

## Christ Lutheran Church

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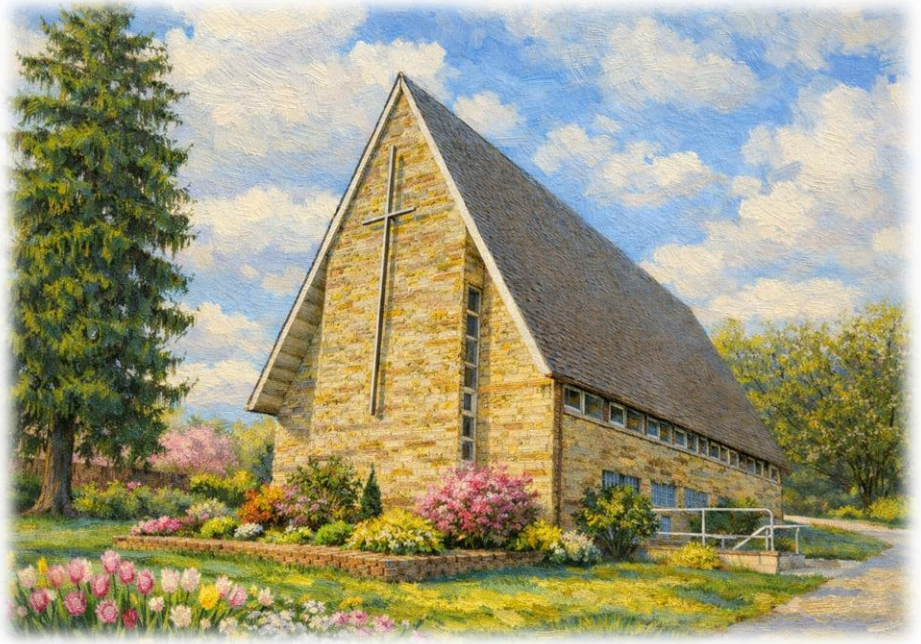
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Sunday School 9:45 am

Sunday Worship 11:00 am



## June 2026

## Christ's Messenger

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

### A Message from Pastor Blake...

The Old Testament teaches that the God of Israel, YHWH, is the one true God. "Hear, O Israel: the LORD our God, the LORD is one." (Deut. 6:4) At the same time, the Old Testament teaches that this one true God is more than one person. The Angel of the LORD identifies Himself as God by speaking as God and refers to God in the third person (Genesis 16:7-13). The Old Testament teaches that no one can see God and live, and yet many people see God and live (Exodus 24:9-10; 33:20). In Daniel 7 the prophet Daniel sees the Ancient of Days sitting in heaven – who does things that only God can do – He sits on a throne, possesses divine Glory (the visible nature of God), and receives worship. And yet there is another figure in Daniel 7, "One like a Son of Man," separate from the Ancient of Days who does things that only God can do – He rides on clouds, rules everything, possesses the divine Glory, and He receives worship from the nations (Daniel 7:9-14). The oneness and plurality of persons in God is also seen in the very first chapter of Genesis. God speaks (Genesis 1:3). The world comes into being through His word, a word which the Gospel of John identifies as God the Son (John 1:1-3). The Spirit of God hovers over the face of the deep (Genesis 1:2). Moreover, God refers to Himself in the plural: "Let us make man in our image." (Genesis 1:26) That He is not speaking to angels here is indicated by the fact that man is created in the image of God, not in the image of angels (Genesis 1:27).

Christians are not the only readers of the Old Testament to recognize that there is one true God and that this one God is more than one person. Philo of Alexandria, a Jewish teacher from the first century A.D., identified the divine Logos, whom he calls "the Son of God," "the image of God," and even "the second God," as the person to whom God is

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speaking in Genesis 1. The author of 1 Enoch, a Jewish writing from around the time of Jesus, claims to see two figures in heaven: the “Head of Days,” whom he identifies as the God of Israel, and another person, “One like a Son of Man,” who possesses God’s Glory, rules on God’s throne, and receives worship from angels. Jewish Targumim (Aramaic commentaries/paraphrases of the Old Testament) distinguish between the visible appearance of God in the Old Testament, whom they identify as His Memra, that is, “the Word,” and the invisible God. The difference between Christians and these ancient Jewish interpreters of the Old Testament isn’t their confession of the oneness of God while maintaining that He is more than one person; it’s their confession that one of these persons within the Godhead is Jesus of Nazareth.

The Holy Trinity – the one God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – is present throughout Scripture. God’s people saw this, even if the clearest revelation of this reality didn’t come until Jesus. Anyone who rejects the Triune God doesn’t worship the one and only God who created heaven and earth, redeemed man, sanctifies Him, and reveals Himself today through His Word. We see the obstinacy and the hardness of man’s heart in the fact that some Jews only rejected the Old Testament teaching that there is one God who is more than a single person after God had revealed Jesus of Nazareth, whom they had crucified to be one of these persons. Some hardened their hearts to this divine truth because they only wanted God on their terms. Many reject Him for this reason today. Yet, by the power of the Holy Spirit, many of God’s Jewish people came to believe and confess Jesus to be God, and the God of Israel to be the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; Jews such as St. Mark, St. John, St. Paul, and the author of the Gospel according to St. Matthew.

The one true God who is three persons is already revealed in the Old Testament. He is more fully known through the incarnation, life, death, and resurrection of Christ Jesus and the teaching of His Apostles. The Holy Trinity isn’t some abstract doctrine; He’s the God of our salvation. Blessed be God - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – who revealed Himself through His acts of salvation recorded in the Old Testament and who has now revealed Himself as the one true God to all nations by making disciples of them through Holy Baptism in His Name and teaching them all that He has commanded His Church. Amen.



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Nut Sales Due**  
June 7<sup>th</sup>

**VBS**  
June 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>  
Dinner 5 PM  
VBS 6-8 PM

**Loaves & Fishes**  
June 17<sup>th</sup>  
5-6:30 PM

**Women’s Guild Meeting**  
June 18<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM

**More than a Mom**  
June 20<sup>th</sup>  
9:30-11:30 AM

**Father’s Day**  
June 21<sup>st</sup>

**Council Meeting**  
June 21<sup>st</sup>  
After service

**Youth Group**  
June 28<sup>th</sup>  
6-8 PM

# Worship Schedule

# “Serving With a Heart Like Jesus”

|                    | June 7 <sup>th</sup><br>Communion | June 14 <sup>th</sup>         | June 21 <sup>st</sup><br>Communion | June 28 <sup>th</sup>      |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Greeter</b>     | Kat Flynn                         | Linda Hobson                  | Melisa Pozwick                     | Pat South                  |
| <b>Acolyte</b>     | Makenna Ballentine                | Abigail Flynn                 | Jameson Flynn                      | Logan Ballentine           |
| <b>YACA</b>        | Jameson Flynn                     | N/A                           | Jon Pozwick                        | N/A                        |
| <b>Reader</b>      | Nathan Goodell                    | John Heinl                    | Tim Snodgrass                      | Jon Pozwick                |
| <b>Ushers</b>      | Joanne Q<br>Larry Q               | Jon Pozwick<br>Melisa Pozwick | Brian Lottig<br>Lexi Ballard       | Kat Flynn<br>Jameson Flynn |
| <b>Media</b>       | Melisa Pozwick                    | Christina Eaton               | Brian Swires                       | Becca Goodell              |
| <b>Power Point</b> | Jon Pozwick                       | Lexi Ballard                  | Lucas Swires                       | Natalie Goodell            |
| <b>Deacon</b>      | Laura Keen                        | Kat Flynn                     | Jake Ballard                       | Nathan Goodell             |
| <b>Elder</b>       | Brian Lottig                      | Brian Lottig                  | Brian Lottig                       | Brian Lottig               |

## 4 C's Local Food Pantry

June donations being collected are

-Individual Cracker Packs

-Mac & Cheese Cups

-Toothpaste

-Pasta Noodles (spaghetti, etc.)

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

## MEMORY CHALLENGE VERSE:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

**Matthew 28:19**

## *Message from the Deacons:*

**SERVE WITH US!** We have several opportunities to get involved every Sunday! We are currently looking for ushers, greeters, readers, etc. If you have a heart for service, we'd love to have you on the team! Please see Kat or Kayla if you'd like to sign up. Note: As many families prepare for summer trips, please be sure to notify the deacons or Kayla so positions can be filled in your absences. Thank you.

**ALTAR GUILD-** Help is needed to help set up communion every Sunday. Anyone wanting to help please see Kat Flynn and she will train you.

**FARMERS MARKET-** Our annual Farmer's Market will return this June. It will be held in the lower parking lot, with the Flynn Family leading the way this year. If you have questions, please reach out to Kat. Stay tuned for more details.

**Save the Date : Church Picnic will be Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>!**

# Youth Education

Christina Eaton  
Christian Ed Director

## Sunday School

Our last day was 5/17. Thank you to Melisa Pozwick, Hannah Ownes, and Barb Lange for being teachers and leading our students this year. We could not have Sunday school without this crew! We endured flexibility of class size and topics. We completed unit 9. Our final lesson was called "Last Call", the story of our resurrection and how Jesus separates us sheep and goats in heaven. Children dined on birthday cupcakes, fruit, and veggies. Thank you for a great Sunday School season. We look forward to everyone returning for VBS.

## VBS

-We have an amazon wish list and a wish list of items needed in the church narthex. Please sign up to provide a snack or lend us some items for the demonstrations.

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/owner-view/28H0396536DR1>

-We still need a few more milk jugs! Keep them coming!  
THANK YOU!

-We are still in a need of 1 or 2 volunteers to be helpers during VBS. Someone to float between stations and help students get to and from. Even if you can help only 1 day please sign up or call/text Christina 234-703-9735.

-Special thank you to our friends, especially Nicole from Friendship Alliance Church. They lent and donated their left over VBS supplies and decorations. We appreciate your support in spreading God's love!

-Decorating after church Sunday, June 7th. All are welcome to attend.

## Sunday School

9:45-10:45 am

3 classrooms

Ages 3-6yrs Hannah Owen

Ages 7-12yrs Christina Eaton

Youth 13+ Melisa Pozwick

**Snack sign up posted on Sunday School board.**

## Youth News

-Peterson Nuts are for sale  
Orders are due Sunday, June 7th with estimated delivery day of June 14th. Father's Day is June 21st. Makes a great gift!

-Youth night is June 28th from 6 to 8 pm. Encourage your youth to come and bring a friend. Join us for dinner, games, and devotion.

# Women's Ministry

All Women in the  
Congregation

## LOAVES AND FISHES COMMUNITY MEALS

June 17<sup>th</sup> 5:00-6:30 pm

The free meals are served the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Pat South at 330-257-0948 for what is needed.

Women's Guild  
Meeting:  
**June 18<sup>th</sup>**  
@ 6:30 PM



The Rummage Sale sponsored by the Women's Guild will occur on **Friday, July 24** and **Saturday, July 25** from 9 am – 1 pm. Items can be brought to church after the Loaves and Fishes meal on July 15. Due to limited space, please do not bring large items – furniture, appliances, home improvement, etc. Also please do not bring TVs or computer items. Please make sure any electric items work and items are clean. If you have questions, please call Diane at 330-274-2868. Thank you for your support.



Kathy and Becky from Mantua Center Christian Church spoke at the May meeting about their Evangelism program named SMILE.

## MORE THAN A MOM

Meeting dates are slightly flexible to accommodate leadership schedule.

Our next meeting is **June 20<sup>th</sup>** from 9:30-11:30 am.

Upcoming: July 25th (@ St. Thomas) and August 15th.

We are always open to visitors, grandmas or extra helping hands to help babysit.

# Congratulations

Thank you to all who helped, cooked, gave their time to help make my confirmation a special day. Thank you to all who came out and supported me on my Confirmation. It meant a lot to me. Special thank you to Pastor and Ruth for all their hard work and love during this time. God bless you all. Your Brother in Christ,  
Jameson and The Flynn Family



Thank you for your support along my journey to confirmation. I appreciated all the prayers and encouragement. Thank you also to those who helped make my confirmation day extra special with food, preparations, cleanup, the service, and fellowship.  
Sincerely, Natalie Goodell



Surprise baby shower for Ruth at the May "More than a Mom" meeting.

# Council

## 2026 Officers

### CHAIRPERSON LINDA CLARK:

Spring is finally turning into Summer. Don't forget VBS starts soon and the church market will be starting mid to end of June. July we will be celebrating the Country's 250th Anniversary, what a wonderful country we live in.

**August 15th, we have our Corn and Brat Roast and August 16th is the church's picnic. PUT it on your calendar!** Council continues to work on updating our constitution. Our meetings are the 3rd Sunday every month and we will be trying to keep them no longer than an hour (unless some critical items arise). Everyone's input is welcome.

God's Blessing to all of you and God Bless the USA.

### Council:

|                |                     |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Linda Clark    | Chairperson         |
| Anna Lee Heinl | Vice-Chairperson    |
| Donna Snider   | Secretary           |
| Tim Snodgrass  | Treasurer           |
| John Heinl     | Financial Secretary |

### Committee Chairpersons:

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Brian Lottig    | Head Elder         |
| Katherine Flynn | Head Deacon        |
| John Clark      | Head Trustee       |
| Christina Eaton | Education Director |

### *"Hearts from Christ"*

The Elders at Christ are starting a new charitable fund to assist members and friends of Christ Lutheran Church who find themselves in need. This fund will be called "Hearts from Christ." It is established to provide financial assistance for active members of Christ Lutheran Church who are in need as well as to purchase a memento of care for active members of Christ Lutheran Church and friends of the congregation going through difficult times. If someone needs assistance, they should contact Pastor Blake and the elders. Any request will be kept strictly confidential. This fund will be completely dependent upon free-will offerings given by the congregation. You can donate to the Hearts from Christ fund anytime of the year by marking an envelope dedicated to "Hearts from Christ" and placing it in the offering plate.



### COUNCIL MEETING:

Our next council meeting will be held on **June 21<sup>st</sup>** after service. We welcome anyone who would like to attend the meeting.

### TREASURER: Tim Snodgrass

The following is our financial data for the past 3 months:

| Month | Income   | Expense  | Net Income | YTD Net  |
|-------|----------|----------|------------|----------|
| Feb   | \$10,338 | \$11,882 | -\$1,494   | -\$4,331 |
| Mar   | \$18,805 | \$13,214 | \$5,591    | \$1,260  |
| Apr   | \$12,058 | \$11,585 | \$473      | \$1,733  |

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**

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

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 |
| Lucas Blunk      | 6/18 |
| Jay Goodell      | 6/18 |
| Nathan Milller   | 6/23 |
| Ruth Martzowka   | 6/26 |
| Jameson Flynn    | 6/28 |
| Mitchel Pozwick  | 6/29 |

#### **Prayers for Hope, Healing, Comfort & Guidance**

##### **Members**

Corey & Kat Flynn, Tim Toothman, Fred Myers, Marla Bellar, Baby Martzowka, The Stamm Family

##### **Shut-ins**

Linda Koerlin, Tom Briggs, Jill Kravcisin, Becky Krichbaum

##### **Friends & Family**

Steven Blunk, Linda Havener, Lisa Bey, Rick Kilpatrick, Sam Weise, Dylan Graybeal & Klarissa Schott, Jim Flynn, Dwight Husk, Theresa Higgins, Tommy Barr, Oke Meyer, Mary Smith, Andrea Belding, Brenda Elling, Pam & Bob Maynard, Nancy Lacan, Kelly Oles, Mart Clark, Dwight & Dottie Cherry, Keith Goodell, Kelly Styron, Jim Kilroy, Debbie Bujak, Gina Hunter, Jetson Laurence, Melba Elling

##### **Military Service**

Caleb Dean Pete, Robert South, Owen Heinl Monte Stamm

#### **Baptismal Birthdays**

Lauren Sandrick – June 5<sup>th</sup>  
Maureen Ballentine – June 12<sup>th</sup>  
Oliver Koerlin – June 16<sup>th</sup>  
Diane Schneider – June 17<sup>th</sup>  
Benjamin Blunk – June 25<sup>th</sup>  
Clara Blunk – June 25<sup>th</sup>  
Charles Owen – June 25<sup>th</sup>  
Joshua Toothman – June 27<sup>th</sup>

#### **Wedding Anniversaries**

NONE