# Last Sunday of the Church Year

Sunday, November 26, 2017



# **Christ Lutheran Church**

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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, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs" ...... LSB 812

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*INTROIT* Ps. 39:4–5, 7–8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13 NIV P: In keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

C: O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!

*P:* Behold, You have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before You.

C: And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in You.

*P:* Deliver me from all my transgressions. Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

C: Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not Your peace at my tears! For I am a sojourner with You, a guest, like all my fathers.

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*: In keeping with His promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

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#### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

<sup>11</sup> For thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup> And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the

mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> I Myself will be the shepherd of My sheep, and I Myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup> I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice." <sup>20</sup> Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: "Behold, I, I Myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup> Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup> I will rescue My flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup> And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

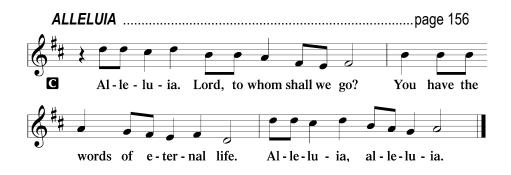
### EPISTLE READING

#### 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> For "God has put all things in subjection under His feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that He is excepted who put all things in subjection under Him. <sup>28</sup> When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subjected to Him who put all things in subjection under Him, that God may be all in all.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th chapter.



#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

#### Matthew 25:31-46

<sup>31</sup> Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> And He will place the sheep on His right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed Me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me, I was in prison and you came to Me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? <sup>38</sup> And when did we see You a stranger and welcome You, or naked and clothe You? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see You sick or in prison and visit You?' <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me.' <sup>41</sup> "Then He will say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave Me no food, I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not welcome Me, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' <sup>44</sup> Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord,

when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' <sup>45</sup> Then He will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' <sup>46</sup> And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"......LSB 336

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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.

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#### THIS WEEK AT CLC — (November 26 - December 3, 2017)

- **Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am; Choir practice, 11:30am
- **Wednesday:** Bible Class, 8:30am; 1<sup>st</sup> year Confirmation, 5:00pm; 2<sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation, 6:00pm
- **Thursday:** Worship/HC, 6:30pm; Ladies Guild Holiday Fellowship Gathering, 7:30
- **Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am; Choir practice, 11:30am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending November 19, 2017) General & Building Funds: \$4624.51; Blessings: \$17.17; Road Sign: \$100.00; BibleStick Ministry, \$475.00; Genesis Fund, \$1000.00 Attendance: Thursday: 23; Sunday: 109

### CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

**<u>GUESTS AND VISITORS</u>**: 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.

<u>A SUBSCRIPTION TO THE LUTHERAN WITNESS</u> is available for an annual fee of \$22.01. If you are interested in a subscription for 2018, please forward your name and mailing address to the church secretary by no later than December 17, 2017.

<u>YOU ARE INVITED!</u> The Ladies Guild would like to invite everyone to stay after our first Advent midweek service on November 30<sup>th</sup> for an Advent/Christmas fellowship time. We will be serving Christmas cookies, coffee, hot cider, and hot chocolate. Enjoy some time visiting with one another. Stay as long as you like.

<u>"FOOD FOR THE BODY"</u> donations have been taken to the Neighbor's Place for needy people. Thank you to all who have donated to this cause.

**NOVEMBER HUMAN CARE DONATIONS** are going to Little Lambs Daycare. Items needed are See and Say toys, Pop-up shapes toys, Felt (assorted colors), Stickers, Sequins or sparkles, and Ribbon.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**: Christmas Eve worship will be at 4:00pm. (There will be no 9:00am service that day.) Christmas Day worship will be at 9:00am.

**GREATER WAUSAU CHRISTIAN SERVICES** (GWCS) shares New Life Recovery Bibles with correctional clients in the Marathon County Jail. The organization has depleted its Bible budget for 2017, but the need persists. If you would like to make a donation to GWCS to fund more Bibles, please contact Christ Lutheran's representative on the GWCS board, Brian Otten, or contact the organization.

GWCS is a community of congregations that bring Christian compassion and hope to individuals and families through ministry in elder care facilities, the Marathon County Jail and the Marathon County Juvenile Facility. GWCS is located at 319 Fourth Street in Wausau. For more information on the organization, visit gwcservices.org.

### "LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life

"A child who has been adopted by loving parents knows from the outset that he is loved because he knows they chose him. He was not simply accepted because he was conceived and born into their midst but was sought out to become their child. God is like that with us! 'Although it may appear outwardly that we make our way toward God, the joyful and wonderful truth is that it is God who comes to us' (Matthew the Poor)." *Abbot Tryphon, Vashon Island, Washington – (www.lutheransforlife.org)*