Christ Lutheran Church

Preston, Minnesota



Celebration Worship with Prairie Strings Band

Season of Ordinary Time

Sunday, November 22, 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.

Recordings: This service is being recorded and live streamed.

Nursery: If you wish to take your little one out of worship, there is a nursery provided. We love the sounds of young worshippers!

Restrooms: Restrooms are located down the west hallway and downstairs. The restroom on the main level is handicapped accessible.

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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS~

(please stand)
CALL TO WORSHIP~ **Psalm 100** **Dawn Hellickson**
Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
People: God is good! God's love lasts forever.
Leader: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.
People: God is good! God's love lasts forever.
Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and we are God's.
People: God is good! God's love lasts forever.
Leader: We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.
People: God is good! God's love lasts forever.
Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.
People: God is good! God's love lasts forever.
Leader: Give thanks and bless God's name.
People: God is good! God's love lasts forever.
Leader: For the Lord is good; God's love lasts forever, and God's faithfulness lasts through all generations.
People: God is good! God's love lasts forever!

SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS SING~ **"Say to the Lord, I Love You"**

GREETING~ **Pastor Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid**
Pastor: Grace and peace to you from God our Creator and from our Lord Jesus Christ.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Good morning, and welcome! God has gathered us here with joyful hearts. Whether you sing loudly or quietly, whether you are young or young at heart, you are known, loved, and called by name. Let us worship together with gladness.
People: Thanks be to God!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE~ **Pastor Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid**

PRAIRIE STRINGS BAND~

OFFERING & NOISY OFFERING~

BLESSING~ **Pastor Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid**
Pastor: God goes with you and gives you peace.
In the name of God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

SENDING SONG~ **Prairie Strings Band**

DISMISSAL~
Pastor: Go in peace. Love God. Love your neighbor. Serve the world.
People: We will!

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Pastor.....Pastor Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid
Council President.....Dena Mathison
Council members.....Andy Bunge/Jen Pickett/Katie Marzolf-Harstad/Melissa Severson/Amanda Heibel/Jonathan Wood
Lector.....Dawn Hellickson
Acolytes..... Easton Grabau
Powerpoint Tech..... .....Jimmer Harstad
Livestream Tech.....Jax Heibel
Altar Guild.....Carol Solberg, Karen Quanrud, Rebecca Schwingle, Darla Ebner
Ushers.....Dawn Hellickson/Devin Nagle/Doug Keene/Craig Britton
Money Counters.....Dawn Hellickson/Sue Hager

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, November 22
9:00 a.m. Celebration Sunday worship with the Farmers Market Ramblers and Prairie Strings Band
10:00 a.m. Donuts/Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School
2:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Worship at St Matthews in Granger
Wednesday, November 24
NO Confirmation – Thanksgiving Break
Thursday, November 25 – *office closed*
Sunday, November 29
9:00 a.m. Worship
NO Sunday School – Thanksgiving Break

Announcements

***PRAIRIE STRINGS BIO:** Prairie Strings Band is a five-piece band that has been sharing music with audiences since 2024. As a group, we enjoy performing a variety of traditional and some not-so-traditional bluegrass, country, folk, and gospel favorites, with gospel music holding a special place at the heart of our performances. Most importantly, music is about more than the songs themselves. We find the greatest joy in brightening someone's day, bringing back a fond memory, or simply giving listeners a chance to set aside their troubles for a while. Whether playing an old favorite or a lively bluegrass tune, our hope is to share the kind of music that brings people together and leaves them with a smile. Prairie Strings members include Walt and Jeanne Wyttenbach (bass and guitar), Joe Bly (mandolin), Teresa Walter (fiddle), and Carrie Jo Heppelmann (banjo).

***Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship** – There will be a Thanksgiving worship on Sunday, Nov 22, 2pm at St Matthew's in Granger. Hosted by the Fillmore County Ministerium. All are welcome!

***The Sixth Annual Craft and Bake Sale is on Sat., Dec. 5, 2026.** The volunteer sign up sheet is now in the narthex and will be at the raffle sales table each Sunday after church. The Gnome Cafe and kids' crafting sign up sheets will be posted by the Sunday School supply room. Please refer to the November Ambassador for updates and also get an information sheet in the narthex to see baked good prices, donation drop off times, and more. Thank you for your help!

***Craft and Bake Sale Raffle Ticket Sale** - Raffle tickets for the annual Craft and Bake Sale are $5.00 each. We will continue to sell these tickets after each church service until the day of the sale. Mary Zimmerman has again donated a beautiful quilt the main prize. Other prizes include a Bogg bag with beach towels, portable car charger, $250 cash prize, and Two XLS GCI rockers with side tables. The drawing will be held on the day of the sale, December 5, at 2:00 p.m.

***We begin our Advent journey on Sunday, November 29th,** and this includes lighting the Advent candles each worship Service from November 29 to December 24. **If your household is interested in lighting the candles at one of these services,** there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or reach out to Amanda, office@christlutheranpreston.org

***Things I Like to Do Survey** - We are the Body of Christ, a living offering to God. How might you use your gifts in new or familiar ways as we live out our mission to "Love God, Love People, and Follow Jesus". We are sharing a '**Things I Like to Do'** survey, first introduced in 2024. We know your time and interests change. There are one-time and recurring opportunities to use your gifts, and they do not depend on a specific schedule or amount of time. We live our faith active in love. Our generosity can inspire hope, foster community, and create lasting change. Thank you for your interest in making a difference in the life of our church and having a lasting impact on the community and world. There will be time during worship to fill out the survey and you can drop it in the offering plate or in the office. You can also use this QR code to fill out the online form as well. We look forward to reaching out to you as your gifts invite!

***November is Minnesota Foodshare Month** - The Preston Food Shelf continues to face shortages due to an increase in need. Donations of non-perishable food and personal care items can be placed in the grocery cart or basket in the Narthex through November 30th. Monetary donations can be placed in the offering plate or church office (please indicate Food Shelf)

*__Annual Women's Fall Benevolence Drive__ - We are deeply grateful for your ongoing generosity and hope you will join us again in supporting these important causes. If you'd like to contribute, donations can be mailed to: **Joyce Hellickson – 409 Winona St. NW -- Preston MN 55965** -Or you can drop off or mail your donation at the church office or place it in the offering plate during Sunday morning worship. Please make checks payable to Women of Christ Lutheran.
*__Join Us for New Member Sunday!__ We're excited to celebrate and welcome those who are becoming part of our faith community! On **Dec 6** during our worship service, we will welcome new members. Gather with us to meet and connect with them! Interested in becoming a member? Fill out the ***Let's Connect*** form on the main page www.christlutheranpreston.org.
*__Many Thanks!__ Shout out to Jodi Eickhoff who works for Dr. Casella, Spring Valley Dental, who graciously donates toothbrushes, toothpaste, and chapstick every year for our congregation shut-ins. Thank you so much to Jodi Eickhoff for coordinating and Dr. Casella for his donation. Please pass on the appreciation if you see Jodi or Dr. Casella.
*__The Luren Singers Christmas in Many Lands__ is a family-friendly concert of sacred music on Sunday, December 13 at 3:00 pm at Holy Trinity Catholic Church at 124 N Main Street in Protivin, IA. Come and hear the men sing music from the USA, Austria, Germany, England, Sweden, Ireland, Norway, Denmark, Nigeria, the West Indies and Scotland. The Luren Singing Society, founded in 1868, is directed by Dr. David Judisch, Professor Emeritus of Music at Luther College.mA free will offering to benefit Holy Family Catholic Church will be accepted.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Sunday, Nov 22, 2pm** – Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship at St. Matthew's in Granger
- **Saturday, Dec 5, 9am-2pm** – CLC Craft & Bake Sale
- **Sunday, Dec 6, 9am** – New Member Sunday & Ugly Sweater Sunday

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES:

11/23 Maddie Topness
11/25 David Marzolf, Keely Runtsch; Mike & Janet Erdman –Anniv.
11/27 Lynn Benson
11/30 Harper Pickett; Jackie & Anna Do –Anniv.

CHURCH FINANCIALS:

Weekly budget --------- $4,505.00
Nov 15 offering ----------$3,714.00

YTD budget for 44 weeks ----$207,230.00
YTD offering for 44 weeks ----$181,641.00
Deficit of --------- **-$25,589.00**

CHURCH FUN FACTS:

Jan 2009

Sunday School Christmas concert was cancelled on Dec 21 due to bad weather, rescheduled for Jan 4.

Jan 29, 2006

Sr. Luther League to host spaghetti dinner and karaoke fundraiser for youth gathering in San Antonio, starting at 5pm

Christ Lutheran Faith Story

Christy Gildner - Answering God's Call



Christy coordinates the Confirmation ministry and has served in children, youth, and family ministries for over ten years. When her family moved to Preston, she became a church member and joined in congregational life. Serving came naturally: she grew up watching her parents generously share their time, talents, and resources with their church and community. Though her boys have already been confirmed, Christy continues to find meaning in coordinating the confirmation ministry; serving alongside others, sharing time, care, faith, and gifts so others experience God's love in practical ways. Weekly Confirmation meals bring that love to life. Parents form teams and take turns feeding kids who often haven't been home since leaving for school that morning. Much of Jesus' ministry took place around meals; these gatherings continue that spirit of care and connection. For Christy, stewardship means more than keeping things going. It means joining God's work among us—supporting new ideas, honoring work already underway, and nurturing relationships that sustain it. We thank God for Christy and the ways she answers God's call through her generosity, care, and service. Following her parents' example, she shares her gifts to bless our ministries, church, and neighbors—and helps the next generation experience God's love in everyday life.

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:

The family of Brandon Hoff
Jacob Johnson
Jim Fossum, Fillmore County DAC
Linda Hahn Smith, Traditions
Walt Hansen, Mn State Veterans Home
Arlen Kiehne, Chatfield Care Center
Ella Ristau
Arlene Bakalyar, Harmony Care Center
Arnie Keene, Harmony Care Center
Helen Haugerud, Traditions
Richard Behnke, Chatfield Care Center
Val Christensen, Chatfield Care Center
Matthew Sheldon
Mary Lou Hansen, Harmony Care Center
Ila Mae Olstad, The Bluffs of Preston
Barb Barrett, The Bluffs of Preston
Fred Nagle, Chatfield Care Center