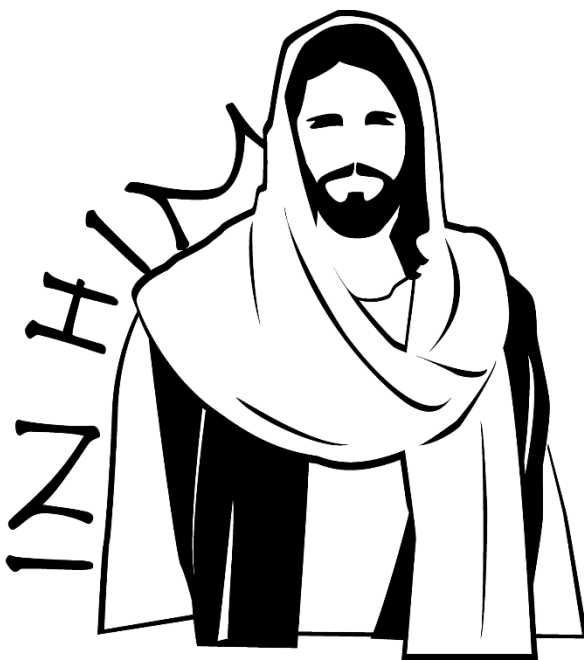


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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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HYMN "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"LSB 793

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P: Hear what God the Lord will speak,

C: for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints.

P: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet.

C: Righteousness and peace kiss each other.

P: Yes, the Lord will give what is good.

C: Righteousness will go before Him.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Yes, the Lord gives what is good. He sends His Word to every nation. But we have not always desired to hear His Word. We have not always done what His Word says. We have not always spoken His Word faithfully to others. Let us confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

(Silence for reflection.)

P: Heavenly Father,

C: we confess that we have ignored Your Word. We confess that at times we have shamefully treated those who speak Your Word. We confess that we have desired our own way and not Your way. Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away Your indignation toward us!

P: In love, God chose us for adoption as His heirs through Jesus Christ. We have redemption through Christ's blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace. As a called and ordained servant of the risen 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. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing, that we should be holy and blameless before Him.

INTROIT

Ps. 143:1–2, 8a; antiphon: Ps. 143:11

P: For Your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life!

C: In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

P: Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

C: In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!

P: Enter not into judgment with Your servant,

C: for no one living is righteous before You.

P: Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love,

C: for in You I trust.

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: For Your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life!

C: In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance.

Give us pure hearts and minds to follow Your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; 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

Amos 7:7-15

⁷ This is what He showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in His hand. ⁸ And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel; I will never again pass by them; ⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." ¹⁰ Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of

the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said, ‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.’” ¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.” ¹⁴ Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, “I was no prophet, nor a prophet’s son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵ But the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to My people Israel.’”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, ⁶ to the praise of His glorious grace, with which He has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace, ⁸ which He lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of His will, according to His purpose, which He set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of His glory. ¹³ In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 6:14-29

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in Him." ¹⁵ But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷ For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. ²² For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." ²³ And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." ²⁴ And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." ²⁵ And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. ²⁷ And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison ²⁸ and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" *LSB 819 vs. 1,3,4,5*

SERMON

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up 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, 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 Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

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.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.

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.

AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God, Who Pardons Sinners" Tune: *LSB 849*

**Lamb of God, who pardons sinners,
Show us mercy, show us grace.
Lamb of God, whose promise lingers,
Grant Your peace in ev'ry place.
Lamb of God, the world is broken.
It is filled with scattered souls.
Fill us with the words You've spoken,
Reconcile and make us whole.**

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: 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.

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.

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THIS WEEK AT CLC — (7/15/18 – 7/22/18)

- Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am
- Tuesday:** August Calendar Events Due
- Wednesday:** Quilters, 9:30am
- Thursday:** Worship/HC, 6:30pm
- Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending July 8, 2018)

General & Building Funds: \$8982.75; Blessings: \$12.00
Attendance: Thursday: 13; Sunday: 114

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.

PASTOR WETMORE WILL BE ON VACATION July 16-22. For emergencies please contact one of the elders: Reid Rayome, Dave Ackerman, Dave Juliot, Mike Otten, Brian Otten, or Larry Weisenberger.

REMODELING HAS BEGUN! Toilets and sinks are being replaced and painting is scheduled for early August. Please excuse the mess.

BROWN FOLDING TABLES from the downstairs fellowship area need new homes. We have replaced them with new, lightweight tables. The ones that are available are located on the cart in the downstairs hallway, as well as those stacked on the south end of the downstairs fellowship hall (away from the kitchen). If you want to make a donation for them, you may. (No warranty; no returns!)

BRING A FRIEND AND NEIGHBOR COOKOUT: A cookout with hamburgers and hotdogs provided will take place on Sunday, July 29 at 11am. RSVP by going online to clc-wausau.org. Please sign up to bring food and help with setting up. Don't forget to invite someone who doesn't have a church home and please include them in your RSVP. Food, games, friends... mark your calendar to join us!

JULY HUMAN CARE DONATIONS are going to Greater Wausau Christian Services. Monetary donations for Bibles are being gathered.

"LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life

"We need to embrace the God Who is found in suffering. He is the man of sorrows, acquainted with grief. He's the Lord who was impaled on a cross. We'd rather Jesus be mild-mannered and mild-tempered, and we'd rather listen to Him preach about lilies in a field of flowers. We don't want to go down that hard path of Calvary. But once we do, I think then we can gain compassion. Because compassion means 'with suffering.' Christian compassion means suffering with the sufferings of Christ." *Joni Eareckson Tada* – (www.lutheransforlife.org)