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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

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father,

C: who called us into being in this time and place;

P: and of the Son,

C: whose sacrifice for us has sanctified us to be His own;

P: and of the Holy Spirit,

C: whose gift of faith has freed us to walk humbly before the Lord.

Amen.

PSALM

Psalm 131 (excerpts)

P: O LORD,

C: my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

P: But I have calmed and quieted my soul,

C: like a weaned child with its mother, like a weaned child is my soul within me.

P: O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

RESPONSE "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" LSB 700

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy
hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -

bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.

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KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, which we may reflect in humble living, 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 who acknowledge Christ's name, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who, coming from their various callings and stations in life, 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.

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

2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit

Into ev'ry troubled breast;

Let us all in Thee inherit;

Let us find Thy promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning;

Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning,

Set our hearts at liberty.

3 **Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.**

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SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O Lord of grace and mercy,

C: teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil, and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride;

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 25:2–10

² It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. ³ As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. ⁴ Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; ⁵ take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. ⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ⁷ for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen ⁸ do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? ⁹ Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, ¹⁰ lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 13:1–17

¹ Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵ Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶ So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" ⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹ Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹ For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹² So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood. ¹³ Therefore let us go to Him outside the camp and bear the reproach He endured. ¹⁴ For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵ Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. ¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Luke 14:11

P: Alleluia. Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled,

C: and he who humbles himself will be exalted. Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ One Sabbath, when Jesus went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching Him carefully. ² And behold, there was a man before Him who had dropsy. ³ And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?” ⁴ But they remained silent. Then He took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵ And He said to them, “Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?” ⁶ And they could not reply to these things. ⁷ Now He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸ “When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹ and he who invited you both will come and say to you, ‘Give your place to this person,’ and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹ For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” ¹² He said also to the man who had invited Him, “When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

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.

HYMN "Son of God, Eternal Savior" LSB 842

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERING

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Having heard the Word of God and intending to receive our Lord's body and blood, let us confess our sins to God and in the presence of one another.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P: When Jesus entered the house of the Pharisee and saw the man with dropsy who was left there as a trap, He saw a man who needed healing.

C: We confess that in our pride we sometimes ignore the needs of others, we neglect to show hospitality to strangers, we forget those who are in prison, and we turn a blind eye to those who

are mistreated. Forgive us, heavenly Father, and teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility.

P: In Jesus' parable He reprimanded His hearers about their seeking places of honor.

C: We confess that in our self-centeredness, we sometimes consider ourselves worthy of honor, even while allowing personal desires to come between us and our Lord. Forgive us, heavenly Father, and teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow, in true humility, the example of Your Son.

P: Jesus warned against doing anything for others in expectation of being repaid.

C: We confess that in our fallen human nature we sometimes forget that, because of our Savior's sacrifice for us, the resurrection awaits us. We are free to love our neighbors as ourselves, relying on God's grace for all we need. Forgive us, heavenly Father, and teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow, in true humility, the example of Your Son.

P: Jesus suffered in order to sanctify us through His own blood. 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. Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God. Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

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, who in word and deed was

obedient to Your will, humbly offering Himself as a sacrifice that we might be Your sanctified people. 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

(Tune: LSB 700)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God, Heav'n and earth Your glory show.
We with heav'nly saints and angels Praise Your name while here
below.**

**Sing "hosanna; blest is He who In God's name is coming here."
Sing "hosanna" in the highest; Sing "hosanna" far and near.**

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Lord God, Heavenly Father, through Your prophets and apostles You have revealed Your will to us. In the fullness of time You redeemed us, fallen creatures that we are. You kept Your promises by sending Your Son, who was humble and obedient in our place, even sacrificing Himself outside the walls of Jerusalem so that we might be Your sanctified people. Trusting in Your grace for His sake, we look forward to the joys of heaven.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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

(Tune: LSB 700)

**Lamb of God, O Jesus, Savior, You the world’s sin take away.
Lamb of God, O Jesus, Savior, You the world’s sin take away.
Mercy show us, mercy grant us, With Your grace our fears allay.
Lamb of God, O Jesus, Savior, Grant Your peace to us, we pray.**

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HYMN “Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses” **LSB 667**

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we give thanks for the assurance of sins forgiven and ask that Your Holy Spirit would strengthen us to resist the temptations of our self-centeredness that we strive each day to give You thanks and praise in thought, word, and deed; 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 blessing of almighty God, the Father,

C: who called us into being in this time and place;

P: of God, the Son,

C: whose sacrifice for us has sanctified us to be His own;

P: and of God, the Holy Spirit,

C: whose gift of faith has freed us to walk humbly before the Lord;

P: be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" **LSB 685**

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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

Philemon 1–21

Luke 14:25–35

THIS WEEK— (August 28th – September 5th)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am

Thursday: Ladies Retreat (Sept. 1-3), Worship/HC, 6:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am

Monday: HAVE A SAFE and HAPPY LABOR DAY WEEKEND!

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending 08/21/16)

General Fund: \$4419.00; Building Fund: \$110.00; Blessings: \$12.50;

Memorial: \$180.00 Total Attendance: 170 (Midweek: 24; Sunday: 146)

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.

WORSHIP SERVICES for the weeks of August 25/28 and September 1/4 will be held in the upstairs fellowship/Bible class area.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS resumes on September 11th.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY resumes on September 7th.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES resume on Wednesday, September 7th as follows: 5:00pm 2nd year students; 6:00pm 1st year students.

C.L.A.Y. 'Christ Lutheran Active Youth' will meet on Wednesday, September 7th at 6:00pm.

CHRISTIAN ED and SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS resume on September 11th.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION & TALENT SHOW will be held on Sunday, September 18th following Bible Study and Sunday school. We will CELEBRATE in the lower level with a short reaffirmation of our baptisms, a potluck meal and cake, followed by a talent show. Participants in the talent show will perform for 3-5 minutes. Ideas include singing, playing an instrument, juggling, acting, yo-yo/magic tricks, gymnastics, poetry readings and just God-pleasing entertainment. If you have talent and can accomplish it in the confines of the basement, please sign up at the small corner table by the mailboxes in the fellowship hall; the food sign-up sheet is on the same table. To encourage a variety of foods, we are utilizing last name A-Z system. However, feel free to bring any item, but please sign up on the form. If you have questions, please speak to a member of the Evangelism board: Sandi Michaelis, Diane Uttech, and Peggy Piepenburg.

MESSAGE FROM THE BLOOD CENTER OF NORTHCENTRAL WISCONSIN: *We may donate blood at the Blood Center (211 Forest Street) by Wednesday, August 31st and still be able to donate at CLC's next blood drive on Wednesday, October 26th.*

ITEMS NEEDED A.S.A.P. TO FINISH LWR SCHOOL KITS:

182 — 70-sheet Notebooks	47 — Pencil Sharpeners
34 — #2 Pencils (unsharpened)	20 — Boxes of Crayons
17 — Kids Scissors	4 — Rulers

NEXT LADIES GUILD MEETING Tuesday, September 6th. After our short meeting we'll start putting LWR kits together. Wednesday, September 21st CLC Quilters will finish putting the kits together. Kits will then be shipped out on Saturday, October 1st.

"LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life

"In an age when many question the morality of state-sanctioned executions of criminals or question the justification of war, it is beyond the pale that we would think we have the right to kill an unborn child." — *Abbot Tryphon, Vashon Island, Washington* (www.lutheransforlife.org)