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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 "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" LSB 851

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INTROIT

Ps. 143:1-2; antiphon: Ps. 143:9

P: Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord! I have fled to You for refuge!

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

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

C: Enter not into judgment with Your servant, for no one living is righteous before You.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 14:1-12

¹ As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ² One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³ Let not the one who eats despise

the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵ One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶ The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹ for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

²¹ Then Peter came up and said to Jesus, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. ²³ "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell

down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also My heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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 — (September 17-24, 2017)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am

Monday: Budget Committee, 5:00pm

Tuesday: Community Meal – St. Paul’s UCC

Wednesday: Bible Class, 8:30am; Quilters, 9:30am; 1st year Confirmation, 5:00pm; 2nd year Confirmation, 6:00pm

Thursday: Worship/HC, 6:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education Hour, 10:30am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending September 10, 2017)

General & Building Funds: \$4,502.00; Community Meal: \$100.00;

Blessings: \$25.50; Memorial-Road Sign: \$200.00; Refreshment Table: \$85.00

Attendance: Thursday: 28; Sunday: 142

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.

COMMUNITY MEAL is this Tuesday at St. Paul’s United Church of Christ.

PORTALS OF PRAYER devotion booklets for October-December quarter are located on the table in the narthex!

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

THRIVENT FINANCIAL will match up to \$3 million of personal donations toward helping the victims of the recent hurricanes. Visit the [Disaster Response page on Thrivent.com](#) for details.

THE NATIONAL LIFECHAIN that was scheduled for October 1 in Wausau has been canceled due to a remodeling project at St. Mary's. If you would like to find a different National Lifechain location to attend, check out www.nationallifechain.net

"THE REFORMATION": Orders are now being taken for a new book on the history of the Reformation. Dr. Cameron MacKenzie, (professor of church history at Concordia Seminary, Fort Wayne,) presents a fresh look at this topic in this very readable and illustrated book. A sample of the book's contents and sign-up poster are located in the Fellowship Hall. Orders must be in by Sunday, October 8.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF WAUSAU AREA INGATHERING: will take place on Saturday, October 7. Volunteers are needed to help load the truck. See the fellowship bulletin board for more information.

SEPTEMBER HUMAN CARE DONATIONS will be going to Little Lambs Daycare. Items needed are Glue Sticks, Watercolor Paints, Color Stamp Pads, and Washable Paint (assorted colors).

Christian Stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. Throughout the year you will receive handouts discussing the eight important principles, from God's Word, that define Christian Stewardship and provide direction for growth. Check your mailbox for Stewardship Principles 1 and 2.

"LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life

"Every time you meet another human being you have the opportunity. It's a chance at holiness. For you will do one of two things. Either you will build him up or you will tear him down. There are no useless, minor meetings. There are no dead-end jobs. There are no pointless lives. Swallow your sorrows; forget your grievances and all the hurt your poor life has sustained. Turn your face truly to the human before you and let her, for one pure moment, shine. Think her important, and then she will suspect that she is fashioned of God." *Walt Wangerin, pastor and author – (www.lutheransforlife.org)*