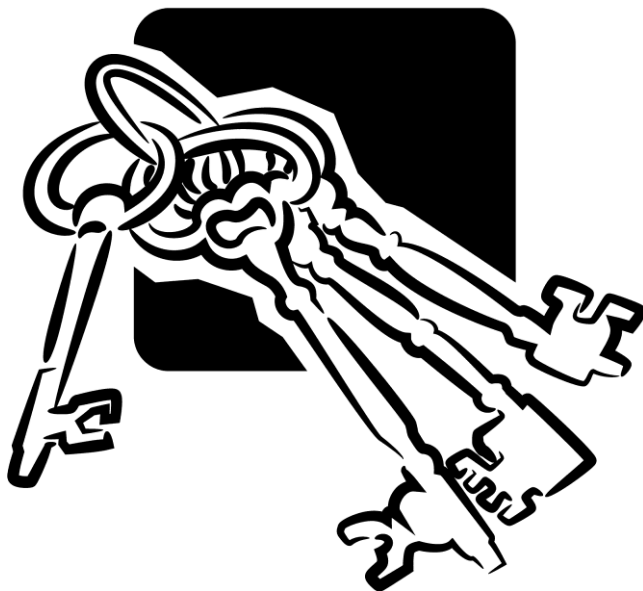


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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know  
Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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**HYMN** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" ..... LSB 576

### **INVOCATION**

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

**C: Amen.**

### **OPENING SENTENCES**

*Psalm 138:2, 6; Romans 12:2*

*P: I bow down toward Your holy temple*

**C: and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness, for You have exalted above all things Your name and Your Word.**

*P: For though the Lord is high,*

**C: He regards the lowly, but the haughty He knows from afar.**

*P: Do not be conformed to this world,*

**C: but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.**

### **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

*Isaiah 51:1–2, 4, 6, adapted*

*P: The Lord, who is the rock of our salvation, invites His people to listen. "Listen to Me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the Lord."*

**C: We confess that we have not listened to the Lord. We have instead listened to what our itching ears want to hear and have shut our ears to the truth of Your Word.**

*P: The Lord invites His people to look. "Look to the rock from which you were hewn . . . to Abraham and Sarah."*

**C: We confess that we have not always looked to the Lord for our provision, hope, and guidance. We have looked for and to other things of this world that have led us astray, through which our worship and prayers have faltered.**

*P: The Lord invites His people to "Give attention to Me, My people, and give ear to Me, My nation."*

**C: We confess that we have become distracted in our earthly pilgrimage. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and 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: "Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will never be dismayed."*

*Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, the rock on whom our confession is made, our hope is built, and our eternal victory won, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

### **SALUTATION and COLLECT**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

*P: Let us pray. Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; 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**

*Isaiah 51:1–6*

<sup>1</sup> Listen to Me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. <sup>2</sup> Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. <sup>3</sup> For the LORD comforts Zion; He comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. <sup>4</sup> Give attention to Me, My people, and give ear to Me, My nation; for a law will go out from Me, and I will set My justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup> My righteousness draws near, My salvation has gone out, and My arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for Me, and for My arm they wait. <sup>6</sup> Lift up your

eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will never be dismayed.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING**

*Romans 11:33–12:8*

<sup>33</sup> Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways! <sup>34</sup> “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor?” <sup>35</sup> “Or who has given a gift to Him that He might be repaid?” <sup>36</sup> For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen. <sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup> Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup> if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup> the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 16:13–20*

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

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

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup> And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup> Then He strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that He was the Christ.

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

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

***HYMN*** "O Christ, Our True and Only Light" ..... *LSB 839*

## ***SERMON***

### ***APOSTLES CREED***

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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.**

**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. Amen.**

### ***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH***

*P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Almighty God, from You and through You and to You are all things. You have built Your Church on the confession of the Gospel and have promised that the gates of hell will not overcome it. To Your Church throughout the world, together*

*and united as one body, grant the faith and courage to confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Lord, in Your mercy,*  
**C: hear our prayer.**

*P: Wherever the Church is under attack, O Lord,*

**C: protect and defend her against the assaults of the evil one.**

*P: Wherever people are oppressed or denied their dignity, O Lord,*

**C: raise up leaders to order society in peace and justice.**

*P: Wherever Your people are straying from Your Word and will, O Lord,*

**C: arm Your servants with Your mighty Gospel, and cause them to continue to confess You as the Christ, the Son of the living God.**

*P: Whenever we fail to use the gifts You have placed within us, O Lord,*

**C: turn our hearts toward repentance and open our eyes to see the gracious opportunities for service that You provide within the Body of Christ.**

*P: Whenever we allow the distractions of this world to blind us to Your power and glory, O Lord,*

**C: remind us again of the depth of Your riches, wisdom, and knowledge. Call us again to listen, and look, and pay attention that we may seek You where You and salvation will be found.**

*P: Wherever people are in mourning or ill health, without food or shelter, or in any other distress, O Lord,*

**C: visit, relieve, support, and uplift them in Your mercy. Fulfill Your purpose for them.**

*P: We remember before You especially those near and dear to us, including... Lord in Your mercy,*

**C: hear our prayer.**

*P: Heavenly Father, these and all other petitions that weigh on our hearts, we bring before You in the name of Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, the One who has also taught 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.**

## **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.**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.*

*Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PAX DOMINI**

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

**C: Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** “Your Table I Approach” ..... LSB 628

**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 thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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** *Isaiah 51:6, adapted*

*P: May our Lord who shows and reveals Himself as the God of comfort bless you and keep you. May the Lord who has sought us out and adopted us as His redeemed children make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord who has promised, “My salvation will be forever, and My righteousness will never be dismayed,” look upon you with favor and give you peace.*

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN** “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” ..... LSB 761

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## **THIS WEEK AT CLC — (August 27 - September 3, 2017)**

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am

**Monday:** Salary Review Committee, 6:00

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

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am

## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending August 20, 2017)**

General & Building Funds: \$4630.00; Blessings: \$13.17; T-shirts & tumblers: \$110.00; Memorial Road Sign: \$50.00

Attendance: Thursday: 18; Sunday: 120

## **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.

Last Sunday several members made appointments to have their pictures taken for the **NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**. Time slots are still available for the evenings of Thursday, September 7 and 14. Additional photo sessions will be scheduled in the future; watch for further information. If you have any questions or need help in signing up, please contact Peg Piepenburg at 715-298-0981.

**THANK YOU!** The Evangelism Committee graciously thanks everyone for their involvement in the Pictorial Cookout: from setting up/taking down the canopy, tables, and chairs, to purchasing/grilling/creating delicious food. The smiling faces, children playing games, people conversing and eating made for a wonderful gathering. Thank you for enjoying God's beautiful day with us!

**COMMUNITY MEAL:** Christ Lutheran Church will be hosting a supper for those in need on Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's United Church of Christ. A volunteer sign-up sheet for assisting at the meal and providing food is on the fellowship hall podium. Monetary donations may be placed in Sandi Michaelis's mailbox. Thank you for sharing your time, finances, food and hearts with those less fortunate!

**THE BLOOD CENTER OF NORTHCENTRAL WISCONSIN** thanks everyone who participated in the CLC Blood Drive. Your donations help save lives!

**REMINDER:** If you do not know how to disarm **THE SECURITY ALARM SYSTEM** and no one is already in the building, call Dan Lutzow 715-360-7143, Pastor Wetmore 715-581-6084, or Brian Kinney 715-581-1083 before entering. Also, **DO NOT TURN THE ALARM ON UNLESS** you are the last person out and no one is left in the building, otherwise an alarm will sound. We have been warned that the Wausau Police Department will start billing us if the false alarms continue and they have to respond.

**LOOKING TO SEE GOD AT WORK?** Join the Groundwork Guatemala team as they teach God's Word to the people of Guatemala. Dates of the mission trip are February 10-18, 2018. A meeting for all who are interested will be held this Monday, August 28, at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall of Rib Mountain Lutheran Church.

### **North Wisconsin District Adult Gathering**

Make plans now to attend the next NWD Adult Gathering on Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at Mt. Olive Lutheran in Weston, WI from 9:30 am until 2:30 p.m. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with rolls and coffee. Rev. Patrick T. Ferry, Ph.D. will share "The Reformation and Our Reformation – Martin Luther the Preacher." Cost is \$20 which includes program, breaks, and lunch. To register and for more information visit the NWD website at [www.nwdlcms.org](http://www.nwdlcms.org) under "Events and Information" on our Home Page.

**COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS** may be found on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

### **"LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life**

"I know of obstetricians who have been doing abortions for many years who have broken down saying they cannot carry on any more. Despite all attempts at emotional neutrality, the heart does not work that way when you get a baby in front of you that colleagues on another floor of the same building would be trying to keep alive. [It is] extremely upsetting ... for the doctors." *Dr. Trevor Stammers, formerly a senior lecturer in general practice at St George's University Hospital, London – (www.lutheransforlife.org)*