

**WHAT A BLESSING:** As has been previously noted, John and Kathy Paxton are stepping aside as Sunday School leaders. For many, many years they have headed up our Sunday School program. A lot of work goes in to making sure that our children are taught the saving truths of God's word. From planning the lessons to finding teachers, to running off material there was much that needed to be done. Today after the Worship in the Park, we want to take a minute and thank them for their years of service. While they headed up the program there are many, many teachers who have also donated many, many hours teaching. This thank you also goes out to all of them, past and present. At the picnic be sure to take a piece of cake given in honor of all our Sunday School staff.

**INVITATION:** There will be a 'Come & Go' Baby Shower for Mandy Murphy (nee Nauman) on Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 3:00 PM at the home of Tom & June Herbert, 1362 Lisa Lane, Balaton, MN on Lake Yankton. All Ladies of the congregation are invited to attend. (Directions – Hwy 23W to CR-5, approx. 10 miles south on CR-5 to Jean Road to Lisa Lane and follow it to the left approx .05 miles to 1362 Lisa Lane which is on the right hand side of the road).

**MINNESOTA PRAIRE OWLS:** The summer outing for the Minnesota Prairie OWLS Chapter 17 will be August 17<sup>th</sup> to New Ulm to visit St. John's and St. Paul's churches, hear the Glockenspiel, visit the Chapel for the Christ at MLC, and listen to the organ as it is played for us. The noon meal will be the buffet at the New Ulm Pizza Ranch at a cost of \$7.16 for seniors. We will leave from St. John's Lutheran Church, Redwood, at 9 a.m. and be back at 4 p.m.

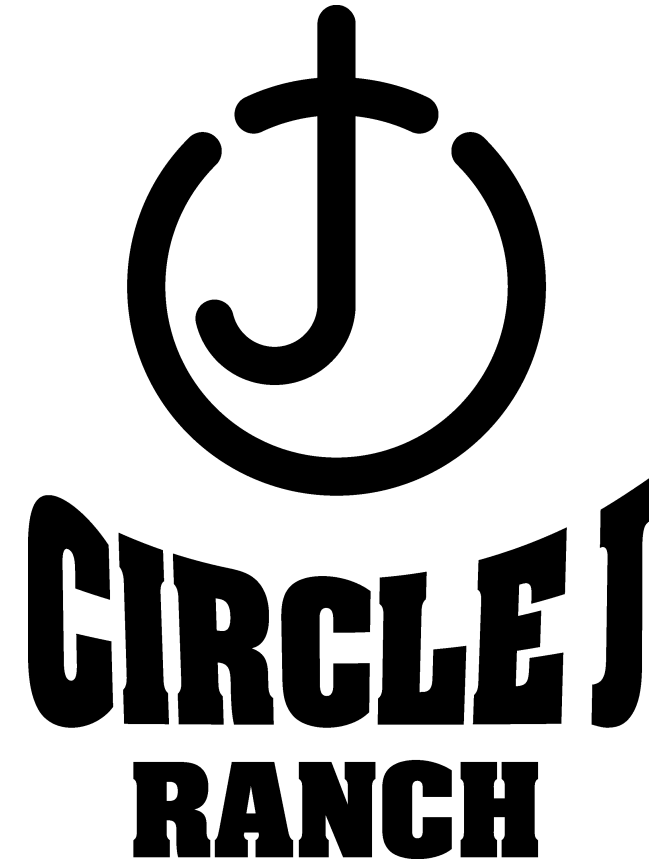
\*It is important to register with Pastor LeRoy Lothert, 111 N. Park, Morton, 56270 (507-697-6478) by August 10 since transportation will be by car.

**LADIES AID:** The women of Christ Lutheran are invited to our monthly Ladies Aid meeting on Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM. We begin the afternoon with a devotion and lesson followed by our monthly meeting. We close the afternoon with a snack and fellowship.

**COLLEGE ADDRESSES:** If you have a student attending college this year please call the church office and give us their information so we can send them newsletters, etc. Even if you don't have the information now please let us know when you get it.

# *Worship in the Park*

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Christ Lutheran Church - Marshall, Minnesota  
August 1, 2010

**OPENING HYMN:**

#239: *Glory Be To God The Father*

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,  
Glory be to God the Spirit, Great Jehovah, Three in One!  
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!

Glory be to him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;  
Glory be to him who bought us, Made us kings with him to reign!  
Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!

Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church's King,  
Glory to the King of nations; Heav'n and earth, your praises bring!  
Glory, glory To the King of glory sing!

Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;  
Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

**INVOCATION**

M: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

Today:	9:00 AM	Worship in the Park
	11:00 AM	Church Picnic
Monday:	7:00 PM	Worship with Banana Splits
Tuesday:	6:30 PM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
Wednesday:	7:00 AM	Stewardship Meeting at Patzers
	12:30 PM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
	6:00 PM	Work Bee at Samuel
Thursday:	1:30 PM	Ladies Aid
Sunday:	9:00 AM	Worship and Holy Communion
Monday:	7:00 PM	Worship and Holy Communion

**SINGING SUNDAY:** The children of our Vacation Bible School will sing in our service this morning. We thank Kayla MacArthur, accompanist, Mrs. Amy MacArthur, director, and the children for sharing God’s Word in song with us today.

**THANK YOU:** Behind every successful Vacation Bible School week are wonderful volunteers. A huge thanks to our teachers: Abby Biastock, Kayla MacArthur, Mrs. Ellen Loe, Zach Thooft, and Alexander MacArthur, and our helpers Isabella MacArthur and Rachel Ellingson. Our music leader was Mrs. Amy MacArthur accompanied by Kayla MacArthur. Craft leaders were Mrs. Michelle Thooft and Mrs. Sharon Mitzner. The snack people were Anna Biastock and Lucas Thooft. We thank everyone who contributed snacks to feed our cowgirls and cowboys. For more information about this year’s VBS you can go to our website. On the left side of the home page you will find a special VBS 2010 link you can click to learn more. Check it out!

**WORSHIP IN THE PARK:** Thank you to everyone who made the worship in the park today possible with help in planning, set up, or take down. We hope this outdoor setting for worship was edifying. Maybe in the future we will offer this opportunity to worship outdoors again.

**CHURCH PICNIC:** We hope you will join us today at 11:00 for our church picnic. It will take place after the worship in the park at the band shell. There will be games for the kids so be sure to attend. You are asked to bring a generous main dish and salad or dessert and table service. Beverages will be provided.

**REGISTERED:** If you were not able to register at Samuel on Tuesday, please call the school office to set up a time. School starts on August 23rd!

**WORK BEE:** We will be having a work bee out to Samuel on Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. If you are unable to attend that night but would like to help on a different day, please contact Mr. Festerling and he will set up set up a time for you.

PRAYER

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) Amen.

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: (sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
God's banners are o'er us; His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces; The stars in their courses  
And sun in its orbit obediently shine.  
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.  
We, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing.  
With glad adoration a song let us raise  
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving:  
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

This Week:

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

SONG OF PRAISE

*Oh, Taste and See*  
Christian Worship p. 39

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are

they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -

ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -

ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -

ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: Let us pray.

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus’ name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sung) Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**CHILDREN’S ANTHEM** (Sunday)  
The children from our Vacation Bible School grades Pre-K - 3 will sing -  
“Jesus Is My Shepherd”

**The Word**

**FIRST LESSON** Luke 18:9-14

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

**PSALM** Psalm 73

**Refrain:** Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

**LORD’S PRAYER**

C: 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 forever. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN** #242: Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices

Oh, that I had a thousand voices To praise my God with thousand tongues!  
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices, Would then proclaim in grateful songs  
To all, wherever I might be, What great things God has done for me.

O forest leaves, so green and tender, That dance for joy in summer air,  
O meadow grasses, bright and slender, O flow'rs, so wondrous sweet and fair,  
You live to show his praise alone; With me now make his glory known.

All creatures that have breath and motion, That fill the earth, the sea, and sky,  
Now join me in my heart's devotion; Help me to raise his praises high.  
My utmost pow'rs can never quite Express the wonders of his might.

Lord, I will tell, while I am living, Your love and grace with ev'ry breath  
And greet each morning with thanksgiving Until my heart is still in death,  
And, when at last my lips grow cold, Your praise shall in my sighs be told.

*Please stand*

**SERMON**

*Following the Message, please stand.*

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

*Statement of Faith*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From there he will come 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.**

*Please be seated.*

**OFFERING**

*This is the moment in our worship when members and friends of Christ Lutheran respond to God's good news with gifts to support his saving work. If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate.*

*Please stand.*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

I am always with ‘you, O Lord;\*  
you hold me by my ‘right hand.

You guide me with your ‘counsel,\*  
And afterward you will take me into ‘glory.

Whom have I in heav’en but you?\*  
And earth has nothing I desire be’sides you.

My flesh and my ‘heart may fail,\*  
But God is the strength of my heart and my portion for’ever.

**Glory be to the Father and ‘to the Son\*  
and to the Holy ‘Spirit,  
As it was in the be’ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. ‘Amen.**

*Refrain*

**SECOND LESSON**

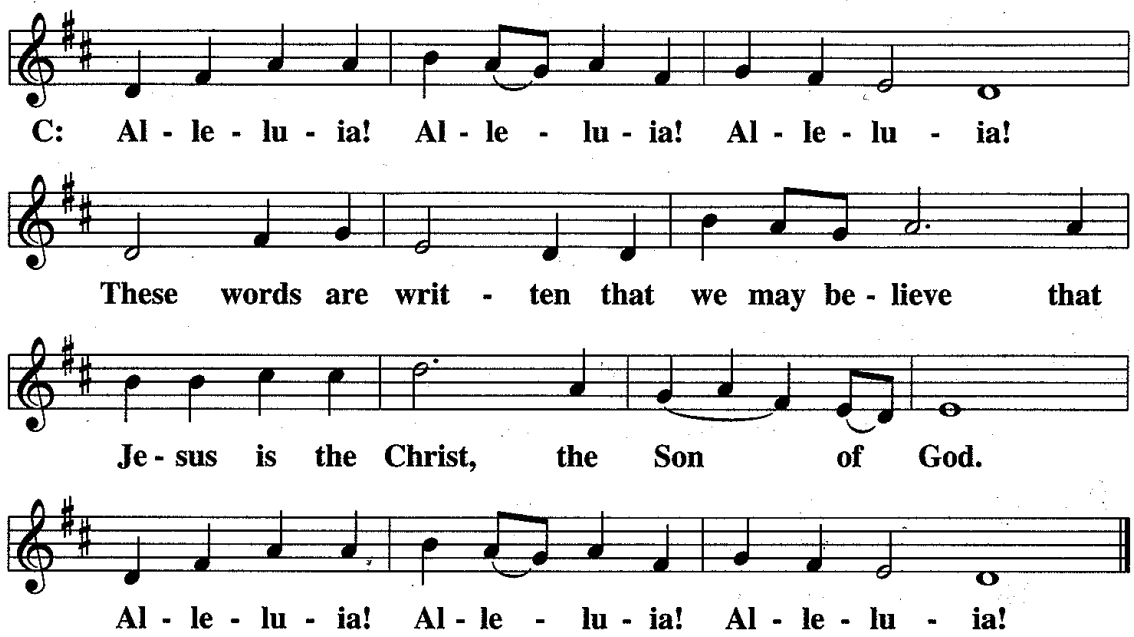
John 10:1-18

"I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them. Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that are

not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to the

Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.' " The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: (sung) Praise be to you O Christ!

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S ANTHEM (Sunday)

The children from our Vacation Bible School grades 4-8 will sing -  
“My Sheep Listen”

HYMN OF DAY

#375: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

The King of love my shepherd is, Whose goodness fails me never;  
I nothing lack if I am his, And he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, My Savior gently leads me,  
And where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feeds me.

Confused and foolish oft I strayed, But yet in love he sought me  
And on his shoulder gently laid And home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill With you, dear Lord, beside me,  
Your rod and staff my comfort still, Your cross before to guide me.

You spread a table in my sight, A banquet here bestowing;  
Your oil of welcome, my delight; My cup is overflowing!

And so through all the length of days Your goodness fails me never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise Within your house forever!