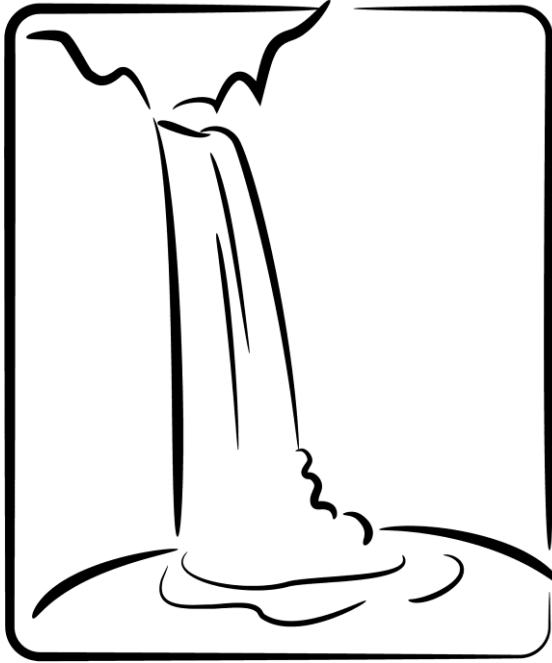


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Thursday, August 3 & Sunday, August 6, 2017



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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 "Seek Ye First" LSB 712

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P: Through Christ we are heirs of the gifts given long ago to the Israelites. For the gift of our adoption into the household of God,

C: we thank You, O Lord!

P: For the gift of God's glorious presence with us in Jesus,

C: we adore You, O Lord!

P: For the covenants God made with us, especially the covenant of forgiveness in Christ,

C: we praise You, O Lord!

P: For the Law of God, which guides us and points us to Christ,

C: we worship You, O Lord!

P: For freedom to praise and adore our giving God in worship,

C: we praise You, O Lord!

P: For the gracious promises of God, fulfilled in Jesus,

C: we adore You, O Lord!

P: For the patriarchs, whose struggles with faith teach us the way of following God,

C: we thank You, O Lord!

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: Mighty and merciful Lord, with heavy hearts we confess our sin to You.

(A time of silence is observed.)

P: Together we confess:

C: We have sinned against You, mighty God, in thought, word, and deed.

P: When we have been more concerned with the food that feeds our stomachs than we are with the food that nurtures our souls,

C: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

P: When we live as if the gifts God provides are less important than some of the trivial things with which we use up our time,

C: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

P: When we fill our ears with all sorts of things that cannot give us the life You give,

C: we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. Bring us to repentance, Lord. Forgive our sins – those of which we are aware and those we do unwittingly. Have mercy on us. Seek us, for You alone can find us and restore us.

P: “Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good,” says the Lord, “and delight yourselves in rich food.” Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, 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 105:39–43; antiphon: Psalm 105:1

P: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

C: He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.

P: They asked, and He brought quail, and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.

C: He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.

P: For He remembered His holy promise, and Abraham, His servant.

C: So He brought His people out with joy, His chosen ones with singing. 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: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples!

SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Lord of creation, You open wide Your hand and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

C: You feed our souls with the true bread from heaven, Jesus, our Savior.

P: Help us to receive the Bread of Life with joy,

C: so that we may participate in Your providing bread for the world, both body and soul;

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

Isaiah 55:1–5

¹ Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to Me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, My steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for He has glorified you.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 9:1–5

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ — I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit — ² that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵ To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13–21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 14th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³ Now when Jesus heard that John the Baptist had been beheaded, He withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by Himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed Him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When He went ashore He saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Now when it was evening, the disciples came to Him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They said to Him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." ¹⁸ And He said, "Bring them here to Me." ¹⁹ Then He ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" *LSB 740*

SERMON

CREED

The First Article

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Relying on Your mercy, which tirelessly seeks the lost and the least and transforms the lives of sinners, we bring our prayers before You, our merciful and almighty Lord.

Heavenly Father, You give the gift of adopting us into the family of the faithful. Enable the Church in this and every place to be a blessing to the communities in which we live. Empower pastors to preach the Word with power, teachers to teach the Word with clarity, and all believers to serve our neighbors in love. Bless The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod that walking together our voices would give a clear, spirited, and compassionate witness to the gifts of God in Christ to this hungry world. We give thanks for adopting us as Your sons and daughters as we cry,

C: O Lord, hear our prayer.

P: You give abundant promises to calm us in the midst of anxiety and trouble. Guide all who govern to do so with reverence, impartiality, and compassion. Watch over our military personnel in harm's way, and make Your comforting presence known to their families. Protect innocent people in war-torn nations. Preserve us from acts of terrorism. Reconcile us with our enemies. We give thanks for Your hope-sustaining promises as we cry,

C: O Lord, hear our prayer.

P: You give the gift of Your presence when our faith wanes and our hope is nearly lost. Comfort all who are experiencing anxiety, all who are sick, all who are dying, and all who are mourning, including . . . Help them to see that even in the midst of suffering, You are there, and You will never leave nor forsake those in trouble. We give thanks for Your glorious presence among us as we cry,

C: O Lord, hear our prayer.

P: You give the gift of Your Word to guide us – the Word that brings us down a notch when we are prideful and lifts us up when we are

faltering. We pray today for those in need who have requested our prayer. We give thanks for Your life-giving Word as we cry,

C: O Lord, hear our prayer.

P: You give the food that sustains both our bodies and souls. Bless the labor of all who set their hands to useful tasks – farmers and business owners, construction workers and accountants, homemakers and retail workers, factory workers and executives. Calm the hearts of the unemployed and underemployed. Grant that our land will produce an abundant harvest of goods and services that will bless many. Guide our stewardship of the gifts You entrust to us. We give thanks for Your gracious provision as we cry,

C: O Lord, hear our prayer.

P: You gather us for worship by Your Spirit, and You fill our hungry hearts with good things at the Lord's Table. Fill us with the Bread of Life that our lives may be bread for the hungry and water for those who thirst. We give thanks for the gifts we receive in worship as we cry,

C: O Lord, hear our prayer.

P: You give the example of ancestors in the faith – all those who have gone before us in the faith and have now died and abide in Your tender arms. We thank You for their life and witness, and how Your grace was shown in some way through them as we cry,

C: O Lord, hear our prayer.

P: Father, You give the invitation to bring everything to You in prayer. We entrust these prayers to You, relying on the promise and trusting in Your gracious and merciful disposition toward us through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

<p>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.</p>
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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: Thanks and praise be to You, O Lord, giver of all good gifts. You created the heavens and the earth. You provide food for all creatures. In the garden, Adam and Eve could eat of the fruit of any tree but one.

Even though they rebelled and ate from the forbidden tree and faced the consequences of sin, still You blessed them with clothing and food. You nourished Noah and his family while they floated in the ark. You provided manna, quail, and water from a rock for the Israelites in the wilderness. You fed Your rebellious people a steady diet of Your Word of judgment and promise through the prophets.

To this world, hungering and thirsting for righteousness, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, the Living Bread from heaven. Fill us by Your Spirit, so that our hearts overflow with living water, and guide us to fill the hungry with the good things You have entrusted to us. All honor, glory, and worship be to You, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach 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.

PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 774

Feed Thy chil - dren, God most ho - ly; Com - fort sin - ners
 poor and low - ly. O Thou Bread of Life from heav-en, Bless the
 food Thou here hast giv - en! As these gifts the bod-y nour - ish,
 May our souls in grac - es flour - ish Till with saints in
 heav'n - ly splen - dor At Thy feast due thanks we ren - der.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Gracious God, to this world so hungry for what is truly good and what can truly satisfy our hungry hearts, You send Jesus, the Bread of Life. For joining us together in the Body of Christ and for forgiving our sins in this Holy Communion, we give You thanks; 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: Nourished by the Word of Christ and fed by His body and blood, you are sent out into the world in the name of Jesus to fill the hungry with good things.

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 "In Thee Is Gladness" **LSB 818**

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THIS WEEK AT CLC — (August 6 – 13, 2017)

- Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am
- Wednesday:** Board of Trustees, 6:30
- Thursday:** Worship/HC, 6:30pm
- Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending July 30, 2017)

General & Building Funds: \$3949.00; Blessings: \$31.68; Memorial: \$195.00
Attendance: Thursday: 39; Sunday: 93

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.

CLC BLOOD DRIVE: Have you ever thought of donating blood as being a good steward of your time and talent? For those of you that are physically able, I urge you to thank the Lord for your good health by donating blood on Wednesday, August 23rd from 3:30 - 6:15pm in the lower level of the church. Walk-ins are always welcome. Save a life, donate blood!

COMMUNITY MEAL: Christ Lutheran Church will be hosting a supper for those in need on Tuesday, September 19th 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!

PICTORIAL COOKOUT: Sunday, August 20. Join us for some outdoor fun, fellowship, and sign up to have your photo taken for the 2018 Pictorial Directory. Rain location will be in the basement. Meat, buns, water, coffee, and lemonade will be provided. A signup sheet is located on the table to the right of the mailboxes.

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

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“What can we say to those who miscarry a child they already know and love? They are created, redeemed, and called, and God holds them in His hands.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life (www.lutheransforlife.org)*