



This Week at Christ Lutheran

Celebrating 93 Years in Forest Hills

October 11, 2026

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BULLETINS, SERMONS AND LIVE WORSHIP: Bulletins and sermons are available for download on our website. A live stream of worship services is available on our Facebook page. See the top of this page for our website and Facebook locations.

FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Betty Cottom in memory of her son.

Reasons to Come to Church

God's Good and Righteous Will for Us

God calls us to put Him first—not only when it is convenient, but as the settled pattern of our lives.

6. To show our children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends that Jesus Christ truly comes first

People learn what matters to us not only from what we say, but from the pattern of our lives. When worship remains a faithful priority, we give a clear witness that Christ is not merely someone we speak about. He is the Lord around whom our lives are built.

Truth: Letting the Word of Christ Dwell in Us Richly

Consistent gathering allows God's Word to shape, correct, comfort, and sustain us week after week.

Continued next week...

SERMON SERIES: During October (Reformation Month), Pastor Bright is preaching a four-part series on Apostles' Creed.

VOTERS' MEETING: will be held October 25 following the service.

REFORMATION CELEBRATION: following the voters' meeting, there will be cake served in the fellowship hall.

THANK YOU: We received a thank you note from Katheryn Mastrocolo for all of the birthday wishes for her 97th birthday. The card is on the fellowship hall bulletin board.

HELPING REDEEMER: Diamond Art was available at Concordia Cabot's Octoberfest on October 3. Christ Lutheran was represented by Susan Robatzen's crafts to earn money for Redeemer Lutheran School's Library.

To add to the fund, Susan will have her crafts available here after the service on October 18.

Coasters, crosses, ornaments, and magnets will be available, as well as two Fall table decorations. Profits from this sale are to help add more bookcases to Redeemer's library.

WELCOME VISITORS! Please fill out a Welcome Card (located in the card holders in pews) and give to Pastor after the service and receive a special welcome gift. A mother's room and restroom are located at the left rear of the church. May you find this a place of spiritual rest and renewal.

AS WE GATHER: What is more difficult to believe: a fable about a man defeating a deadly dragon by eating it or a prophet's prediction that the Creator God would defeat death itself by swallowing it? What does Isaiah, the prophet, mean by saying God "will swallow up death forever" (Isaiah 25:8)? Does God eat?

The mighty, eternal, creator God is life Himself and has no need for sustenance. In order to "swallow death," God took on our human form. We die because of the corruption of sin. To "swallow death," the incarnate Savior "ate," or consumed, death by taking the sin of the world onto Himself on the cross of Calvary. Jesus did not die for Himself. Jesus died your death for your sin. So it is that when a sinner is baptized into Christ Jesus, he or she is "baptized into His death" (Romans 6:3). Thereby, "you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3).

Even with saving faith in Christ, we still have Christian funerals. But by faith we wait, hope, and fully expect to be raised in the resurrection to eternal life, to be present at the great feast of salvation. In Christ, the enemy, death itself, has been transformed for us by God now to be but His divine remedy, freeing us from sin and eternal death. Therefore, by faith in Christ we no longer need to fear death but rather can see it as a peaceful sleep from which we are promised to be awakened to eternal life and the wedding feast of the Lamb in His kingdom.

ISSUES, ETC.: THEOLOGY FOR WHITE COLLAR, BLUE COLLAR, AND CLERICAL COLLAR... Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Artificial Intelligence & Vocation; Bareness; The Early Church Fathers & Faith Alone; The Apology of the Augsburg Confession; Reuniting Mothers with Their Children in Foster Care; Young Men & Red-Pill Content and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

COOKIES: The Girl Scouts are continuing the tradition of having a fall cookie sale held during election day. They will have a table in the library to sell cookies on Election Day, November 3. The leaders will come early in the day to catch those who don't like to drive at night, and the girls will join in the evening.

WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, & SERVICE at CHRIST LUTHERAN

October 11-October 18, 2026

SUNDAY

8:45 AM Adult Bible Studies
10:00 AM Divine Service

MONDAY

Columbus Day

7:00 PM Vocal Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM AA Meeting

TUESDAY

6:30 PM Girl Scouts

WEDNESDAY

11:00 AM Crafting
4:00 PM Elders Meeting
4:30 PM Education Meeting

THURSDAY

Lamplighter Deadline

SUNDAY - Holy Communion

8:45 AM Adult Bible Studies
10:00 AM Divine Service

To make contributions online, visit christlutheranfh.org and click on DONATE.

Date	Attendees	Offering	To date	Budget
10-4-26	42	\$3,536	\$44,234	\$48,454



Eastern District
The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

This Week in Prayer

Lois Frerking
Linda Kuenzi
Lynn Fisher
Eugene Klebingot

Linda Bright
Mike Lis
Glenn Filler

Shut Ins

Jim & Evelyn Wise
Bob and Bette Hamill
Katherine Mastrocola
Carol Logsdon
Bob Lindke
Audrey Marvenko

Ann Tubbs
Dave Wible
June Kolb
Cathy Ertman
Carol Sapanara
Sandy Uram

Serving Our Country

Kyle Schoenthal
David Lisovich

Miguel Bright
Carson Starke

Family and Friends

Family of Melissa Wise
Leila Bekic, Bunny Mohr, & Jean Adams (friends of Barb Mitchell)
Ellie Gabriel (friend of Meghan Elaschat)
Scott Golightly (friend of Tammy Donaldson)
Tim Bradburn (friend of Mike and Suzie George)
Dean Usner (friend of Donna Madaras)
Brad Harker (brother-in-law of Annette Bowen)
Rich Little (friend of Janice Polidora)
Michelle Lydon (sister-in-law of the Catons)
Alex Russo (friend of Lee & Stephanie Caton)
Justin, Christian, Joshua & Matthew Riddle (nephews of Mike Lis)
Greg Filotei (friend of Norm & Nancy Johnson)
Deb Albaugh (friend of Joe O'Connor)
Megan (friend of Lee and Stephanie Caton)
Ruth Johnson (Norm's sister-in-law)
Donna Madia (friend of Kathy Ertman)
The Rev. Ernest Knoche
Ken Stern (brother-in-law of Gloria)
David Kaclik (Kathy's husband)
Dan Johnson (Norm's brother)
Shelly Winfrey (Tammy Donaldson's sister)
Larry Lamp (friend of Nancy Johnson)
Linda Augustine (friend of Georgia Hanley)

For all who are suffering in silence but need our prayers. God knows all hurts. May He provide healing, comfort and strength.

The purpose of this congregation shall be to seek the honor and glory of God. The congregation exists to this end as a community of baptized Christians wherein the following is provided for: Worship, Nurture, Fellowship, Outreach and Service.