

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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 "Praise the Almighty" LSB 797 vs. 1,3,5 Δ

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 146:1–2

P: Praise the Lord!

C: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

P: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

C: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 28:2, 6

P: Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy,

C: when I cry to You for help, when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Blessed be the Lord! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!**

**To God all glory, praise, and love
Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above,
The Church in earth and heav'n.**

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INTROIT

Psalm 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: v. 8

P: The Lord is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

C: To You, O Lord, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

P: Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help, when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary.

C: Blessed be the Lord! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

P: The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.

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: The Lord is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O Lord, You are a good and perfect God who does all things well,

C: grant that by faith in Your Son, who did Your will perfectly, we would have forgiveness and life;

P: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 35:4–7a

⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.” ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

James 2:1–10, 14–18

¹ My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. ² For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, ³ and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, “You sit here in a good place,” while you say to the poor man, “You stand over there,” or, “Sit down at my feet,” ⁴ have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which He has promised to those who love Him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? ⁷ Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? ⁸ If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing well. ⁹ But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? ¹⁷ So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. ¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.”

Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" *LSB 655*

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Son And bring to naught all He has done.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:31–37

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

31 Then Jesus returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 32 And they brought to Him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged Him to lay His hand on him. 33 And taking him aside from the crowd privately, He put His fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. 34 And looking up to heaven, He sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." 35 And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. 36 And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more He charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. 37 And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ" *LSB 565*

SERMON

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

<p>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.</p>
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PREFACE

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You care for each one of us and our needs. We see this chiefly in Your Son as He demonstrated concern for all in His preaching and healing. Thank You for the love You show for us here as You give forgiveness in Your Son's body and blood.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI "All Glory Be to God on High" *LSB 947*



1 All glo - ry be to God on high And thanks for all His
3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Be - got - ten of the



fa - vor; No harm can touch or ter - ri - fy A
Fa - ther, Your sav - ing death has made us one With



child of God for - ev - er. God shows His good and
God and with each oth - er. O Lamb of God, to



gra - cious will And grants His peace, the world to fill—
You on high In our dis - tress we sin - ners cry,



All strife at last has end - ed.
Have mer - cy on us, a - men!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray" *LSB 623*

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have sent Your Son, who did all things well during His earthly ministry, and also continues to do all things well today in Word and Sacrament; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Psalm 146:1–2

P: Praise the Lord!

C: Praise the Lord, O my soul!

P: I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

C: I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN “On What Has Now Been Sown” *LSB 921*

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THIS WEEK AT CLC — (9/9/18 – 9/16/18)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education hour, 10:30am; Choir rehearsal, 11:30am

Monday: Elders, 6:00pm; October calendar events due

Tuesday: Evangelism, 4:15pm; Council, 6:30pm

Wednesday: Bible class, 8:30am; 2nd year Confirmation, 5:00pm; 1st year Confirmation, 6:00pm

Thursday: Bethesda Work Day, 1:00pm; Worship/HC, 6:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education hour, 10:30am; Choir rehearsal, 11:30am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending September 2, 2018)

General & Building Funds: \$5805.50; Blessings: \$0.00

Attendance: Thursday: 13; Sunday: 106

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL resumes this Sunday, September 9.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Christ Lutheran will be celebrating its 40th 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

“The culture of life respects human life at all its stages, recognizing that those who have lived long and well have much to offer those who are just beginning their journeys on this earth. Not only should the young respect the aging, but the elderly should also respect themselves with the honor God says is due them. If Grandpa is too weak to work, he is not too weak to pray. Let us cherish our parents and grandparents as they intercede on our behalf and pass down to their children’s children the wisdom of the Lord.” *Ryan C. MacPherson, Professor at Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, Minnesota – (www.lutheransforlife.org)*