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Sunday, July 16, 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 "Thy Strong Word" LSB 578 vs. 1,2,5,6 Δ

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INTROIT

Ps. 103:15–19; antiphon: Ps. 103:8

P: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

P: But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments.

C: The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all.

P: 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.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰ For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall My word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the

thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:12-17

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

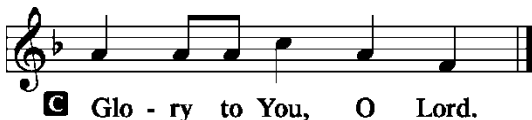
C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and RESPONSES



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 13th chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² And great crowds gathered about Him, so that He got into a boat and

sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And He told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶ but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ He who has ears, let him hear.”

¹⁸ “Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³ As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☪ Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN “Father, We Thank Thee” *LSB 652*

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

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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DISTRIBUTION HYMN “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” *LSB* 901

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thank the Lord” page 164

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HYMN “Sing to the Lord of Harvest” *LSB* 893

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THIS WEEK — (July 16 - 23, 2017)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; What We Believe class, 10:30am

Wednesday: Quilters, 10:00am

Thursday: Worship/HC, 6:30pm

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending July 9, 2017)

General & Building Funds: \$5154.80; Blessings: \$23.00; Memorial: \$50.00

Attendance: Thursday: 20; Sunday: 141

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS AND VISITORS: 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.

WHAT WE BELIEVE CLASS (for those interested in membership as well as those who have questions about what Lutherans believe and why they do the things that they do) will meet following fellowship time on Sunday.

JULY HUMAN CARE will go to Hope Life Center to benefit pregnant moms. Items being collected are: *bottled water* (for ultrasounds) and *gift cards* (Kwik Trip, Target, Wal-mart).

NEEDED: The quilters are in need of top sheets for backings for the quilts. Large pieces of fabric will also work. Thanks!

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

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“God’s love edifies. It gives life. And you, my friend, are in the people business. You’ve been placed on this earth to share what people need most: enduring, true, life-edifying, divine love. You have been freed from a task-driven, striving-for-self-worth existence. God has called you His own. He has declared you precious in His sight and proven it by giving up His Only Son so you could be His own. Now you represent Him here on earth. You give what He has given you.” *Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz, speaker on The Lutheran Hour – (www.lutheransforlife.org)*