

**This Week:**

Today:	8:00 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
Tuesday:	6:30 PM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
Wednesday:	12:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
	6:30 PM	Confirmation Class
	7:30 PM	Choir
Thursday:	6:30 PM	Jesus Cares Ministry
	7:30 PM	Board of Education at Church
Saturday:	9:00 AM	LWMS Rally at Willow Lake, SD
Sunday:	8:00 AM	Worship Coffee Hour: Stewardship Committee
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	Voters Meeting
	1:00 PM	Pioneers
	2:00 PM	CLYF

**CLOSE COMMUNION:** The Bible teaches that Holy Communion strengthens faith in Jesus. It also teaches that those who commune without first being instructed concerning it take it to the detriment of their faith. Since we only have first hand knowledge of the instruction received by the members of our synod, we ask that others speak with the pastor before approaching the altar. We ask this out of love for God’s Word.

**PASTORAL ACT:** *Adult Confirmation:* Today in the service Debora Hoflock, by the grace of God and power of the Holy Spirit, will be received into communicant membership. She has completed the assigned classes and expresses agreement with us in doctrine. We welcome her into our family of believers at Christ.

**VOTERS:** A reminder of our quarterly voters meeting to be held on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> after the late service about 11:30 AM. Among the business will be more information regarding additional cost for the Early Childhood Program at Samuel.

**CLYF:** We will meet on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 2 – 4 PM at church. Weather permitting we will do some outdoor clean up at church. Bring a rake and gloves!

**MITE BOX:** Today we will again be taking a door offering for the LWMS mite box collection.

**LWMS RALLY:** The LWMS Minnekota Circuit Spring Rally will be held at Willow Lake Lutheran Church in Willow Lake, SD, on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> Registration begins at 9 AM with the meeting to follow at 10:00. Our Befriend a Missionary, Kevin Walker of Canada will be our guest speaker.

**PIONEERS:** Pioneers will meet next Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 1–3 at Samuel.

**DIVINE SERVICE:** The Divine Liturgy has been used in Christian churches for centuries. To help us better understand it each Sunday we will focus on a different part. Today **NUNC DIMITTIS – SONG OF SIMEON** – Nunc Dimittis (now, let depart) was first sung by Simeon. God had promised Simeon that he would not die until he saw the Messiah. When the Christ child was presented at the temple, Simeon held him in his arms and boldly confessed that he could die now because he had seen salvation. What a fitting song for us to sing now that we have had the same living Christ given to us to eat and drink. We can die now. What more do we need? We have heaven. **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** – This prayer thanks God for grace received and teaches us about true worship. This service is primarily about God giving us salvation through the means of grace – our true worship happens outside this building where we are the “Masks of God”. We pray that the love given to us here would be carried into the world as we perform our callings in life for the benefit of our neighbor. **BENEDICTION** – This ancient blessing reminds us of our baptismal family name and Christ’s ascension. He left us with his blessing and promise of a return. We answer “Amen” knowing that all this is true and desiring his return.

**EXAMINATION:** Our eighth grade confirmation examination will be held on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> between services in place of Bible class. Many members have enjoyed the opportunity that this public examination gives them to refresh their Biblical knowledge. All members are invited to attend this examination. We ask that if you plan to witness this examination you be in the church by 9:30.

SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK	
\$7647 – Budgeted Offerings ~	Weekly need - \$6154
\$235 – Mission Offerings ~	Weekly need - \$231
\$35 – Media Offerings ~	Weekly need - \$90
\$65 – Debt Reduction Fund	\$0 – Building Improvement Fund
\$172 – Other Receipts	
Budgeted offerings: YTD March ‘13: \$83,956.86	
YTD March ‘12: \$72,904.72	
Annual Budgeted – 2013: \$320,000	

**Third Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, April 14, 2013**

**Service of Word and  
Sacrament**

- Opening Hymn #227
- Liturgy page 26
- First Lesson – see insert
- Psalms 67 on page 91
- Second Lesson – see insert
- Verse of the Day page 30
- Gospel Lesson – see insert
- Hymn of the Day #265
- Sermon – Revelation 5:11-14
- Nicene Creed page 31
- Offering
- Prayers & Lord’s Prayer
- The Sacrament pages 33-35
- Distribution Hymn #313
- The Thanksgiving page 36
- Closing Hymn #549

