Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 30, 2017



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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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INTROIT

Ps. 105:2-6; antiphon: Ps. 105:1

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

C: Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works!

P: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

C: Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually!

P: Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered O offspring of Abraham, His servant, children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶ For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷ It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set His love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸ but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that He swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C:** Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:28-39

²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. ²⁹ For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those whom He predestined He also called, and those whom He called He also justified, and those whom He justified He also glorified. ³¹ What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died - more than that, who was raised - who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For Your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.





P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 13th chapter. **C:** Glory to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

⁴⁴ Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶ who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ "Have you understood all these things?" They said to Him, "Yes." ⁵² And He said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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HYMN "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord" LSB 651

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

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THIS WEEK AT CLC - (July 30 - August 6, 2017)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am Thursday: Worship/HC, 6:30pm Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending July 23, 2017)

General & Building Funds: \$5391.00; Blessings: \$20.13; Memorial: \$55.00 Attendance: Thursday: 22; Sunday: 97

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>GUESTS AND VISITORS</u>: We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible class following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

<u>PICTORIAL COOKOUT</u>: Sunday, August 20. Join us for some outdoor fun, fellowship, and sign up to have your photo taken for the 2018 Pictorial Directory. Rain location will be in the basement.

<u>DINE TO DONATE SUNDAYS</u> are ongoing at Texas Roadhouse. Stop for lunch after church on Sunday and 10% of your food bill will be donated back to Christ Lutheran. Just give them a copy of the bulletin. It's that easy!

<u>COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS</u> may be found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

"LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life

"The more we humans have learned about life, the more we've expanded technology, medicine, and prenatal skill, we still allow a philosophy of human autonomy that places personal preference over life ... Personhood begins at conception. Period." *Fr. Barnabas Powell, Cumming, Georgia (www.lutheransforlife.org)*