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Sunday Worship 11:00 am



June 2024

Christ's Messenger

The Heart of Christ, in the Midst of Greater Mantua"

A Message from Pastor Blake...



CHRIST *Lutheran* CHURCH

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As Christians, we worship the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Since the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are equally God we can pray to all three persons of the Trinity. Our Lord Jesus invites us to ask Him for things in His name (John 14:13). Many Christian hymns have been written entreating God the Holy Spirit to act, such as the old Latin hymn "Come, Creator Spirit." Today we focus on prayer to the First Person of the Trinity, God the Father, in the name of Jesus. Jesus teaches us about such prayer in John 16: **"I assure you that whatever you ask the Father He will give you in my name."** (John 16:23)

In this way, our Lord Jesus invites us to pray to God the Father in His name. What does it mean to

pray in the name of Jesus? It means to pray with faith in Jesus Christ. It is only through Christ Jesus that we can approach the Father. Hence our sermon today is entitled "Praying in Jesus: Abba, Father." Without Jesus, we would not have the First Person of the Trinity, Jesus' Father, as our Father in heaven. It is because of Jesus' death on the cross that we have been reconciled to God and we can now call Jesus' Father our Father. The sins that once separated us from God have been washed away by Jesus' blood. Because our sins have been washed away, we can approach God without fear of unworthiness or punishment. All of our prayers are heard and

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answered on account of Christ Jesus' worthiness and merit.

Why does it seem as though God our Father does not answer all of our prayers? We must make a distinction between God the Father answering prayers and God the Father answering prayers as we would like Him to. Sometimes God's answer is not the answer we would expect. As our Father in heaven, He knows what is best for us. He knows what is best for us more than we do. The Father has our ultimate well-being in mind when He hears our prayers. For example, He will never answer a request that will result in us losing our faith or falling away from our salvation. God works all things for our salvation and ultimate well-being, and this working means that He does not always grant us what we ask for because He knows better what does and does not contribute to our ultimate well-being. When we pray to God the Father, we acknowledge that He knows best and has our best interest in mind because He loves us.

Moreover, when we pray according to the Father's will, such as when we pray for things related to our salvation, like forgiveness, the Father is compelled to answer our prayers. Whenever we ask for forgiveness, we can be sure that God the Father will forgive our sins right then and there, because He has sent His Son to die for the forgiveness of all our sins. Similarly, we can pray for all the gifts God has promised to give us, knowing that God remains faithful to His promises: **"There has not failed one word of all His good promise"** (1 Kings 8:56). And when we are praying for things other than what God has promised to give us, such as forgiveness of sins, the Holy Spirit, and eternal life, we can still be confident that He hears our prayer and will answer according to His steadfast love and faithfulness. Do not be afraid to pray for that car you want to buy or the tomato plants you hope will grow well. Just understand that in such matters your Father hears your prayers and will answer the way He sees fit.

However the Father may answer our prayers, we can be sure that He will always answer the heart of our prayers. Much of the time when we ask for something it is because we think it will improve the quality of our lives in some way. God our Father knows what we need when we pray, and He will always give us what *He* knows we need. Some have called prayer the heartbeat of the Christian life. This description is not wrong. Prayer is an expression of your relationship to God. When you bring all of your concerns to God regularly, you are expressing confidence in Him, that He hears you, and that He cares for you, and that you can trust Him with your needs. Pray regularly and confidently in the name of Jesus. You can call the First Person of the Trinity, "Abba, Father," just as Jesus Christ does because He is now your Abba, dear Father on account of Christ Jesus. And your dear Abba loves boisterous children who are constantly coming to Him to ask questions, say thank you, get help, ask for something, or just talk. Amen.

Pastor Blake

MEMORY CHALLENGE VERSE FOR JUNE

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16

DATES TO REMEMBER

**Lectionary
Studies
Tuesdays
@ Christ
10 AM**

**Pastor & Ruth's
Baby Shower
June 8th
2 PM**

**Last Day of
Sunday School
Party
June 9th
9:45 AM**

**Father's Day
June 16th**

**Council Meeting
June 18th
6:30 PM**

**Community
Meal
June 19th
5 - 6:30 PM**

**VBS Meeting
June 20th
6:30 PM**

**VBS Begins
June 24th thru
June 28th**

Worship Schedule

“Serving With a Heart Like Jesus”

	June 2 nd	June 9 th	June 16 th	June 23 rd	June 30 th
	Communion		Communion		
Greeter	Linda Hobson	Pat South	Lexi Ballard	Kat Flynn	Barb Lange
Acolyte	Jameson Flynn	Natalie Goodell	Jameson Flynn	Natalie Goodell	Abigail Flynn
YACA	Lexi Ballard	N/A	Ryan Goodell	N/A	N/A
Reader	Jon Pozwick	Eric Chism	Tracy Stamm	Ruth Martzowka	Anna Lee Heinl
Ushers	Amy Toothman	Joanne Q	Lexi Ballard	Kat Flynn	Jon Pozwick
	Katie Toothman	Larry Q	Brian Lottig	Jameson Flynn	Melisa Pozwick
Media	Melisa Pozwick	Melisa Pozwick	Christina Eaton	Melisa Pozwick	Christina Eaton
Power Point	Jon Pozwick	Jon Pozwick	Lexi Ballard	Jon Pozwick	Lexi Ballard
Deacon	Tracy Stamm	Kat Flynn	Laura Cleavenger	Larry Q	Kat Flynn
Elder	Corey Flynn	Corey Flynn	Corey Flynn	Corey Flynn	Corey Flynn

Have you thought about Serving? We have several ways for you to serve Christ that don't require any additional time other than what you are already doing – during each worship service we have ushers, readers, greeters & worship tech. None of these require any special skills other than a heart for giving. Schedules are posted on the bulletin board, weekly bulletin, and monthly newsletter. Please contact the church office to be put on the schedule, at (330) 274-2849 or email at clcmantua737@yahoo.com

4 C's Local Food Pantry

June donations being collected are

Jello

Pasta Noodles

Cereal Bars

Please place donations in the basket in the narthex marked “4 C's”

Christ Lutheran Church is a drop-off location for the 4C's

Sunday School News

Our last day of Sunday School is June 9th join us for an end of season party @9:45am.



VBS News

Reminder: We need your old t-shirts and large boxes.

Donation items-Amazon wish list

Some of other the items requested:

10 Lemons

Watermelons

Paint sticks

Kazoos

Check out the list in the narthex.

Volunteers are needed to help with

Games, clean up, & overall support. Please see Christina

VBS Meals -We are asking for a family or member to support preparing a meal for approximately 30. Think kid friendly meals.

Mon- Tacos -Hannah

Tue- Open

Wed- Canes Chicken, Green beans, and fries- Christina

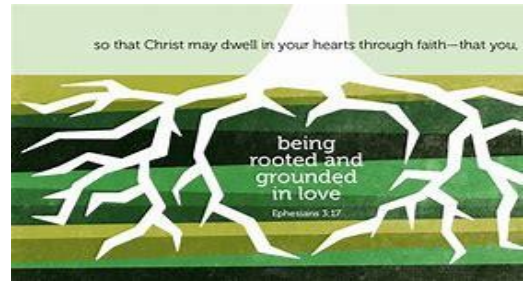
Thur-Open

F- Pizza- Flynn family in honor of Jamesons birthday

Suggested meal ideas:

Spaghetti- MB - butter noodles, bread, salad

Mac n cheese, hot dogs



Sunday School

9:45-10:45 am

3 classrooms

Ages 3-6yrs

Hannah Owen

Ages 7-12yrs

Christina Eaton

Youth 13 and up

Melisa Pozwick

Snack sign up posted on Sunday School board.

2023-2024 Sunday School Theme

“Rooted in Christ’s Love”

Ephesians 3:17

Youth News

1. The cookbook has been submitted! Cost \$12 per book. We estimate to have the books in hand early July. To reserve your copy please use the sign-up sheet. Payment can be made via cash, check - make out to CLC, Venmo, or PayPal (put cookbook in memo.)

2. Save the date-Aug 11th for a regional Youth Gathering at Redeemer, North Royalton. It's the same day as the church picnic- we will meet at CLC at 3pm. Please rsvp to Christina or the sign-up sheet by Sun. July 28th.

3. Back by popular demand lock in! Tentative date: Friday July 12th Stay tuned for more details.

4. Next Gloria Dei Youth Night- **June 9th**. Please RSVP if you need a ride.

Evangelism Committee:

An **Emergency Medical** form for our members has been created. It can be found in the narthex. We ask that you please fill this out so in case of an emergency we know how to help or who to contact. These will be confidential. If you have any issues please speak with Kat Flynn.

Please see page 7 for a copy if you need one.

Our next Evangelism meeting will be July 10th. Below is the detail:

- 1.) **Update Picture Directory** – We are looking at printers to get the directory out. We are missing some pictures and also some information to help update Shepard Staff – Kat Flynn will be trying to contact you to get the final information needed.
- 2.) **Corn & Brats** – We will have another meeting in July to finalize items.
 - a. Make it bigger.
 - b. Facebook
 - c. Flyers
 - d. Sign Ups
- 3.) The list of **support agencies** is on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have a good suggestion on another support agency, please contact Hannah Owen.
- 4.) We are creating an **emergency medical form** for our members. The location will be secured and only the Deacons and Kayla will know where the information is stored. – Kat and Kayla maybe reaching out to get this information.
- 5.) We have a special **logo** that we would like to put on all information we send out for advertising, see Kayla for the logo.
- 6.) We are creating our **Mission Statement**. Please look for it.
- 7.) We are updating the handouts with all our information along with Mission Statement. We can use these for all our activities.
- 8.) We are updating information on the various online platforms. Please contact a us if you have any information you would like to include.

Look for more exciting items as they unfold!

LOAVES AND FISHES COMMUNITY MEALS

June 19th 5:00-6:30 pm

The free meals are served the 3rd Wednesday of every month in the Christ Lutheran Church downstairs Fellowship Hall.

If you and your friends would like to help (you don't have to be a member to help), contact Diane Lottig at (330) 274-2868 for what is needed.



Lutheran Women in Mission

**30th Ohio District
Biennial Convention**
Canton, Ohio

June 21-22, 2024

*Registration & Housing Forms
available online at
www.lwmlohio.org

**Lutheran Women in Mission
of the Akron-Youngstown Zone**
invite you to join us at the...

30th Ohio District Biennial Convention
Friday, June 21 and
Saturday, June 22, 2024
at the Holiday Inn, Canton, OH

*Registration deadline for delegates-April 30

*Registration deadline for all others-May 24

Convention Theme

"The Lord is My Strength and My Shield"
Psalm 28:7a

The Women's Guild will be collecting various items for different organizations before the convention.

1. Heart of Ohio Diaper Bank: collecting new disposable diapers in all sizes and new feminine period pads and tampons.
2. Akron-Canton Regional Food Bank: collecting boxed cereals, canned tuna, canned beef stew, canned vegetables, canned soup, and peanut butter.
3. Hope Rising: collecting Similac and Gerber baby formulas as well as baby shampoo and baby lotion.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

RUMMAGE SALE

July 26 & 27

9 AM to 1 PM

Rummage Sale will be held July 26 & 27- 9 AM to 1 PM. You can bring in items starting on Thursday July 18 to Wednesday July 24. Please NO items after that date. Please DO NOT bring TV's, computer items, or large furniture. Sorting and pricing will be done during the week so the basement will be full of tables with sale items. Workers needed-call Diane for info- 330-274-2868

MANTUA FARMERS MARKET

Regular Season : July 13 – September 21

9 AM to 1 PM

All dates are Saturdays!

Join us as a vendor or buyer at the church's Mantua Farmer's Markets. Reg. season being July 13 to Sept. 21- 9 AM to 1 PM- at \$5 per date for vendor. Money will go towards church projects. Pre-season sales went well- an extra Saturday was added June 1- so we hope to add more vendors during the summer. Remember- any items can be sold so it is really a Variety Market. Call Diane for info- 330-274-2868.

Medical Information



Name

Date of Birth _____ Medical Insurance _____

☐ Medicare # _____ ☐ Medicaid # _____

Address _____ Phone # _____

Emergency Contact / Phone # _____

Emergency Contact / Phone # _____

Primary Care Doctor / Phone # _____

Other Specialist Doctors _____

Allergies _____

Medications / Dose / x per day

I am on a blood thinner ☐ Yes ☐ No

Surgeries / Year

My Ride Home

Name / Phone #

Medical Conditions

Pharmacy / # _____

Preferred Hospital _____

Advanced Directive ☐ Yes ☐ No

Durable Power of Attorney ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name / #

Activity
Level

- ☐ Walk Independently
- ☐ Cane
- ☐ Walker
- ☐ Wheelchair, transfer by self
- ☐ Wheelchair, 1 person assist
- ☐ Wheelchair, use a lift
- ☐ Unable to walk

Date

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE:

Thank You for all our generous church family! We raised enough money to install an air conditioning unit in the parsonage. We are very blessed to have such a giving church family.

We have many opportunities coming up that we need volunteers. Please keep an eye out for information on what is needed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 440-547-3027 or send an email to clcmantua737@yahoo.com.

COUNCIL MEETING:

The next council meeting will be **Tuesday, June 18th at 6:30 pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend and hear what is going on with the church.

The Church Council has decided to discontinue our information in the record courier. If you have any concerns, please contact a representative on council. A member offered to pay for our spot in the record courier.

TRUSTEE:

We have a member who is willing to contribute a substantial amount of money for a pavilion. We are going to have a planning meeting to get the design and information needed to come to the congregation. If you are interested in helping, please contact John Clark.

TREASURER'S MESSAGE:

Following is our financial data from the past 3 months:

Month	Income	Expense	Net Income	YTD Net
Feb 24	\$10,573	\$13,299	-\$2,726	\$480
Mar 24	\$11,754	\$10,490	\$1,263	\$1,743
Apr 24	\$14,172	\$11,208	\$2,964	\$4,708

Tim Snodgrass

God answers prayer.
At Christ Lutheran, we know the power of
prayer.

Ezekiel 22:30 says, *"I looked for a man
among them who would build up the wall
and stand before me IN THE GAP on behalf
of the land."*

GAP, (God Answers Prayer), is one of these
prayer ministries. Those who serve in this
ministry serve in the gap that Ezekiel
wrote of as they are available to pray for
people.

Please contact Barb Goodell who will
begin the prayer chain for your need.

GAP MINISTRY

Barb Goodell	330-274-2161
Hannah Owen	330-931-0839
Kelly Britt	330-357-1101
Diane Lottig	330-274-2868
Linda Hobson	330-562-8327
June Zamecnik	330-281-7202
Tracy Stamm	330-571-0304
Shirley Bellar	330-281-8327
Anna Lee Heinl	330-842-2080
Joanne Quesenberry	330-274-2991
Christina Eaton	234-703-9735
Pat South	330-257-0948
Ellen Froelich	330-274-2081

Prayers for Hope, Healing, Comfort & Guidance

Members

Becky & Dan Krichbaum, Hannah & Jared Owen

Shut-ins

Linda Koerlin, Tom Briggs,
Kay & Jill Kravcisin

Friends & Family

Steven Blunk, Michelle Paul, Patty & Denny
Pesecky, Bob Havener, Clair Havener,
Lisa Bey, Gary Edler

Military Service

Caleb Dean Pete
Robert South
Owen Heinl

Birthday Blessings on your special day and throughout the year!

Marla Bellar	6/2
Spencer George	6/2
Lauren Sandrick	6/5
Edward Seigerst	6/8
Jesse Ballentine	6/11
Anna Lee Heinl	6/12
Viktoria Pozwick	6/14
Diane Schneider	6/17
Jay Goodell	6/18
Debbie Miller	6/22
Nathan Milller	6/23
Ruth Martzowka	6/26
Jameson Flynn	6/28
Mitchel Pozwick	6/29