

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 19, 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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HYMN "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" LSB 819

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INTROIT

Ps. 103:8–11; antiphon: Ps. 103:2–3

P: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits,

C: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases.

P: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever.

P: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

C: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

¹ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. ⁹ When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰ And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God. ¹¹ You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹² You shall not swear by My name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. ¹³ You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴ You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. ¹⁵ You shall do no

injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD. ¹⁷ You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 3:10-23

¹⁰ According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. ¹¹ For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw — ¹³ each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ¹⁴ If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵ If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. ¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. ¹⁸ Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," ²⁰ and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." ²¹ So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours, ²² whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future — all are yours, ²³ and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:38-48

³⁸ Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' ³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. ⁴¹ And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you. ⁴³ You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. ⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

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HYMN "O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth"Tune: *LSB 810* Δ

- 1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth,
Thy living finger never wrote
That life should be an aimless mote,
A deathward drift from futile birth.
Thy Word meant life triumphant hurled
In splendor through Thy broken world.
Since light awoke and life began,
Thou hast desired Thy life for man.**

- 2 Our fatal will to equal Thee,
Our rebel will wrought death and night.
We seized and used in prideful spite
Thy wondrous gift of liberty.**

We housed us in this house of doom,
Where death had royal scope and room,
Until Thy servant, Prince of Peace,
Breached all its walls for our release.

3 Thou camest to our hall of death,
O Christ, to breathe our poisoned air,
To drink for us the dark despair
That strangled our reluctant breath.
How beautiful the feet that trod
The road that leads us back to God!
How beautiful the feet that ran
To bring the great good news to man!

4 O Spirit, who didst once restore
Thy Church that it might be again
The bringer of good news to men,
Breathe on Thy cloven Church once more,
That in these gray and latter days
There may be those whose life is praise,
Each life a high doxology
To Father, Son, and unto Thee.

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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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DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" *LSB* 636

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THIS WEEK— (February 19th – 26th, 2017)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am

Monday: Board of Education, 3:30pm

Wednesday: Bible Study, 8:30am; Confirmation Class (2nd year), 5:00pm;
Confirmation Class (1st year), 6:00pm; Youth Group, 6:00-8:00pm

Thursday: Worship/HC, 6:30pm; Bible Class, 7:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending 2/12/17)

General & Building Funds: \$4883.50; Blessings: \$19.07; Sunday

School: \$4.25; Memorial: \$50.00

Total Attendance: 142 (Midweek: 22; Sunday: 120)

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS AND VISITORS: 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.

OPERATION BABY BOTTLE Baby bottles need to be returned by this Sunday, February 19. Please give them to Sandi Michaelis.

Thank you for your support!

ARTICLES FOR THE “CROSSWALK” NEWSLETTER are due by this Monday, February 20.

ASH WEDNESDAY SOUP SUPPER – The Ladies Guild will be hosting a soup supper before the Ash Wednesday service. A freewill offering will be taken to fund mission projects.

Arline Redeen would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers during her procedures.

CLC BLOOD DRIVE: Have you ever thought of donating blood as being a good steward of your time and talent? For those of you that are physically able, I urge you to thank the Lord for your good health by donating blood this Wednesday, February 22nd from 3:30-6:15pm in the lower level of the church. Walk-ins are always welcome. Save a life, donate blood!

Jesus' Last Supper was actually a Jewish Passover. Jacquelyn S. Meyer of **Jews for Jesus** will re-create the traditional Passover service and explain how it foreshadowed Jesus' death and resurrection in a presentation called "**CHRIST IN THE PASSEOVER**" here at Christ Lutheran Church on Tuesday, April 4th at 6:30 PM. SEATING IS LIMITED. RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY! A sign-up sheet is located on the table by the mailboxes. A lighter meal will be served. Contact Peg Piepenburg, Sandi Michaelis, or Diane Uttech for more information.

CREATION MUSEUM MEETING – A MANDATORY informational meeting for everyone interested in going on the trip to the Creation Museum this summer will be held on Sunday, February 26, after Bible class. This trip is open to anyone who is interested.

IF YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT for the bulletin, please get it to Pastor Wetmore either by way of a written note, email, or by leaving him a voicemail message by Tuesday of the week that you would like it to appear in print. Thanks.

SAVE THE DATE – The Hope Life Center banquet will be held on Monday, April 24. If you have plans to attend please speak with Sandi Michaelis so that the proper number of tables can be reserved.

COMMUNITY MEAL: Christ Lutheran Church will be hosting a supper for those in need on Tuesday, March 21st at St. Paul's United Church of Christ. A volunteer sign-up sheet for assisting at the meal and providing food is on the fellowship hall podium. Monetary donations may be placed in Sandi Michaelis's mailbox. Thank you for sharing your time, finances, food and hearts with those less fortunate!

HUMAN CARE FOR FEBRUARY will go to Hope Life Center.

The following items are needed for the moms-to-be: Body Wash (full size), Shampoo/Conditioner (full size), Lotion (full size). Thank you for donating.

LWML HUMAN CARE INGATHERING for February is for Little Lambs Daycare. Check your LWML booklet for the list of needed supplies.

GREATER WAUSAU CHRISTIAN SERVICES – would like to thank everyone for their support. The **Kids Kount Program**, which provides Christmas gifts to children who have a parent in jail, presented gifts to 71 children in the Wausau area last month. If you have any questions about Greater Wausau Christian Services, please contact Brian Otten.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS may be found on the bulletin boards in the Fellowship Hall.

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“What dwells and develops in pregnant wombs is no clump of cells, product of conception, parasite, piece of mother’s body, or potential anything. This little one is a full-fledged human being, made in the image of God and saved by the incarnation of Jesus Christ, to whom the Holy Spirit shows grace and in whom He creates faith. She is our neighbor and, God willing, His beloved child—a dear sister to us.” Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life (www.lutheransforlife.org)