

Sunday - February 23rd, 2025

Order of Worship

Prelude

Welcome

Song "Because He Lives"

Responsive Reading - Psalm 103

Song "Rest On Us"

Prayer of the Day

Readings

Genesis 45:3-15

Luke 6:27-36

Anchored in Christ

Song "Came to My Rescue"

Sermon Text

1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42

Message

Prayers of God's People

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Confession & Forgiveness

Distribution Songs "Jesus Paid it All"

Prayer of Blessing

Announcements

Benediction

Song "Worthy"

Postlude

This Week at Christ Lutheran:

Sunday 9am - Worship Service

10am - Coffee Fellowship

10:15am - Family SS

Monday 9am - Quilting

10am - Coffee

Wednesday 6:15pm - Bible Study

Thursday 9am - Charis Women's

Bible Study

Friday Office Closed

Sunday 9am - Worship Service

10am - Coffee Fellowship

10:15am - Family SS

10:20am - Jim from Love INC

"What is Fresh Start?"

6pm - Community Talent

Show

Sunday Servants -

Greeters & Coffee: Tony & Erin Pollock

Reader: Ben Anderson

Communion Prep: Yoshi & Denny Grenell

Coffee: Tony & Erin Pollock

Please pray for the following people:

Dolores Peterson's family, Don Anderson,

JoEllen Horazuk, Ron Wipf, Yvonne

Breeschoten, Val Molin,

Sue Pedersen, Cal Johnson's family

Genesis 45:3-15

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶ For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

8 "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. 9 Now hurry back to my father and say to him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay. ¹⁰ You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.'

¹² "You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. ¹³ Tell my father about all

the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly."

¹⁴ Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

Luke 6:27-36

²⁷ "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰ Give to everyone

belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

who asks you, and if anyone takes what

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be

merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Ministry Partner Spotlight: Inspiration Point!

VOLUNTEER AT CAMP! Connect with Inspiration Point in a whole new way! HANDS 2 HELP VOLUNTEER EVENTS: Join other families, individuals, and groups as we complete projects, enjoy times of fellowship with each other, and experience God's riches in both the work and relaxation.

HANDS 2 HELP DATES: May 7-10, 2025 & September 25-27, 2025

Projects and tasks include yard work, cleaning, painting and staining, carpentry, cutting wood, building recreation equipment, and much more! We are looking for volunteers of all ages and abilities to get involved. Hands 2 Help events are free. Pre-registration is required to help them plan meals, lodging, and projects.

3RD THURSDAY TEAM: There are always projects that need to be taken care of for the ministry to run smoothly and the "3rd Thursday Team," opens up a monthly invitation for up to 20 friends of Inspiration Point to share their time and skills to help complete those projects. Just like Hands 2 Help, anyone can help with a wide variety of tasks. Whether you're available for just one Thursday or are ready to make it a regular part of your schedule, the "3rd Thursday Team" eagerly welcomes you!

Check out IPoints winter retreats for kids AND adults as well as summer camps for all ages at www.ipoint.org

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150 Years of Memories





In January 1925, a decision to build a new church in Maple Plain was reached. An acre of land was contributed by Mr. & Mrs. John Olson. The cornerstone of the new church was laid in 1925 and the first meeting there was held on October 27, 1926. A new church building and our new name officially became Christ Lutheran Church. In 1953 the narthex addition was completed, changing the entrance from the front of the church to the side. (Picture from 1971)



Weekly Bible Reading Guide (NT in 1 Year)

Week 8 (February 24 – 28): Acts 12- Acts 16

Monday - Acts 12

- Who is this Herod? (v. 1)
- How is Peter vindicated in his conflict with Herod?
- What is the significance of the allusion to Genesis 1:28 in verse 24?

Tuesday - Acts 13

- Who commissioned Barnabas and Saul's missionary journey? (v. 2)
- What is the setting of Paul's sermon?
- What is the result of the Jews rejecting Paul? (vv. 44–52)

Wednesday – Acts 14

- What was the purpose of the Apostles' miracles? (v. 3)
- How does God witness about Himself apart from His Word? (v. 17)
- What did Paul and Barnabas do in churches before they left? (v. 23)

Thursday – Acts 15

- What role did circumcision have in the Old Testament?
- What requirements from the Old Testament did the council say are binding on believers in the New Testament? (vv. 28–29)
- Do you think Paul and Barnabas were right to disagree? (vv. 36–41)

Friday - Acts 16

- Why was Timothy circumcised, when the Jerusalem council had just decided that gentiles need not be circumcised? (vv. 1-3)
- Why is the significance of Luke using the pronouns "we" and "us" in verse 10?
- Why does Paul not want to leave prison secretly? (vv. 37–39)