

Christmas Greenery

Our Christ Lutheran Youth Fellowship (CLYF) will be selling Christmas greens after services on Sunday, October 20th and 27th. Orders will arrive by Thanksgiving.

Items for sale:

24" Traditional Christmas Wreath - \$16.00

This wreath has a red velvet bow and three sets of three pine cones with red berries.

36" Traditional Christmas Wreath - \$42.00

This wreath has a red velvet bow and five sets of three pine cones with red berries.

25' Balsam Roping - \$33.00

Extra thick evergreen roping.

Holiday Swag - \$15.00

Balsam swag with a red velvet bow and one set of three pine cones with red berries.

Holiday Evergreen Planter - \$16.00

Mixed evergreens with red twig dogwood branches in a 12" terra cotta pot. Total height of the holiday planter is 24-30". Great for entrances, porches, decks and patios! Adds color all winter long!

Thank you for supporting
our organization.

TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY
Divine service for the celebration of the
125th Anniversary of
Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Marshall, Minnesota
1888 - 2013
October 13, 2013
Keith W. Schreiner – Pastor

Pre-service Music

The Bells Ring Out Our Thanks!

Opening Hymn – #236 “*All Praise to God Who Reigns Above*”
(Please rise for verse 5)

Invocation

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.** (sung)

M: Lord God of heaven and earth, you are worthy of our best adoration. We gather before you pondering anew your goodness and mercy. For all that you are, your people sound a grateful “Amen”.

C: (Sing) **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
 Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

M: Lord God Almighty, your mercies are new to us each morning. Our song rises to give you honor and praise. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the saints and angels in heaven bow before you. O Changeless One, receive our humble praise as well.

PROCESSIONAL CROSS: You will notice the crucifix cross and candle stands on the lectern side of the church. These are a processional cross and torches that will be used in our afternoon anniversary service. We thank St. Johns in Wood Lake for allowing us to borrow them to enhance our worship as the focus of our Christian service is always on Christ crucified.

ANNIVERSARY GIFT: If you have not given a gift to the anniversary fund you can still do so. Envelopes are available on the rack heading to the basement. You can also just indicate it on your check or offering envelope.

BANNER: We want to thank the ladies who made the banner for our celebration. It looks wonderful! The ladies who worked on it were Ellen Loe, Julie Festerling, Lori Biastock and Jennifer Schreiner.

MEMORABILIA, ETC: Again today various items will be available for you to purchase. You can purchase them either here at church or at the meal at Samuel.

GREAT JOB: We want to thank all of those who showed up for the church clean up day. You did a great job! The church and grounds look beautiful.

VOTER'S MEETING: There will be a regularly scheduled meeting of the Voter's assembly on Sunday, October 20th at 7:00.

CLYF: Due to a number of conflicts such as MEA weekend and marching band competition, we will not meet this month.

CHRISTMAS GREENERY: The CLYF will be selling Christmas greenery again this year. We will take orders October 20th and 27th. We ask for payment at the time the order is placed. More information can be found on the back page of the bulletin.

MEMBERS OF THE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE: Pastor Schreiner, David and Lori Biastock, Gary and Deanna Loeck, Jim and Gladys Jacobson, Steve Mohwinkel and Jacki Knigge, Jason and Darice Nielsen, Byron and Rhonda Pagel, Gary and Mary Radtke, Jon and Wendy Rubendall, Jill Schwarz, Betty Smith, Geoff and Tricia Stelter, Merna Thomsen, Nadine Vierstraete.

This Week:

<i>Today:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	NO Sunday School or Bible Class
	10:00 AM	Worship
	11:30 AM	Anniversary Meal at Samuel
	2:00 PM	Anniversary Worship
<i>Monday:</i>	7:00 PM	Church Council Meeting
<i>Tuesday:</i>	6:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
<i>Wednesday:</i>	8:20 AM	Chapel at Samuel
	12:30 PM	Christ Lutheran on Cable TV
	6:30 PM	NO Confirmation
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship
	9:15 AM	Sunday School and Bible Class
	10:30 AM	Worship
	7:00 PM	Voter's Meeting

THANK YOU: We thank Rev. David Maertz for bringing us our message from God's Word this morning. He is a son of the congregation and now serves as President of GPLHS in Watertown, SD.

SINGING TODAY: We thank ALL the children of Christ as well as the adult choir for lending their voices in festive praise.

MEAL: For those who purchased tickets to the meal - don't forget to bring your ticket with you. Over 300 people will be attending the dinner so space is at a premium. We will have people helping direct you with parking. While we want you to have a relaxing meal, if you are among the first to dine and finish while others are coming, please give your seat to them.

AFTERNOON: We hope that many of you will return this afternoon for our festival service at 2:00 PM. With the ladies choir and brass quartet from MLC it should be a beautiful service. While it might not be quite the same, if by chance you can't find a seat in the church proper, we will have a live stream set up in the basement that you can see and hear. We thank the Lecy's for letting us use their video equipment for this.

PUBLIC SCHOOL: Due to MEA, there will be NO public school confirmation class this coming Wednesday, October 16th.

**C: Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who was and is and evermore shall be.**

M: O Holy One, your glorious purity is incompatible with our dark sinfulness. With perfect love you forgive, seeing in us the righteousness of Jesus. As your forgiven people, we glorify your holy name.

**C: Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.**

M: Lord God Almighty, this congregation of believers thanks you for the grace and mercy you have showered upon them for the past 125 years and prays that that they be used by you to share your Gospel message with the world

**C: Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name
in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

M: God Almighty, you have been our help in ages past. You are our hope for years to come. Jesus, as the Church's Head, guide us to be your witnesses in this community. Holy Spirit, enflame our faith and life with holy zeal, that others may be drawn to you through us. Amen.

(Please be seated)

Choir Anthem – *“Lord You Have Been Our Dwelling Place”*

Our God Comes To Us In His Word

First Reading – Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Second Reading – Acts 5:12-32

Response: Early service: Senior choir and congregation

Response: Late service: Children's choir and congregation

#621 *"For Years On Years Of Matchless Grace"*

Sung as follows:

Verses 1, 2, 5 & 7 Choirs, **3 & 4 congregation**

V. 1 *For years on years of matchless grace
We come, O God, before your face;
Your undeserved love and care
Rouse us to praise and stir to prayer.*

V. 2 *For founding fathers filled with zeal
To preach your gospel and reveal
Your love to sinners far and wide,
Let now your name be glorified.*

**V. 3 For staunch confessors, praise, O Lord,
For, bound and governed by your Word,
They led our church to firmer ground,
Though error flourished all around.**

**V. 4 For growth in numbers, growth in grace,
For missions born in many a place,
For gospel work in foreign climes,
We ring the glad thanksgiving chimes.**

V. 5 *For many schools our thanks we pay,
The schools that teach the young your way,
The schools that train a ministry
Who want your will their will to be.*

V. 7 *Lord, keep us steadfast, keep us true;
Give zeal your glorious work to do.
Until we join in heaven's song,
Your boundless grace to us prolong!*

Gospel Reading – Matthew 28:16-20

Hymn of the Day - #194 *"Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices"*

Sermon – Acts 5:12,17-32 We have a mission from God!

Rev. David Maertz, Great Plains Lutheran High School

Confession of Faith

The Third Article of the Creed

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead; and he will give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

Offering of Thanks

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn of Praise - #535 *"Our Father's God in Years Long Gone"*

Closing Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn - #622 *"For Many Years, O God of Grace"*