

Christ Lutheran Church

Preston, Minnesota



Rite of Confirmation & Affirmation of Baptism

Sunday, October 11, 2026 ~ 9AM

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Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church!

We are grateful to have you joining us in worship today. Please note the following information so that your time with us is spiritually uplifting and comfortable.

Holy Communion: With hearts lifted in thanksgiving, we come to Jesus' table. Whether you are new among us or a long-time worshiper, there is always a place for you. Welcome to God's table.

Offering: Thank you for your continued support of the mission and ministry of Christ Lutheran Church. You can place your offering in the basket as it is passed, give online at our website, www.christlutheranpreston.org or scan the QR code found in the worship liturgy. Children are invited to the altar to share a "noisy offering". Sunday school kids choose where this offering is donated based on options presented.

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Hearing Assistance: Hearing Assist units are available in the narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Large Print Bulletins: If you desire a large print bulletin, please request one from the ushers as you enter the worship space.

Visitors to Christ Lutheran: Welcome to worship. We are glad you are here with us. If you are interested in learning more about Christ Lutheran Church, please reach out to Pastor Kris or fill out the CONNECT form on the main page of our church website www.christlutheranchurchpreston.org.

PRELUDE~

WELCOME & OPENING WORDS~

Reese Larson

GATHERING

(please stand)

CALL TO WORSHIP~ Psalm 23 *(read responsively by whole verse)*

Jackson Fischer

L: ¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

C: ² **He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

L: ³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

C: ⁴ **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L: ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

C: ⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

OPENING HYMN~ "Gather Us In" #532

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS~

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: **Amen.**

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin. Compassionate God,

C: **We confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Christ. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news: we have peace with God through Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: **Amen.**

GREETING~

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our hope, our heart, our home.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY~

Lillianna Dempewolf

P: Let us pray. Lord of the feast,

C: **you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your Banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

WORD

(be seated)

FIRST READING~ Philippians 4:1-9

Ava Severson

¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. ² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life. ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE~

"It's a Party!"

Rev. Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid

(please stand)

GOSPEL~ Matthew 22:1-14

Rosemary Pikula

P: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 22:1-14

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

P: The Gospel of the Lord,

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(be seated)

MESSAGE~

Rev. Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid

(please stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY~ "Here I Am, Lord" #574

(be seated)

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM~ ELW Page 234

Christy Gildner & Amanda Dempewolf

Presentation

L: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

Profession of Faith *(congregation please stand)*

L: People of God: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God,

C: I renounce them.

L: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God,

C: I renounce them.

L: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

L: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

(be seated)

Affirmation

L: You have made a public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

L: Please respond individually, "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."

Confirmant: "I do, and I ask God to help and guide me."

The leader addresses the congregation.

L: People of God, do you promise to support these siblings in Christ and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

L: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin and raise us to eternal life.

Blessing for the Youth

L: Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.

C: We celebrate your faith, your voice and your unfolding story as beloved children of God! On behalf of the whole church on earth, we will continue to pray for your faith and give thanks for you. God bless you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE~

P: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE~

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING/HYMN~ "We Are an Offering" #692



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(please stand)

OFFERING PRAYER~

P: God of creation,

C: You send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER~

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING~ *Philippians 4:7*

P: May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN~

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;

And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

**Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. **Chorus**

We Will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. **Chorus**

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. **Chorus**

DISMISSAL~

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE~

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Acolyte.....Hayden Fischer
Powerpoint Tech.....Easton Grabau/Jimmer Harstad
Livestream Tech.....Jax Heibel
Altar Guild.....Karen Trende/Andrea Hellickson/Brenda Reicks
Ushers.....Mark Eickhoff/Jim Baker/Jodi Eickhoff/Lisa Baker
Money Counters.....Mike Erdman/Brad Leathers

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 11

9:00 a.m. Worship-Affirmation of Baptism for 10th graders
10:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School/Baby & Toddler Book Club

Monday, October 12

6:30 p.m. Stewardship Team

Tuesday, October 13

9:30 a.m. Bible Study in Heritage room
11:30 a.m. Exercise

Wednesday, October 14

9:30 a.m. Park Lane Worship
10:15 a.m. Traditions Worship
No Confirmation-MEA

Thursday, October 15

11:30 a.m. Exercise
1:00 p.m. Christ's Crafters

Sunday, October 18

9:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
10:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship
No Sunday School -MEA

***Baby & Toddler Book Club – Second Sundays - October 11, November 8, December 13 at 10 am**

Who is it for? Babies (yes, truly!), toddlers, and preschoolers up to age four—not yet attending Sunday School—and their parents or other caring adults. Led by Shelby Ristau, explore faith through storytelling, prayer, music, and creative play. The *Frolic First Bible* (given at Baptism) and *Frolic* board books, create a meaningful experience for you. Plus, families will be given a book to take home! Scan this QR code to register for the November class:



***TRUNK or TREAT - Sunday, October 25th in Christ Lutheran's Parking Lot, 10-11 am.**

What is Trunk or Treat? Consider this a cool twist on old-fashioned trick-or-treating. All ages are invited to wear a costume to church. After church, head out to the parking lot for trick or treating. Volunteers will have trunks decorated and be supplied with Halloween treats. Kids will go from car to car for treats and games. Confirmation youth will host games. As always, it's a great day to invite a friend to church! **What is needed? Decorated Trunks!** - There are trunk themes, including Bible related ideas for theme trunks, on the internet. Sign up in the Narthex. **Candy** - Halloween candy for trick or treaters! Please bring candy to church prior to October 20 and drop it off in the box in the Narthex or with Amanda in the office.

***November Book Read** – Join us as we read “*Boys in the Light*”, a powerful true story tracing two parallel journeys in WWII: Eddie Willner, a Jewish teenager surviving Auschwitz, and 23-year-old Elmer Hovland, from Luverne MN, leading Company D of the U.S. 3rd Armored Division. Eddie, his friend, and father; Elmer, and young American soldiers confront the brutal realities of war. Their paths meet in a single unforgettable moment when two emaciated boys step out of the woods, revealing the horrors the tankers had been fighting against. Written by Nina Willner, granddaughter of Eddie, this moving account invites us to reflect on courage, survival, and the resilience of the human spirit. **Discussion will be on Thursday, November 19, 6:30 pm at Nancy Hengeveld's home.** All are welcome. Come for thoughtful conversation and shared reflection.

***ATTENTION LEFSE AND FLATBREAD BAKERS!** It is time again to bake our lefse for our Craft and Bake Sale. Our first Bake day is planned for Saturday, November 7, starting at 8 am in the Fellowship Hall/Kitchen. We're looking forward to a great turnout and making plenty of lefse. For those preparing lefse, please incorporate the flour and shape into balls before arriving at the church. We also will be making flatbread that day and could use extra help. Please bring tins if you have them. All are welcome! If you have questions, feel free to contact: Joyce Every, 507-951-1345, joycekevinevery@gmail.com (lefse) or Linda Wolfe, 952-807-5214, lwolfe609@gmail.com

***Fall Clean Up Day at the Church– Saturday, November 21st from 8am - 11am.** We will have some cleaning supplies on hand but volunteers are welcome to bring their own. We will be cleaning windows, doors, wiping down/ dusting tables and other misc. items. We will also be doing a Spring Clean Up, date TBD.

***Fall Communion Instruction-** (For children younger or older than 5th grade). If you and your child discern they are ready for Holy Communion, register using this QR code and pick up the Holy Communion workbook from Pastor Kris. Parents and children complete the lessons together at home.



***WOW Night & Pumpkin Decorating – Wednesday, October 21st at 6pm.** Youth in grades 10-12 are invited to join the Confirmation class for a meal and then we will be decorating pumpkins for the Pumpkin Fundraiser on Oct. 25th, when the congregation will vote for their favorites! **CONGREGATION:** you are invited to vote for your favorite pumpkin with monetary donations after worship on the 25th.

***You're Invited! Preston Pool Referendum Public Meetings- Oct. 11: 1pm-4pm.** All meetings are held at the Preston Depot Museum and Riverfront Center. Three conceptual designs will be presented, public feedback collected, and questions answered/information provided about the project and referendum and how it will affect taxpayers. Please spread the word, and everyone is invited to learn about this potential new pool, even if you don't live in City limits.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Sunday, October 11th, 9am** – Affirmation of Baptism for 10th graders; **10am** – Baby & Toddler Book Club
- **Tuesday, October 20** – ELCA Youth Gathering Registrations Due
- **Sunday, October 18** – deadline to register for Fall Communion instruction
- **Wednesday, Oct 21, 6pm** – WOW night/Pumpkin Decorating,
- **Sunday, October 25, 9am** – Worship; **10am** – Trunk or Treat in parking lot; Pumpkin fundraiser voting

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

10/11 Abby Zutz, Andy Bunge
10/12 *Tris & Pat Tollefson – Anniv., Erik & Shelly Topness – Anniv.*
10/13 *Matt & Danette Hoff – Anniv.*
10/14 Ellie Nelson, Martha Quanrud; *Greg & LuAnn Hoff – Anniv.*
10/15 *Lyle & Sheryl Schultz – Anniv.*
10/16 Tris Tollefson

CHURCH FINANCIALS:

Weekly budget ----- \$4,505.00

Oct 4 offering ----- \$9,438.00

YTD budget for 38 weeks ---\$180,200.00

YTD offering for 38 weeks ---\$159,825.00

Deficit of ----- **-\$20,375.00**

CHRIST LUTHERAN FUN FACTS:

Cross section by age (June '83)

0-9: 107

10-19: 157

20-29: 171

30-39: 108

40-49: 76

50-59: 108

60-69: 90

70-79: 64

80-89: 34

90+: 9

TOTAL: 924

Family Offerings –1982 (per week)

<u>Avg. amount given weekly</u>	<u>Number of families</u>
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0 -----	90
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1 cent-\$1 -----	117
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\$2-\$4 -----	74
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\$5-\$10 -----	77
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\$11-\$15 -----	27
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\$16-\$20 -----	9
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\$21-\$30 -----	13
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\$31 and over -----	6
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TOTAL SUNDAY OFFERINGS

1974-----\$56,674

1975-----\$59,897 (+3,200 over previous year)

1976-----\$67,375 (+7,478)

1977-----\$69,336 (+1,961)

1978-----\$76,458 (+7,122)

1979-----\$87,259 (+10,801)

1980-----\$94,388 (+7,129)

1981-----\$99,509 (+5,121)

1982-----\$101,542 (+2,033)

Please let the office or a member of the Church Council know if one of your loved ones is sick or has passed or if you or someone you know is going to be in the hospital so that we may acknowledge them in our prayer list or pay them a visit.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Ella Ristau

Jim Fossum, Fillmore County DAC

Ila Mae Olstad, Park Lane

Helen Haugerud, Traditions

Linda Hahn Smith, Traditions

Arlen Kiehne, Chatfield Care Center

Jacob Johnson

Arlen Kiehne, Chatfield Care Center

Val Christensen, Chatfield Care Center

Barb Barrett, Park Lane

Walt Hansen, Mn State Veterans Home

Mary Lou Hansen, Harmony Care Center

Arnie Keene, Harmony Care Center

Arlene Bakalyar, Harmony Care Center

Sharone Rustad

Bridget Case

Fred Nagle, Chatfield Care Center



Members of our congregation share ways that they experienced God:

-I see God in the food we eat and the love we feel from others

-I see God in the blessings in beautiful fall weather

-I see God in all the prayers and thoughts for our son and the improvement in his seizures

-I see God in the beauty of our countryside as the seasons change

CONFIRMATION CLASS of 2026

Joshua Donald Bakken

Parents: Christy Gildner and Jim Bakken

Baptism: March 20, 2011

Sponsor: Michelle Rice

Confirmation Mentors: Bradley Leathers, Rich Kincaid

Lillianna Mae Dempewolf

Parents: Jason & Amanda Dempewolf

Baptism: July 3, 2011

Sponsors: Jordan & Kim Hahn, Jim & Renee Reicks

Confirmation Mentors: Randy Hahn, Cheryl Schumacher, Dawn Hellickson

Ava Kay Severson

Parents: Pat & Melissa Severson

Baptism: October 9, 2011

Sponsor: Chris Severson, Aaron Nelson

Confirmation Mentors: Bruce Hoff, Amanda Heibel

Rosemary Caroline Pikula

Parents: Trent & Susan Pikula

Baptism: February 22, 2011

Sponsors: Chris Collett, Lori Winkels

Confirmation Mentor: Sara Niemeyer

Jackson Ray Fischer

Parents: Caleb & Jenna Fischer

Baptism: October 10, 2011

Sponsors: Mark & Nicole Welch, Andrew & Paisley Baker

Confirmation Mentor: Keith Larson

Reese Christopher Larson

Parents: Lindsey Larson and Andrew & Krystal Larson

Baptism: January 23, 2011

Sponsors: Chris Larson, Heather & Seth Tribon

Confirmation Mentor: Cori Larson

Melony Rose Wingert

Parents: James & Miranda Wingert

Baptism: December 5, 2010

Sponsors: Cody Hegg, Cassie Sullivan

Confirmation Mentor: Christy Gildner

Magdalan Lacey Wingert

Parents: James & Miranda Wingert

Baptism: December 5, 2010

Sponsors: Cody Hegg, Cassie Sullivan

Confirmation Mentor: Amanda Dempewolf

