

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 29, 2018



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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 the One Who Breaks the Darkness" LSB 849

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 124:8; 130:3–4*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: Let us then confess our sins to our gracious God. Heavenly Father,

C: we confess that we often fail to recognize Your power over all things in creation. When life seems out of control, instead of trusting that You can bring good out of bad circumstances, we sometimes become fearful and doubt Your power at work for our good. Forgive us.

P: Lord Jesus Christ,

C: we confess that we have failed to rely on Your power to heal, strengthen, and protect. Forgive us.

P: Holy Spirit, giver of all good gifts,

C: we confess that we do not always expect You to guide and direct us in trying times. We sometimes expect others to do the caring, consoling, and comforting rather than seek Your renewal and strengthening. Forgive us.

P: Triune God,

C: we are sinners from birth and sin daily in our thinking, speaking, and acting. Without Your power and love, we cannot be people who reflect Your loving care. Forgive us, and direct our feet into paths on which we serve You in joy.

P: Give thanks to the God of heaven,

C: for His steadfast love endures forever.

P: God's almighty power is shown chiefly in triumphing over sin, death, and the grave. Christ's sacrifice has turned away God's righteous anger, atoning for all our sins. 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE "O Worship the King" LSB 804

**O worship the King, all-glorious above.
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

**Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!**

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INTROIT

Ps. 145:1–3, 6–7; antiphon: Ps. 145:5

P: On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

C: I will extol You, my God and King, and bless Your name forever and ever.

P: Every day I will bless You and praise Your name forever and ever.

C: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

P: They shall speak of the might of Your awesome deeds, and I will declare Your greatness.

C: They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

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: On the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You,

C: strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities;

P: 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

Genesis 9:8-17

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ “Behold, I establish My covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹ I establish My covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹² And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember My covenant that is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷ God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith – that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the

fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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 6:45-56

⁴⁵ Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶ And after He had taken leave of them, He went up on the mountain to pray. ⁴⁷ And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and He was alone on the land. ⁴⁸ And He saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, ⁴⁹ but when they saw Him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, ⁵⁰ for they all saw Him and were terrified. But immediately He spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I Do not be afraid." ⁵¹ And He got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, ⁵² for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. ⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. ⁵⁴ And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized Him ⁵⁵ and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard He was. ⁵⁶ And wherever He came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored Him that they might touch even the fringe of His garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "In Holy Conversation" *LSB 772*

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: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

OFFERING

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, but promised a Savior from sin. When evil pervaded the world, You destroyed all living things but saved Noah and his family. We give You thanks that You have used Your power to destroy sin, death, and the power of the devil. In the cross of Christ, we see the breadth and length and height and depth of Your love for us.

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

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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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Entrust Your Days and Burdens” *LSB 754*

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Heavenly Father, we bow our knees before You, giving thanks that You have strengthened us through this Sacrament. We ask that, through the Spirit and Christ dwelling in our hearts through faith, we 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

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 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” *LSB 717 vs. 1,*2,*3,4*

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THIS WEEK AT CLC — (7/29/18 – 8/5/18)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Congregational Cookout, 11:00am

Thursday: Worship/HC, 6:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending July 22, 2018)

General & Building Funds: \$5324.76

Attendance: Thursday: 22; Sunday: 107

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.

LADIES GUILD is doing a mission project of School Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We are requesting monetary donations to purchase the school supplies – \$5 or \$10 goes a long way. Please put cash or checks in an envelope addressed to Shirley Krueger or Judy Saeger and place in our respective mail boxes. Thank you for your assistance and generosity.

CLC BLOOD DRIVE is taking place Tuesday, August 14th from 3:30 - 6:15pm in the lower level of the church. Walk-ins are always welcome. Save a life, donate blood!

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING – A special voters’ meeting will be held on Sunday, August 26th, to approve the church mortgage refinancing through LCEF.

AUGUST HUMAN CARE DONATIONS are going to The Open Door. We are collecting packages of new underwear.

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“Arguments from some about when life begins, which inexcusably focus on eliminating the rights of the baby in the womb, are a perfect opportunity to speak the truth in love. We need to do this because this is not an abstract issue. It is a matter of life and death.” *Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life Regional Director of Minnesota –*
(www.lutheransforlife.org)