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Sunday, October 13, 2019



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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 "See This Wonder in the Making" LSB 593

THE BAPTISM OF MATTHEW BRADLEY UFFENBECK

OPENING SENTENCES

P: The LORD has sent redemption to His people;

C: He has commanded His covenant forever.

P: The LORD has sent redemption to His people;

C: Holy and awesome is His name!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us confess our sins unto God and implore His forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ.

C: I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace to forgive my sins and for the Holy Spirit so that I may amend my sinful life.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given to us His only Son to suffer and die for our salvation. 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.

P: May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

C: And also with you.

INTROIT

Ps. 34:2-4, 17; antiphon: Ps. 48:1a

P: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

C: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

P: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

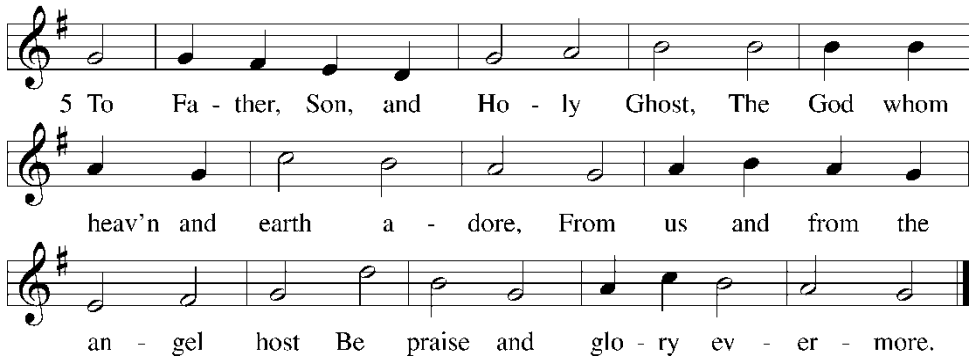
C: I sought the LORD, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

P: When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

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: Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

HYMN OF PRAISE LSB 791



5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom
heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the
an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

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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, from generation to generation You have made Yourself known to Your people, and led us by the voice of Your Word. Give us faith and courage to trust You now and to hold fast to the unchangeable truth of Your Word, that we may not fear, but enjoy the comfort of Your presence as we follow in Your way to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one eternal God forevermore.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING*Ruth 1:1-19a*

¹ In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ² The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³ But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵ and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. ⁶ Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited His people and given them food. ⁷ So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸ But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹ The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰ And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹ But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹² Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³ would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me." ¹⁴ Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵ And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶ But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." ¹⁸ And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. ¹⁹ So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

2 Timothy 2:1-13

¹ You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ² and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. ³ Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵ An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶ It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷ Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. ⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹ for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He also will deny us; ¹³ if we are faithless, He remains faithful – for He cannot deny Himself.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(We rise for the reading of the Gospel.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 17th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴ When He saw them He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except

this foreigner?" 19 And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "You Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old" LSB 846

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: Welcomed by the Lord, we come to present before Him the prayers of His people, trusting in His wisdom and grace to grant us all things in Christ for our good and for the good of all people.

Blessed Lord, You led Ruth to know You and by Your Spirit taught her fearful heart to trust in You for the future You had prepared. Grant us the same Spirit so that we, who know Your mercy in Christ, trust in Your eternal mercy in Jesus Christ for this life, for our forgiveness, and for our eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Lord of all things, You have granted Your people Your presence and grace from age to age, that where Your Word dwells, You are present with forgiveness and life. Grant to Your Church and those who minister to us in Your name the grace of Your Spirit, that we hear Your Word and believe it, keep it in holy hearts, live it out in faithfulness to Your baptismal gift, and proclaim it to the ends of the earth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Mighty Lord, You hold all things in Your hand, including all the might of man. Give to us wise and faithful leaders who will guide and govern Your people according to Your commands and protect the weak and most vulnerable, including the unborn, the orphaned, the widowed, and the infirm. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy God, You are holy and righteous and have clothed us with the holiness and righteousness of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant us to desire and strive for holiness of life, doing the good You desire and avoiding the evil that contradicts Your gracious will and purpose.

Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful Lord, You granted hope to lepers and gave them healing according to Your will and purpose. Grant to all the sick and suffering, the troubled in mind and heart, the grieving and dying the full measure of Your grace and strength, [especially . . .]. Guard them against the temptation to doubt or despair, and keep them by Your Word through the days of their affliction when all the ills of this mortal life shall cease and we shall live fully the abundant life of Your promise. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Generous Lord, You daily provide mercies new and continue to nourish and nurture us in Your favor through all adversity. Instill in us a grateful heart, that we not presume Your goodness but live thankful and joyful lives because You have heard our cry and have delivered to us all that we need for this body and life and for everlasting life.

Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of grace, Your saints have loved and served You and provided a blessed example to us in our striving. Grant us the fortitude of Ruth, that we live in confidence of Your presence and Your guidance all our days, until at last You bring us to our final home, where, with all Your saints, we shall live in Your presence forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious God, You not only supply all things for daily bread for this life but have granted to us the bread that is Christ's body and the cup of His blood, with which we are fed and nourished to everlasting life.

Keep us from an unworthy communion because we doubt the forgiveness here offered. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: O Father of all mercies and God of our salvation, give to us all things good and holy and true, and build us up in these things, that knowing Your saving grace in Christ, we not fall victim to pride, temptation, or doubt, but endure all the changes of this mortal life with hope and peace through Jesus Christ, to whom we commend ourselves and all our prayers, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

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: Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, for making all things and still preserving them, and most especially for Your grace in delivering up Your own Son, Jesus Christ, in flesh, to be our Savior and Redeemer. What was fulfilled in Him, and what He prepared for our salvation, give to us according to Your mercy, that we be fed and nourished with His flesh offered up for our sin and be cleansed by our communion in His blood. Give to us Your Holy Spirit, that we come in repentance and faith and keep in holy lives what we now receive upon our lips; and by this Holy Supper, grow us in Your grace and favor to be people of love as You have loved us.

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 *LSB 962*

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, grant us Your peace.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" *LSB 528*

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray. Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" **LSB 918**

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THIS WEEK AT CLC — (10/13/19 – 10/20/19)

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

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 October 6, 2019)

General & Building Funds: \$19,858.00; Blessings: \$84.66

Attendance: Thursday: 20; Sunday: 101

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.

The Ladies Guild prepared 66 school kits for Lutheran World Relief and the Quilters prepared 37 quilts and 25 fabric kits. These items have been shipped out as of the end of September and new items are being prepared for next year's donations. The Quilters also prepared 9 baby quilts for the Women's Shelter and 6 for Children's Services of Wisconsin. Eight lap robes were donated to nursing homes. We are thankful for the ladies who sew items at their homes for these projects and grateful for donations received throughout the year. God is good!

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“We cannot claim to see God by His Word, to be followers and to not speak out against the hatred towards His creation that exists today. ‘Pro-choice’ is sitting in God’s throne and making decisions that only He should make. Euthanasia is also the same.” *Rev. Perry Hart, guest speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – (www.lutheransforlife.org)*