

Last Sunday of the Church Year

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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 "Creator of the Stars of Night" LSB 351 vs. 1,2,5,6 Δ

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INTROIT

Ps. 134; antiphon: Ps. 33:8

P: Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!

C: Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand by night in the house of the Lord!

P: Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord! May the Lord bless you from Zion, He who made heaven and earth!

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: Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him!

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 3:13-18

¹³ "Your words have been hard against Me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against You?' ¹⁴ You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping His charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵ And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.'" ¹⁶ Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed His name. ¹⁷ "They shall be Mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up My treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸ Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous

and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 1:13-20

¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 23rd chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23:27-43

27 And there followed Jesus a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. 28 But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. 29 For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' 30 Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' 31 For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" 32 Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. 33 And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. 34 And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments. 35 And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!" 36 The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering Him sour wine 37 and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" 38 There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews." 39 One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." 43 And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying" *LSB 516*

SERMON

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY page 159

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 “O Savior, Precious Savior” *LSB* 527

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thank the Lord” page 164

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT & BENEDICTION page 166

HYMN “Jesus Shall Reign” *LSB* 832 vs. 1,4,5

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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

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Malachi 3:13-18

Colossians 1:13-20

Luke 23:27-43

THIS WEEK – (November 21st – 27th)

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

Monday: Church Council, 6:30pm

Wednesday: Thanksgiving Eve Worship, 6:30pm

Thursday: Church Office Closed; No Thursday Evening Worship

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am; Music and Meditation Concert, 6:00PM

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending 11/13/16)

General Fund: \$5,025.20; Blessings \$29.16; Memorial: \$350.00;

Miscellaneous: \$75.00

Total Attendance: 145 (Midweek: 16; Sunday: 129)

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.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE will be held on Wednesday evening, November 23, at 6:30. (No Thursday evening worship this week; Advent services begin on Thursday, December 1.)

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE Advent series will begin on Thursday, December 1 at 6:30pm.

ADVENT DEVOTION BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE! They are located on the small table in the narthex. Pick yours up today!

A Concert of Music and Meditation focusing on the coming of our Savior will be held on **Sunday, November 27** here at Christ Lutheran. Hor d'oeuvres will be served at 5:30 with the concert beginning at 6:00. A collection will be taken to benefit local outreach.

GIVING TREE – This year we are again partnering with *The Women's Community* to provide Christmas gifts for people who are in need. Tags with recipients' ages and gift requests are hanging on the tree in the narthex. Detailed information sheets are located on the table there as well. All gifts must be wrapped and dropped off at church by **Sunday, December 4**. *The Women's Community* serves the victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault throughout Marathon County. Any assistance that we can give to help them have a merry Christmas is always greatly appreciated.

NO SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS on Sunday, November 27.

NO WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS this week.

COME ONE, COME ALL (We'd prefer all)! The Ladies Guild is having a Christmas party for their December meeting and all CLC members and their guests are invited. The date is Tuesday, December 6. We will start at 5:30pm and dine at 6:00pm. Please RSVP on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall by signing up for a dish to bring and share. Dessert, punch, coffee, and tea will be provided. Sign up deadline is Sunday, December 4.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES WILL NOT MEET this week due to the Thanksgiving Eve service.

HUMAN CARE FOR NOVEMBER: The items needed include: warm socks, gloves, pullover hooded sweatshirts, hand/foot warmers. Thank you for donation to the Wausau Community Warming Center!

C.L.A.Y. is willing to help! DO YOU NEED HELP WITH FALL CHORES or CLEANUP? Please sign up at the table under the C.L.A.Y. glass-enclosed white board in the fellowship room near the mailboxes. On the sign-up sheet, please include your name, address, phone number, and job description.

John 14:2-3

In My Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also.