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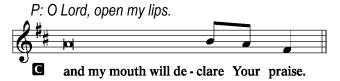
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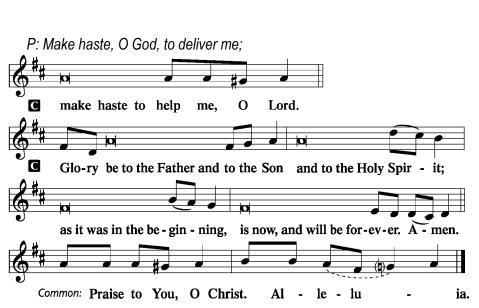
The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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Order of Matins (Modified)





PSALMODY

P: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



VENITE



ANTIPHON (Common)

P: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.



PSALM

Ps. 30:2-5; antiphon: Ps. 30:11a, 12b

P: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever!

C: O LORD my God, I cried to You for help, and You have healed me.

- P: O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol; You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.
- C: Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints, and give thanks to His holy name.
- P: For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
- 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: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever!

P: O Lord, have mercy on us.

C: Thanks be to God.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34:11-24

11 "For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. 15 I Myself will be the shepherd of My sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. 17 "As for you, My flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. ¹⁸ Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture. that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? 19 And must My sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet? 20 "Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I Myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have

scattered them abroad, ²² I will rescue My flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³ And I will set up over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the Lord, will be their God, and My servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹² I thank Him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because He judged me faithful, appointing me to His service, ¹³ though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-10

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." ³ So He told them this parable: ⁴ "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷ Just so, I

tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸ "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

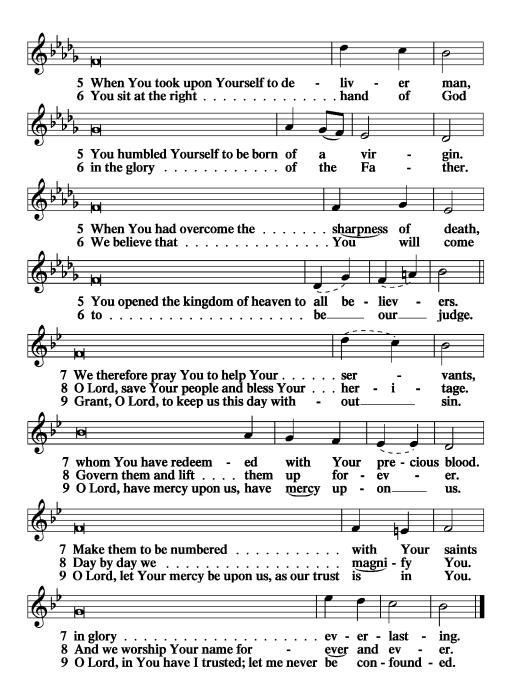
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" LSB 711

SERMON





OFFERING



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

P: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we

may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

■ SACRAMENT ■

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PREFACE and PROPER 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.

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. 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 (LSB 507)

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!

Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.



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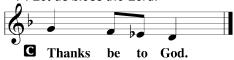
POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.



BENEDICTION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



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THIS WEEK AT CLC — (9/15/19 – 9/22/19)

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

Monday: Budget Committee, 6:00pm

Wednesday: Bible Study, 8:30am; Quilters, 9:30am; 1st year Confirmation

Class, 5:30pm

Thursday: Worship/HC, 6:30pm

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

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending September 8, 2019)

General & Building Funds: \$13,259.00; Blessings: \$9.44

Attendance: Thursday: 24; Sunday: 110

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 MORNING BIBLE CLASS begins studying the Gospel of Matthew this Sunday, September 15.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF INGATHERING will take place on Saturday, October 5th from 8:00-noon. See the bulletin board in the fellowship hall for further information.

"LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life

"If you are facing a major decision right now, don't be afraid! Ask the Lord to guide you and put your trust in Him. If God the Father was willing to guide His own Son's caregivers this way, He will also guide you when you ask." *Daily Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries* – (www.lutheransforlife.org)