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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 "Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" LSB 497

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 139:12–14

P: O God, even the darkness is not dark to You;

C: the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with You.

P: For You formed my inward parts;

C: You knitted me together in my mother's womb.

P: I praise You,

C: for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in Christ, God sends His Holy Spirit as He promised to bring us to true contrition and sorrow over our sins and gives us the gift of faith in His forgiveness. In this truth we make our confession together.

C: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your love. By the power of Your Word, we confess our sin and need of Your grace. We confess that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, in our words, and in our actions, both in what we have done and in what we have failed to do. For the sake of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus grant to us Your forgiveness and new life.

P: "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Be filled with the Holy Spirit. 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

Psalm 104:24, 27-28, 30

P: O Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom have You made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.

C: These all look to You, to give them their food in due season.

When You give it to them, they gather it up; when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.

P: When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You renew the face of the ground.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Come, Thou Almighty King" *LSB 905*

**Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour!
Thou, who almighty art,
Now rule in ev'ry heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of pow'r.**

**To Thee, great One in Three,
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore!
Thy sov'reign majesty
May we in glory see,
And to eternity
Love and adore.**

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SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹ The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ² And He led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³ And He said to me, “Son of man, can these bones live?” And I answered, “O Lord GOD, You know.” ⁴ Then He said to me, “Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.” ⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then He said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰ So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. ¹¹ Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.’ ¹² Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O My people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O My people. ¹⁴ And I will put My Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1–21

¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, the disciples were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians — we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.” ¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ ‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸ even on My male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out My Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Liturgical Text

P: Alleluia.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th and 16th chapters.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:26–27; 16:4b–15

²⁶ Jesus said, “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness about Me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning. ⁴ I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵ But now I am going to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you. ⁸ And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see Me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹² I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that he will take what is Mine and declare it to you.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN “O Day Full of Grace” *LSB 503*

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

*P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

C: Amen.

OFFERING

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

✠ 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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for Your sending of the Holy and life-giving Spirit on Your people, enabling the saving witness of Your grace to continue to all the ages. 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 "Holy, Holy, Holy" LSB 507

**Holy, 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, blessed Trinity!**

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

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are 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.

In these last days, You have poured out Your Holy Spirit on Your Church that Your sons and daughters might proclaim the wonders of Your salvation in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon Your gathered people that, faithfully eating and drinking the body and blood of Your Son, we may go forth to proclaim His salvation to the ends of the earth.

C: Amen.

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. Sanctified and kept in the one true faith, we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us.

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 "Christ, the Word of God Incarnate" LSB 540

**Christ, the living bread from heaven,
Food for body, food for soul;
Christ, the manna daily given,
Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.
Feed us with the food of heaven,
Foretaste of the feast to be;
Quench our thirst with living water
Springing up eternally.**

**Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection,
Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration
And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit
And to You eternally.**

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN "At the Lamb's High Feast" LSB 633 vs. 1-7

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Thanks be to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for Your light, Your truth, Your grace, and the forgiveness of our sins. In Your light, we see light. Help us to share that light of Your salvation in our families and to all through Your Holy Church throughout the world; for You live and reign, 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 “Thine Forever, God of Love”LSB 687 vs. 1,4,5

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THIS WEEK AT CLC — (5/20/18 – 5/27/18)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am (Confirmation)

Monday: Church Council, 6:30pm

Wednesday: Bible Class, 8:30am

Thursday: Bethesda Work Day, 1:00pm; Worship/HC, 6:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending May 13, 2018)

General & Building Funds: \$4718.25; Blessings: \$18.19; Road Sign Memorial: \$165.00

Attendance: Thursday: 19; Sunday: 122

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Luke Erickson, Gregory Otten, and Aubrey Schmiieder on their confirmation!

MAY HUMAN CARE DONATIONS are going to Greater Wausau Christian Services. Money is needed to purchase Bibles.

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“We celebrate when a mother has second thoughts concerning abortion and keeps her baby. We sing ‘Alleluia’ when an orphaned child once abandoned is adopted and lives in a home filled with the presence of Christ’s love reflected through a mother and father.”
Chaplain (Lt. Colonel) Steven Hokana, Assistant Director of Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) (LCMS) – (www.lutheransforlife.org)