

# **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday, October 8, 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** "God Himself is Present" ..... LSB 907

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**INTROIT** *Ps. 118:22–24; antiphon: Ps. 118:1*

*P: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!*

**C: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

*P: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

**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.**

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 5:1-7*

<sup>1</sup> Let me sing for my Beloved my love song concerning His vineyard: My Beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup> He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; He built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and He looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. <sup>3</sup> And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between Me and My vineyard. <sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for My vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? <sup>5</sup> And now I will tell you what I will do to My vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup> I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are His pleasant planting; and He looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING**

*Philippians 3:4b-14*

<sup>4</sup> If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. <sup>7</sup> But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For His sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — <sup>10</sup> that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me His own. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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**☐** Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**☐** These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.*

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 21:33-46*

<sup>33</sup> Jesus said, "Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup> When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup> And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup> Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.' <sup>39</sup> And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup> When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" <sup>41</sup> They said to Him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons." <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the Scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?" <sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup> And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." <sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard His parables, they perceived that He was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> And although they were seeking to arrest Him, they feared the crowds, because they held Him to be a prophet.

*P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

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**HYMN** "Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing" ..... *LSB* 691

**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.

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ..... page 208

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** “The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord” ..... *LSB* 634

**NUNC DIMITTIS** ..... page 211

**HYMN** “Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go” ..... Tune: *LSB* 358

**Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go,  
My daily labor to pursue,  
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know  
In all I think or speak or do.**

**The task Thy wisdom has assigned,  
O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
In all my works Thy presence find,  
And prove Thy good and perfect will.**

**Give me to bear Thine easy yoke,  
And ev’ry moment watch and pray,  
And still to things eternal look,  
And hasten to Thy glorious day.**

**For Thee delightfully employ  
Whate’er Thy bounteous grace has giv’n,  
And run my course with even joy,  
And closely walk with Thee to heav’n.**

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**THIS WEEK AT CLC — (October 8 -15, 2017)**

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am; LWML Bake & Craft Sale

**Monday:** Board of Ed, 4:00pm; Elders, 6:00pm

**Tuesday:** Circuit Pastor's Meeting, 9:30am

**Wednesday:** Bible Class, 8:30am; 1<sup>st</sup> year Confirmation, 5:00pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation, 6:00pm

**Thursday:** Worship/HC, 6:30pm

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am; Fall Voters' Meeting, 10:30; Pastor Appreciation Sunday

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending October 1, 2017)**

General & Building Funds: \$9503.50; Blessings: \$101.00; Road Sign: \$55.00; Hurricane Relief: \$380.00

Attendance: Thursday: 13; Sunday: 117

**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.

**LADIES GUILD CRAFT & BAKE SALE** is being held this Sunday. All freewill donations will go toward mission projects. Thanks for your support!

**FALL VOTERS ASSEMBLY** will be held next Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30. Votes on the 2018 budget and elections will take place at that time. Information packets for the meeting have been placed in the church mailboxes.

**ORDERS FOR "THE REFORMATION" ARE DUE TODAY:** The sign-up poster is located on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

**SAVE THE DATE:** November 5 – **New Member Potluck.** Come and meet and greet our new members. We are using the new SignUpGenius system to get an idea of who is coming and what you are planning on bringing.

**NEW SEROOGY'S!** We now have Mocha chocolate bars and Fudge Trays available on the Seroogy's table (as well as the usual fare.) Check it out today!

**“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life**

“Why do we strive to protect tiny embryos in Petri dishes or frozen in a fertility clinic? Because they are created, redeemed, and little ones whom God wants to call.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life – ([www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org))*