors will have better means to relieve suffering at life's end until God calls us home to heaven where there is no suffering. Let us put our trust in Him." "

Virginia Flo, Regional Director, MN
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; 888-271-8679



Life Thoughts

August 13 – Ninth Sunday after Trinity – Temptations to idolatry exist today as they did in biblical times. The great idol "Death" draws many to its altar. They look to death for rescue from a crisis pregnancy or chronic disease or pain. Death's allure is so great it even tempts Christians to bow before it. But we have a way out of such temptations to faithlessness: "God is faithful" (1 Corinthians 10:1-13). Christ our "Rock" never leaves us (10:4). We can trust in Him. *Rock of our salvation, may Your faithful service to us through Your cross and resurrection move us to be faithful to You. Amen.*

Chronicle Input

If you have a new announcement pertinent to our community, please email a short description to Christopher Saraga (30topher01-1969@clschool.org)



by Tuesday for this announcement to appear in the next issue of The Chronicle.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Are you a member of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans? If so, and you own products on which you pay premiums, then annually you earn "Choice Dollars" which can be directed to Lutheran organizations like our church and school. Through this program, \$330 million has been distributed to Lutheran communities nationwide. We ask that you consider directing your "Choice Dollars" to our school's scholarship program. Giving scholarship assistance to a family that needs help is Biblically right and supports our school's outreach to fulfill Christ's Great Commission to make disciples of all nations.

Please help with your "Choice Dollars" by calling 1.800.847.4836 or by visiting Thrivent's website at www.Thrivent.com/choicedollars Directing your gifts to our school can make a difference in the life of a child.

Know Your Target

Businesses must know their target market. Writers must know their target audience. And we all make better decisions when we consider the target of our actions.

A college religion teacher set up a cardboard target in his classroom. "Draw someone who has upset you," he instructed. Students sketched ex-boyfriends or -girlfriends, coworkers who'd mistreated them, childhood bullies. Each, in turn, then placed their drawing over the bull's-eye and took aim with a bow and arrow. Afterward, the bull's-eye was riddled with holes. The students congratulated one another ... until the teacher pulled back the target, revealing Jesus' scarred, torn face.

Silence fell as he read: "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these ... you did it to me" (Matthew 25:40, NRSV).

In choosing actions — no matter the human target — remember who else will be struck by your arrows. Let's take aim with love, not hurt.



"Summer night – even the stars are whispering to each other."

–Kobayashi Issa, (1763-1828), Japanese poet.



OFFICE HOURS



We are here to serve you...
Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

What's Happening This Week

Sunday August 13, 2017

9:00 A.M. Worship—Pentecost 11
10:15 A.M. Fellowship Time
10:30 A.M. Bible Study/Sunday School

Sunday August 20, 2017

9:00 A.M. Worship—Pentecost 12
10:15 A.M. Fellowship Time
10:30 A.M. Bible Study/Sunday School

Sunday August 27, 2017

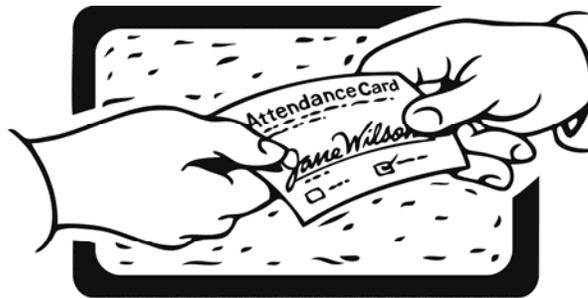
9:00 A.M. Worship—Pentecost 13
10:15 A.M. Fellowship Time
10:30 A.M. Bible Study/Sunday School

Sunday September 03, 2017

9:00 A.M. Worship—Pentecost 14
The Rev. Dr. David Loy, Guest Preacher
10:15 A.M. Fellowship Time
10:30 A.M. Bible Study/Sunday School

Birthday Blessings! To our Christ Community Family and Friends

08/19 Les Duffer
08/19 Betty Reichert
08/24 Alan Paynter
08/25 Tara Lynn Hurd
08/26 Andy Veek
08/27 Shannon Ross
08/30 Gary Connell



Attendance Update

August 2017

Time: 9:00 A.M.

Worship (08/06)	62
Communed	54
Sunday School	10
Adult Bible	20
School Chapel (Gr.Pre-8)	-

Sunday School's Origins

Sunday school began in England as early as 1751. Better known is Robert Raikes' work in Gloucester 30 years later. Concerned about poor children who worked in factories six days a week and often turned to crime, he offered classes on the only day kids were free. Soon various organizations offered a loose network of such Sunday schools, which taught basic reading and writing, using the Bible as a text.

Ten years later, Samuel Slater started the first U.S. Sunday school in his Rhode Island textile mills. By the mid-1800s, Sunday school attendance was an almost-universal childhood experience. As society became more secular and public education was mandated by the 1870s, Sunday schools focused on spiritual practices: prayers, hymns, catechism knowledge and Scripture memorization.

Well into the 20th century, Sunday school served as the church's main outreach tool. Many adults fondly remember their teachers and lessons, and Sunday school continues to play a significant part in faith development.