# Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 2, 2018



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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 "Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear"	<i>LSB</i> 908 Δ
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#### INTROIT

Ps. 51:7, 10–12; antiphon: Ps. 51:2

All: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

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### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

<sup>1</sup> "And now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the rules that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. <sup>2</sup> You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. <sup>6</sup> Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' <sup>7</sup> For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon Him? <sup>8</sup> And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? <sup>9</sup> Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 6:10-20

Mark 7:14-23

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup> and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, <sup>18</sup> praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup> and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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# THE HOLY GOSPEL

<sup>14</sup> And Jesus called the people to Him again and said to them, "Hear Me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup> There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." <sup>17</sup> And when He had entered the house and left the people, His disciples asked Him about the parable. <sup>18</sup> And He said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, <sup>19</sup> since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus He declared all foods clean.) <sup>20</sup> And He said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. <sup>21</sup> For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup> coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride,

foolishness.  $^{\rm 23}$  All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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#### GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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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#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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### THIS WEEK AT CLC - (9/2/18 - 9/9/18)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Choir rehearsal, 10:30am
Wednesday: Bible class, 8:30am; 2<sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation, 5:00pm; 1<sup>st</sup> year Confirmation, 6:00pm
Thursday: Worship/HC, 6:30pm
Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education hour, 10:30; Choir rehearsal

# OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending August 26, 2018)

General & Building Funds: \$4668.00; Blessings: \$25.39; LCEF Rebate, \$2105.53 Attendance: Thursday: 28; Sunday: 114

# **CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**CHURCH PARKING LOT:** Please be aware that the CLC parking lot is scheduled to have the cracks filled and the seal coating done between September 1st and the 7th. If you are driving to the church on a weekday and one entrance is closed, the other entrance should be accessible.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES begin this Wednesday, September 5th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will resume next Sunday, September 9.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS** will resume meeting beginning on September 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** Christ Lutheran will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday, October 14. More information to follow.

**WE NEED SOME HELP!** The church-sponsored quilting group could use some assistance in sewing Lutheran World Relief quilt tops. This project can be completed at your home. The project involves sewing together 48 precut squares of fabric to make a 60" by 80" quilt top. During their monthly meetings, the quilting group of ladies will then use

this top you've sewn to complete another quilt. Thread and instructions will be provided. Your help in sewing even one of these quilt tops together would be greatly appreciated. Please ask Jean Richards or Pat Schultz for a pre-packaged project kit.

**SEPTEMBER HUMAN CARE DONATIONS** – We are collecting monetary donations to purchase Bibles. Please direct all donations for this cause to "LWML – Bibles".

# "LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life

"We come together from all parts of our land ... We come rich and poor, proud and plain, religious and agnostic, politically committed and independent ... The right-to-life cause is not the concern of only a special few, but it should be the cause of all those who care about fairness and justice, love and compassion, and liberty with law." *Dr. Mildred Fay Jefferson, MD* – (*www.lutheransforlife.org*)