

## This Week:

<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship with Confirmation
<i>Monday:</i>	2:00 PM	Women's Bible Study
<i>Tuesday:</i>	7:00 PM	Board of Education
<i>Thursday:</i>	11:30 AM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
<i>Friday:</i>	8:30 PM	Christ Lutheran Church on Cable TV
<i>Sunday:</i>	8:00 AM	Worship and Holy Communion

## Service Notes:

- This Sunday's historic title is "Cantate" (Sing!) which comes from the opening verse of the Introit from Psalm 98:1: "O Sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!"
- At the Lamb's High Feast: Originally dating back to some time between the 4th and 9th century, this hymn was designated to be sung at Vespers each evening from Easter to Ascension.
- Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice: This hymn is Martin Luther's first congregational hymn, written in 1523. The hymn summarizes God's plan to save us entirely by his grace, which includes the sending of the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth (stanza 9).
- Confirmation is a public profession of the Christian faith, following a period of instruction. In the early Christian church, confirmation was the promise spoken to the newly baptized: "The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his grace to life everlasting." Notice the repetition of the same questions asked of the baptized. The baptismal faith once confessed through through sponsors is now repeated by one who has been instructed in this faith, examined, and absolved.
- Gracious Lord, with Love Draw Near: Stephen Starke is a Lutheran pastor who currently serves a congregation in Michigan. Starke is one of the great hymn writers of contemporary Lutheranism. He has called his hymns "rhymed doctrine that is applied to the lives of the people." His hymns seek to clearly teach—in an artful way—what the Scriptures themselves teach.
- Take My Life and Let It Be: This hymn was written by Frances Havergal in 1874. The tune was written by her father, nearly thirty years earlier.

**CALL:** At the call meeting last Sunday the voters extended a call to Rev. Michael Kampman. Pastor Kampman currently serves at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in North Fond du Lac, WI. We pray God blesses his deliberations.

**ASCENSION:** The Festival of the Ascension of our Lord will be celebrated in a joint Divine Service at St. John's Lutheran in Wood Lake (130 3<sup>rd</sup> Street). The service begins at 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. An ice cream social will take place following the service.

**THANK YOU:** It was nice to see a number of our members show up for the annual church clean up. We got a lot of work done. Thanks!

**LILIES:** If you would like some Easter lilies to plant in your garden they are next to the garage attached to the parsonage – help yourself.

**SUMMER MUSIC 2021:** For this year, there were no MLC music students who applied for summer music programs, and therefore, Christ Lutheran was not assigned a student. However, Miss Michaela Johnson is returning to give music lessons in Wood Lake this summer, and has agreed to come to Marshall to give lessons two days a week. Miss Johnson is an exceptional teacher and musician. Because lesson time is limited, lessons will be available first to returning students from church member families, and will be limited to piano, voice, and organ. Watch for registration information in the bulletin or church website later in May.

### SUPPORTING THE WORK OF THE CHURCH LAST WEEK

\$3,527 – Budgeted Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$7,646

\$0 – Mission Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$366

\$200 – Media Offerings ~ *Weekly need* - \$90

\$0 – Building Improvement Fund

\$25 – Other Receipts

Budgeted offerings: YTD March 2021: \$81,643.23

YTD March 2020: \$79,253.04

Annual Budgeted – 2021: \$397,580.00

Interested in e-giving, check our website.

## Fifth Sunday of Easter Confirmation Sunday Sunday, May 2, 2021

### The Common Service

Opening Hymn #141

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First Lesson – see insert

Psalm 66 on page 90

Second Lesson – see insert

Gospel Lesson – see insert

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Hymn of the Day #377

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Offering

Hymn #784 CWS

Confirmation Rite

Class Hymn –  
*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

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Closing Hymn #469

