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Sunday, October 1, 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 "Renew Me, O Eternal Light" LSB 704

DIVINE SERVICE: SETTING FIVE

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

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.

INTROIT

Ps. 147:1–5; antiphon: Ps. 147:6

P: The Lord lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked to the ground.

C: Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

P: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

C: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

P: He determines the number of the stars; He gives to all of them their names.

C: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: The Lord lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked to the ground.

KYRIE "Kyrie! God, Father".....LSB 942



Ky-ri - e! God, Fa-ther in heav'n a-bove, You a-bound in gra-cious love,



Of all things the mak-er and pre-serv - er. E - le - i-son! E - le - i-son!



Ky-ri - e! O Christ, our king, Sal-va - tion for all You came to bring.



O Lord Je-sus, God's own Son, Our me-di - a-tor at the heav'n-ly throne:



Hear our cry and grant our sup-pli - ca - tion. E - le - i-son! E - le - i-son!



Ky - ri - e! O God the Ho - ly Ghost, Guard our faith, the



gift we need the most, And bless our life's last hour, That we leave this



sin-ful world with glad - ness.

E - le - i-son! E - le - i - son!

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS "All Glory Be to God Alone" **LSB 948 vs. 1-3**



1 All glo - ry be to God a - lone, For - ev - er - more the
2 We praise You, God; Your name we bless And wor - ship You in
3 Lord God, our King on heav-en's throne, Our Fa - ther, the Al-



high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race be - friend And
hum - ble-ness; From day to day we glo - ri - fy The
might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got - ten One, Lord



grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mong us may His
ev - er - last - ing God on high. Of Your great glo - ry
Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True God from all e -



gra-cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv - ing fill.
do we sing, And to Your throne our thanks we bring.
ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You we flee.

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SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; 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

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

¹ The word of the LORD came to me: ² “What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge?’ ³ As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine: the soul who sins shall die. ²⁵ Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is My way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶ When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷ Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸ Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are My ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

P: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

C: For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18

¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in

humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ¹⁴ Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵ that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷ Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸ Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful" *LSB 554*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21st chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23-27

²³ And when Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to Him as He was teaching, and said, "By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell Me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' He will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And He said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED "We All Believe in One True God" *LSB 953*

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

OFFERING

+ SERVICE OF THE 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.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. 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.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI "Agnus Dei II" *LSB 963*

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
 grant us Your peace, grant us Your peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "As Surely as I Live, God Said" Tune: *LSB 563*

**"As surely as I live," God said,
 "I would not see the sinner dead.
 I want him turned from error's ways,
 Repentant, living endless days."**

**And so our Lord gave this command:
 "Go forth and preach in ev'ry land;
 Bestow on all My pard'ning grace
 Who will repent and mend their ways.**

**“All those whose sins you thus remit
I truly pardon and acquit,
And those whose sins you will retain
Condemned and guilty shall remain.**

**“What you will bind, that bound shall be;
What you will loose, that shall be free;
To My dear Church the keys are giv’n
To open, close the gates of heav’n.”**

**The words which absolution give
Are His who died that we might live;
The minister whom Christ has sent
Is but His humble instrument.**

**When ministers lay on their hands,
Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;
He who by grace the Word believes
The purchase of His blood receives.**

**All praise to You, O Christ, shall be
For absolution full and free,
In which You show Your richest grace;
From false indulgence guard our race.**

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POST-COMMUNION HYMN “Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace” *LSB 937*



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
3 With saints of old, with saints to come,



Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
The Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.
Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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 "Crown Him with Many Crowns".....LSB 525 vs. 1,3,4

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THIS WEEK AT CLC — (October 1 – 8, 2017)

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

Monday: Church Council, 6:30pm

Tuesday: LWML Fall Rally, 5:00pm

Wednesday: Bible Class, 8:30am; 1st year Confirmation, 5:00pm; 2nd year Confirmation, 6:00pm; Board of Trustees, 6:30pm

Thursday: Worship/HC, 6:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am; LWML Sunday (Craft and Bake Sale)

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending September 24, 2017)

General & Building Funds: \$5257.99; Blessings: \$15.60; Road Sign: \$180.00

Attendance: Thursday: 20; Sunday: 137

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.

FALL VOTERS ASSEMBLY will be held Sunday, October 15, at 10:30. Votes on the 2018 budget and elections will take place at that time. Look for related information in your mailbox by October 5.

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

"THE REFORMATION": Orders are now being taken for a new book on the history of the Reformation. Dr. Cameron MacKenzie, (professor of church history at Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne,) presents a fresh look at this topic in this very readable and illustrated book. A sample of the book's contents and sign-up poster are located in the Fellowship Hall. Orders must be in by Sunday, October 8.

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

"To be weak, frail, vulnerable, and helpless does not reduce either your inherent worth or your ability to contribute meaningfully to the

lives of those around you. In your weakness you can contribute great things. You can provide the opportunity to your loved ones to discover strength, compassion, and faith that they didn't know they had. You can ease their fears about their own final days. You can pull families together that haven't been together in a long time. You can simply be there so the ones you love can love you back." *Cheryl Magness, writer, musician, and homeschool mom – (www.lutheransforlife.org)*