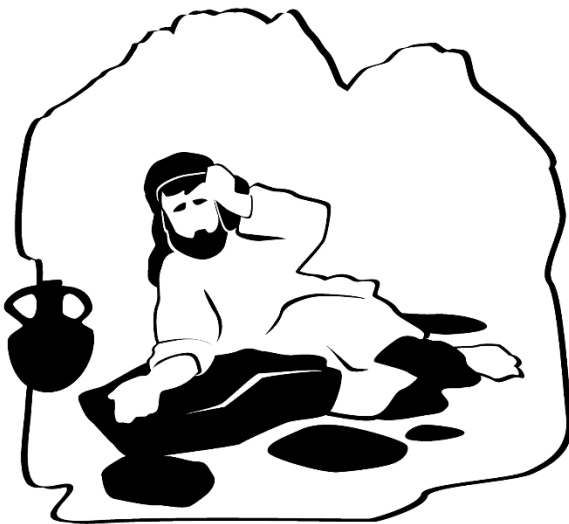


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Sunday, August 12, 2018



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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 "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"..... LSB 915

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 34:4-5

P: I sought the Lord, and He answered me

C: and delivered me from all my fears.

P: Those who look to Him are radiant,

C: and their faces shall never be ashamed.

P: Let us then go to God, confessing our sins, confident of His grace and mercy.

(Silence for reflection on our sinful condition and the promises of God.)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Lord God Almighty,

C: we confess that there are times, when we have forgotten the hope that is within us. As Elijah feared and fled the forces of Jezebel, so we fear the evil around us. Although incapable of saving ourselves, we attempt to find peace and protection through our own efforts. Assure us of the new life You have given us, made certain, in our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Christ.

P: Lord Jesus Christ,

C: we confess that in our daily struggles, we often lose awareness of Your presence. We neglect to be faithful in our worship; we fail to recognize the forgiveness, life, and salvation, that Your body and blood provide. Renew in us a desire, to hear and take to heart Your promise of eternal life.

P: O Holy Spirit,

C: we confess that we fail to exhibit the new life, too often falling back into the old ways we thought we had put behind us. Strengthen us through the Word, to see clearly the opportunities

You provide, to pass on the forgiveness we ourselves have received.

P: Our gracious heavenly Father sent His Son to give His life as the sacrifice for our sins. Our Lord Jesus is the bread of life from heaven, coming in the Lord's Supper to assure us of salvation until we join Him in eternity. The Holy Spirit uses Word and Sacrament to nurture our faith as we live out the new life God provides. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Gracious Father, Your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world.

C: Help us each day, to put away our old nature and walk in love, as Christ has loved us,

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

C: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" *LSB 700*



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -
Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 19:1-8

¹ Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³ Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. ⁴ But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." ⁵ And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And

behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." ⁶ And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷ And the angel of the LORD came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." ⁸ And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 4:17–5:2

¹⁷ Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰ But that is not the way you learned Christ! – ²¹ assuming that you have heard about Him and were taught in Him, as the truth is in Jesus, ²² to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness. ²⁵ Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. ²⁶ Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and give no opportunity to the devil. ²⁸ Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. ²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. ¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 6:35–51

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁵ Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in Me shall never thirst. ³⁶ But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. ³⁷ All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and whoever comes to Me I will never cast out. ³⁸ For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will but the will of Him who sent Me. ³⁹ And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that I should lose nothing of all that He has given Me, but raise it up on the last day. ⁴⁰ For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in Him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.” ⁴¹ So the Jews grumbled about Him, because He said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” ⁴² They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does He now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” ⁴³ Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me – ⁴⁶ not that anyone has seen the Father except He who is from God; He has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN “Renew Me, O Eternal Light” *LSB 704*

SERMON

CREED

P: The new life we have was given to us in Holy Baptism. Let us confirm our baptismal faith.

Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

C: Yes, I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

C: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

P: The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us go to our heavenly Father, asking His blessings on the Church around the world, for all people in their various circumstances, and for ourselves.

P: For the Church, gathered around Word and Sacrament, the visible sign of God's grace and mercy, that clergy and lay leaders be single-minded in the apostolic mission, promote the unity we have in the one Body of Christ, and reflect the inviting love of God in word and deed, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all our brothers and sisters in Christ, that God would use Word and Sacrament to remind them of their Baptism, assure them of sins forgiven, and move them to daily acts of care and compassion that reflect His boundless love for us, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For national leaders and public servants at all levels of government, that God would give them wisdom to promote justice and the common good for all their citizens and guidance as they seek peace across their borders, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For armed forces deployed abroad, defending freedom, and for police, fire, and emergency personnel, responding to human and natural crises, that God protect and guide them as they go in harm's way, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who fish and farm, who develop and produce, who transport and build, that God would use their efforts to be blessings for all, providing food for the hungry and housing for the homeless, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For our congregation, that the Holy Spirit would nurture us as we seek to care for one another in all aspects of our life together, open our eyes to opportunities to share the Gospel with our neighbors through word and deed, and strengthen us to live faithfully when apart from one another, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Heavenly Father, grant these requests and answer them in grace for the sake of Your Son, the bread from heaven, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

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.

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

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.

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.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom You sent into this world as the bread of life so that we might live forever. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS “Sing Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” Tune: *LSB 704*

**Sing holy, holy, holy Lord,
The Lord of hosts by all adored;
Heaven and earth with full acclaim
Sound forth the honor of Your name.**

**Hosanna sing up in the heights,
Sing we hosanna to the Lord.
Blest is He coming in God’s name.
Hosanna sing with one accord.**

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI “O Lamb of God, You Take Away” Tune: LSB 704

**O Lamb of God, You take away
The sin of this world; thus we pray,
Grant us Your mercy and Your peace
Until all days and years shall cease.**

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” LSB 636

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, in this Sacrament Your Holy Spirit has again assured us of the forgiveness of sins and strengthened our faith for the road ahead. Accompany us, we pray, that we walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, until that day when faith gives way to sight and the new life You have given extends into all eternity; 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

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 “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” LSB 685

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THIS WEEK AT CLC — (8/12/18 – 8/19/18)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am

Tuesday: Blood Drive, 3:30pm; Sept. calendar events due

Wednesday: Quilters, 9:30am

Thursday: Worship/HC, 6:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending August 5, 2018)

General & Building Funds: \$10821.25; Blessings: \$58.30

Attendance: Thursday: 22; Sunday: 96

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.

PASTOR WETMORE WILL BE ON VACATION August 13-19. For emergencies please contact one of the elders: Reid Rayome, Dave Ackerman, Dave Juliot, Mike Otten, Brian Otten, or Larry Weisenberger.

CLC BLOOD DRIVE is taking place this Tuesday, August 14th from 3:30 - 6:15pm in the lower level of the church. Walk-ins are always welcome. Save a life, donate blood!

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING – A special voters' meeting will be held on Sunday, August 26th, immediately after the service, to approve the church mortgage refinancing through LCEF.

THANK YOU for all your prayers, cards, visits, calls, and meals delivered. God bless you for your kindness! — Dave & Judy Saeger

LADIES GUILD is doing a mission project of School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We are requesting monetary donations to purchase the school supplies – \$5 or \$10 goes a long way. Please put cash or checks in an envelope addressed to Shirley Krueger or Judy Saeger and place in our respective mail boxes. Thank you for your assistance and generosity.

AUGUST HUMAN CARE DONATIONS are going to The Open Door. We are collecting packages of new underwear.

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“When the end of life is near, may we be willing to speak up for those who are the most vulnerable here as well. States across this nation are considering legalizing assisted suicide. We have a voice. We need to use it! Do not let the voice of the evil one be the most vocal. Be voices For Life!” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life Regional Director of Minnesota – (www.lutheransforlife.org)*