Welcome!

Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of Christ's United Lutheran Church Building



The History of Christ's United Lutheran Church

On the first day of January 1969, five Lutheran congregations – Good Shepherd, Ashland; St. John's, Kimmels; St. Paul's, Gordon; St. Peter's, Lavelle, and Zion, Girardville – united in ministry to form Christ's United Lutheran Church. A single council handled the business of the congregation, while each "chapel" held its own worship services led by pastors called by the congregation.

In the late 1980's, the congregation began to feel the need to move into a new direction and centralize worship and ministry. By a vote of the congregation on January 31st, 1988, Christ's United took a leap of faith and decided to become more fully united by building a new facility to house worship and ministry. As the point plans for the new facility were finalized, only two of the original congregations – St. John's and St. Peter's – remained, the other chapels having become independent congregations once again.

Ground was broken for the construction of the new building on April 11th, 1992. Excitement was high as the congregation and community watched as beams were put up, the roof put on, the bricks laid, and as a new building appeared before them. The new home of Christ's United Lutheran Church was officially dedicated on December 27th, 1992, a day that marks the culmination – but not completion – of many years of work. In 2002 the congregation celebrated paying off the original mortgage, ten years after the dedication. Within six years – 2008 – Christ's United began and completed its second building project, adding on more space and re-modeling the kitchen.

The building process helped Christ's United truly understand what it means to be one congregation focused on Jesus, rather than themselves. Whether it be World Hunger programs or the local food pantry, Bible studies or Services of Blessing, the congregation consistently demonstrates the importance of ministry to the poor and outreach in the community.

The building quickly became home to a growing number of ministries by which the congregation witnesses to Jesus Christ in the community and throughout the world. Currently, twelve different ministry committees and three groups oversee and implement more than twenty-four programs and countless projects to help all people know that we <u>are</u> united in Christ.

May God bless our future as He has blessed our past, and may the ministry of God at Christ's United thrive and prosper for the sake of the Gospel. Amen!



20th Anniversary Celebration

October 6, 2012

Good Afternoon & Welcome Home! Thank you for being a part of this special celebration, as we give thanks for the house that serves as the home of Christ's United ministries. Please take time to share in the memories represented by the photo displays, tour the newly remodeled classrooms, check the ministries opportunities on the bulletin boards, and most importantly: share with members of our faith family here for this event. If you are visiting, please sign the welcome register so that we may thank you for your presence. May the Holy Spirit guide our worship today, that our hearts be filled with God's joy and peace!

* - please stand.

Welcome & Sharing

Mr. Dean Fetterolf, Vice President

Prelude "Largo" G.F. Handel

Lift High the Cross



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* Call to Worship

Pastor: The Lord's are the earth and its fullness,

Congregation: The world and those who dwell in it.

- P: He set the earth on its foundations,
- C: so that it shall never be shaken.
- *P*: What can we do without the Lord's help?
- C: With God, all things are possible.
- P: Every house is built by someone,
- C: but the builder of all things is God.
- *P*: So praise the Lord who made heaven and earth.
- C: Praise the Lord who blesses us abundantly.
- P: He has built a house for his holy work.
- C: In our midst, he has done marvelous things.
- P: Praise the Lord, who builds his kingdom with his people.
- C: Praise the Lord, whose foundation is Christ, the chief cornerstone.

* Apostolic Greeting

- P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you.

* Hymn of Praise





* Prayer of the Day

- *P:* The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

Most High God, whom the heavens cannot contain, we give you thanks for the gifts of those who have built this house of prayer to your glory; we praise you for the fellowship of those who by their use have and will make it holy; and we pray that all who seek you here may find you and be filled with your joy and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Anthem "Come, Follow Me" Kupferschmid

First Lesson: Micah 6:6-8

"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Psalm 122:1-9

I was glad when they said to me,*

"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Now our feet are standing*

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city*

that is at unity with itself;

to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,*

the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.

For there are the thrones of judgment,*

the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:*

"May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls*

and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions' sake,*

I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, *

I will seek to do you good.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-21, 26-27

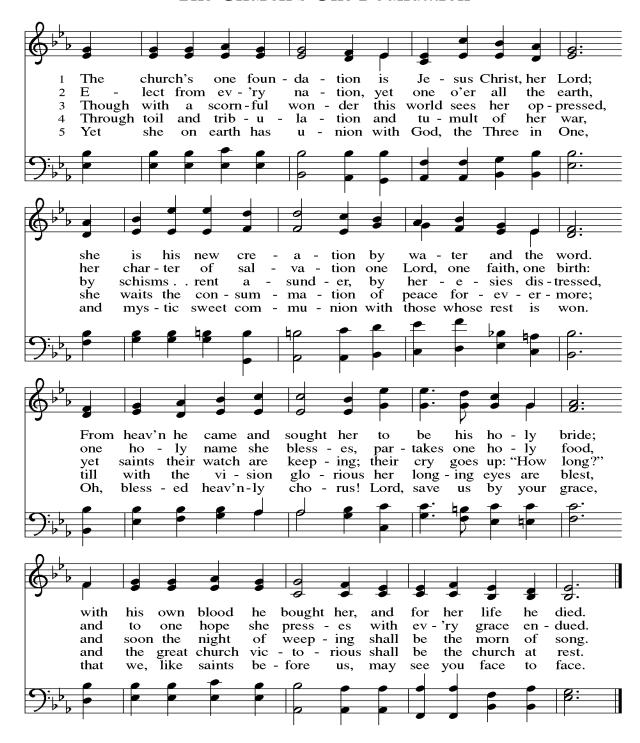
For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.



The Church's One Foundation



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* **The Gospel:** John 10:22-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon



Built on a Rock



- 1 Built on a rock the church shall stand,
- 2 Not in our tem ples made with hands 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones
- 3 We are God's house of liv ing stones, 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame,
- 5 Through all the pass ing years, O Lord,

e - ven when stee - ples are God, the Al - might - y, is built for his own hab - i - Je - sus the chil - dren is grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum-bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are tem - ple all earth-ly dwell - ing; high in the heav'ns his stands, ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant-ing us bless - ing; hith - er we come praise his name, faith in our to hear God's Word where he this ring - ing, man - y may come to



chim-ing and call - ing— call-ing the young and old to rest, tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a - life and sal - va - tion. Were two or three to seek his face, he in their Sav - ior con-fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak-ing with prom-ise is bring - ing: I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



of those dis - tressed, long-ing for life ev - er - last bide with love, mak-ing our bod-ies his tem us in midst would show his grace, bless-ings up - on them be - stow - ing. grant-ing his chil-dren the king - dom. his cov - e - nant, world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men

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* Nicene Creed

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

He came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen

* Litany of Thanksgiving and Dedication to God's Mission

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Lord God has blessed us with this house of prayer for twenty years. At its dedication, God promised His holy presence for our worship, His attentive ear for our prayers, and His watchful eye for our lives. Here we have heard His holy word for our lives. Here we have communed with our Risen Lord. Here we have all been blessed.

Let us therefore give thanks to Almighty God for all that this place has been for us, and rededicate our lives to the mission that has formed us as Christ's United Lutheran Church and brought forth this beautiful edifice.

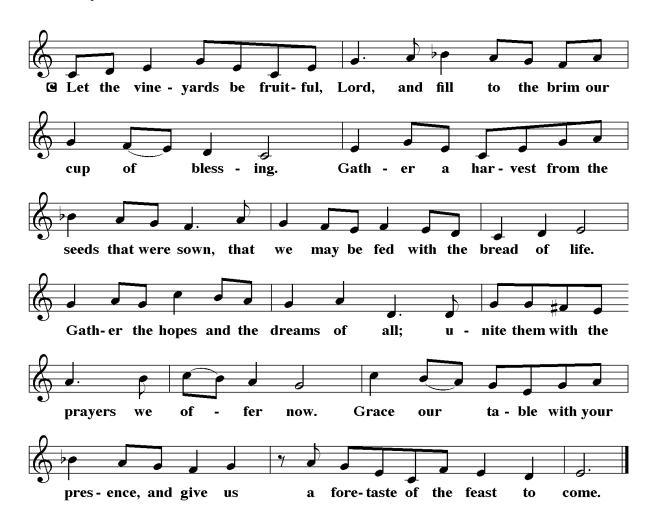
- P: Let us pray. Almighty God, yours is the glory and the power. You are the great builder of the worlds and the great architect of our lives and our salvation. For calling us to be the Church of Jesus Christ in this place,
- C: we give you thanks, O Lord.
- P: For giving us a beautiful house of prayer and worship for these twenty years,
- C: we give you thanks, O Lord.
- *P*: For providing a holy place in which to bring our prayers, confess our sins, and find Your presence,
- C: we give you thanks, O Lord.
- P: For providing a sacred place to worship Your name, to baptize our infants, to marry our children, and to bury our loved ones,
- C: we give you thanks, O Lord.
- *P*: For providing an empowering place to hear Your word, grow in faith, and be challenged in mission,
- C: we give you thanks, O Lord.
- *P*: For inspiring those who came before us with the vision to build and the means to accomplish it,
- C: we give you thanks, O Lord.
- P: For blessing those whose knowledge and gifts, whose sweat and labor, made this place all that it is,
- C: we give you thanks, O Lord.

- P: Inspire us by their vision for mission in this place.
- C: We dedicate our lives to your service.
- P: Inspire us by Your continued presence in our lives and in this house of prayer.
- C: We dedicate our lives to your service.
- P: Root us in the foundation of Jesus Christ.
- C: We dedicate our lives to your service.
- P: Empower us to reach out to the poor and needy, the sick and the dying, who so need the Good News of Your love.
- C: We dedicate our lives to your service.
- P: Use us as living stones of the Church in the world, bringing forth good fruits, that we might offer them here at Your holy altar.
- C: We dedicate our lives to your service.
- P: Use us to proclaim Your holy name and to touch people's lives through our example and faith with the life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- C: We dedicate our lives to your service.
- P: Holy God, Creator Lord, You bless us in so many ways with Your gifts, and in particular You bless us with the gift of this house of prayer. As we come and go from this place, may we know Your presence always, find consolation for our weary hearts, and be empowered by Your Holy Word and Sacraments to go forth to serve You in the world, that Your name might be glorified and Your kingdom increased; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen

* Sharing of the Peace

- P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

* Offertory



* Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray. Gracious Lord,

C: we offer to You ourselves and our church:

brick and mortar, wood and nail,

bread and wine, hands to do Your will,

hearts that are ready to serve.

Accept them for the sake of Him

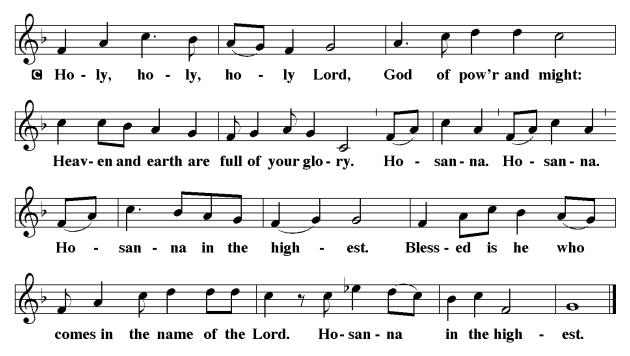
who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

* Eucharistic Prayer of the Master Builder

- *P:* The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- *P:* Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- *P:* We give You thanks, Almighty God, for in the beginning, You set the earth upon its foundations and created all that exists. As master builder and architect of the universe, You fashioned the orders of the world and humankind in Your own image. You built for yourself the kingdom of heaven and marked out the limits of the earth.

And when Your master work was complete, You called to Yourself a people to be Your own. You blessed them with gifts and made them a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. And when they turned from You in their sin, You sent forth Your own Son, a humble carpenter from Nazareth, to show us Your love, to forgive us our sins, and to bring us into the eternal kingdom that You had built. It is He who has built us into a Church as living stones in Your house of love.

For all this, we praise You and join the hosts of heaven in their unending hymn:



P: And so, Father, as living stones built upon the foundation of Jesus Christ, we who have been redeemed by Him come humbly into Your presence and gather at the table to which He has called us, that we might receive Your grace and find strength to do Your will and to continue to build for Your kingdom.

In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of Me.

With joy and with thanksgiving, almighty God, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again!

P: Therefore, O Father, with this bread and cup, we remember all that the Savior taught and all that He promised. We remember His example of faith and His witness to your love. We remember His establishment of the church, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets. And we remember His life-giving sacrifice and death, His glorious resurrection, and His ascension to your right hand. We look to the day when He shall come again and announce to all the saved, "Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- *P:* We lift this bread and cup before You, O Lord, as an offering of sacrifice and praise. Send down Your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Send down Your Holy Spirit upon us also, that, in the sharing of this bread and cup, we may be sanctified in grace and built into a holy fellowship of unity and peace.
- C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

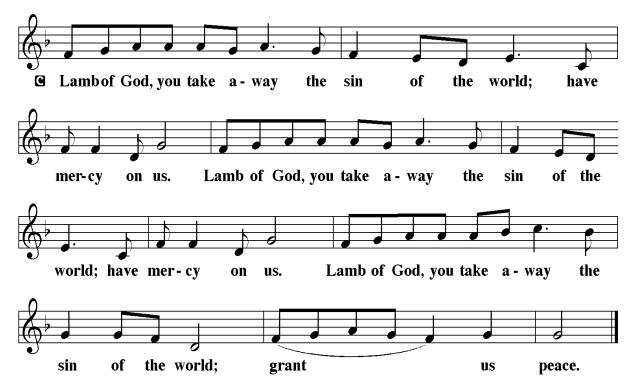
P: Great Architect of our Salvation, accept our prayers and praises for the sake of Him who is our High Priest, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit, Your Church gives honor and glory forever and ever.

C: Amen

* The Lord's Prayer

C: 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;
and 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

* Lamb of God



Sharing of Holy Communion

Hymns during Communion

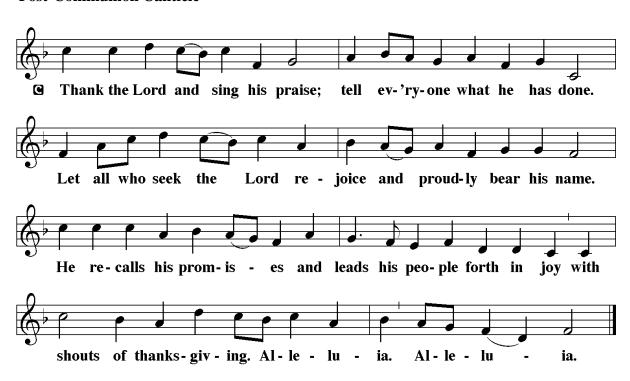
"One Bread, One Body" 710
"We All Are One in Mission" 755

* Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen

* Post-Communion Canticle



* Post-Communion Prayer

P: Everlasting God, we bless You that You have brought us here to this mountaintop and fed us with the life and light of Your Son. Send us in His name from this place to bring light into dark corners, healing where lives are torn, and nourishment to every hungry heart, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen

Choral Benediction

"A Clare Benediction"

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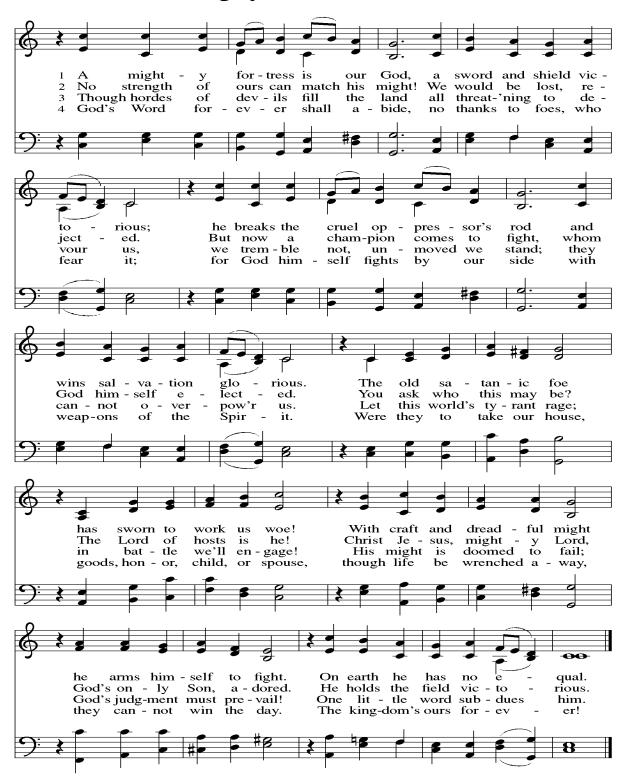
* Benediction

P: Almighty and merciful God
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless, preserve, and keep you
this day and forevermore.

C: Amen



A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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* Commissioning

- P: Go in peace Build upon the Rock of Christ!
- C: We go with God!
- * **Postlude** "A Joyous Postlude" Mallard



ALTAR FLOWERS

In Honor of Barb & Joe's Anniversary by Peggy & Frank

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of Bertha Ernest by Aunt Nancy & Aunt Pearl

CHILDREN'S BULLETINS

In Honor of my Goddaughter, Danielle White's 7th Birthday by Tracy Berner

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Lector	Becky Spencer
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Crucifer	David Hall
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Distribution of Communion	Rev. Lengert, Rev. Hoenich, Jo-Ann Young, Dennis Wolfe
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Choir Director	Dan Krynak
Secretary	Erik Tice

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