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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 "Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken" LSB 521 vs. 1,3,4,6

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 116:1–2

P: I love the Lord, because He has heard

C: my voice and my pleas for mercy.

P: Because He inclined His ear to me,

C: therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 116:4–5, 8–9

P: Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"

C: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

P: Since we are gathered to our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.

Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling; I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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 "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" **LSB 819**

1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -
 3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
 a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood
 hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness
 Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our
 And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and
 souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:
 praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:
 To God all praise and glo - ry!
 To God all praise and glo - ry!

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INTROIT

Psalm 31:14–16; antiphon: v. 24

P: Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!

C: But I trust in You, O Lord; I say, "You are my God." My times are in Your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies and from my persecutors!

P: Make Your face shine on Your servant; save me in Your steadfast love!

C: 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: Be strong, and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, at times we fear that You are far away from us.

C: Forgive us for doubting Your presence, and give us confidence that our redeemer and vindicator is always near;

P: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 50:4–10

⁴ The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning He awakens; He awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵ The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶ I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷ But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸ He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹ Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. ¹⁰ Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of His servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

James 3:1–12

¹ Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ² For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³ If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴ Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵ So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶ And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷ For

every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸ but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹ Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹² Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:14–29

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴ And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵ And immediately all the crowd, when they saw Jesus, were greatly amazed and ran up to Him and greeted Him. ¹⁶ And He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷ And someone from the crowd answered Him, "Teacher, I brought my son to You, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸ And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked Your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹ And He answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to Me." ²⁰ And they brought the boy to Him. And when the spirit saw Him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³ And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸ And when He had entered the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹ And He said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Tune My Ears to Hear Your Mercy

Lisa M. Clark

Mark Knickelbein



1 Tune my ears to hear Your mer - cy, Trust - ing
2 Teach my tongue to tell of wis - dom That can
3 Train my feet, that I may fol - low, Trac - ing



in Your Ho - ly Word. O - pen wide my heart to
on - ly come from You. When de - ceiv - ers jeer and
where You walked be - fore. Guide my path and keep me



lis - ten To the Gos - pel un - de - terred. When the
threat - en, Keep my words up - right and true When the
stead - y Past the trial and grave in store. When the



Word made flesh de - scend - ed, Heal - ing deaf and mut - ed
Word of life was dy - ing And the dev - il spat dis -
Word of truth a - wak - ened, Turn - ing death in - to a



souls, He ful - filled the proph - ets' vi - sions Writ - ten
grace, Pur - est blood flowed, tes - ti - fy - ing: Christ took
lie, He de - clared my case ac - quit - ted— Sa - tan's



in the sa - cred scrolls.
on the sin - ner's place.
ver - dict to de - fy!

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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

Psalm 116:4–5

P: We come before our Lord in prayer, saying along with the psalmist, "O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"

C: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful."

P: Father in heaven, as we hear of the suffering and humiliation described by Isaiah, we remember Jesus' great sacrifice on our behalf. In times of persecution for the sake of bearing Christ's name, remind us that You are with us and Your grace sustains us. O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!

C: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

P: Father in heaven, James reminds us that the tongue is a powerful part of our body, and our words can do great harm or good. Give us Your Spirit that we would not lie, betray, slander, or hurt with our words, but instead use them to defend our neighbor and praise Your name. O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!

C: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

P: Father in heaven, Your Son cast out demons and bestowed healing with just His Word. According to Your will, restore and give wholeness to those who are suffering, especially... O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!

C: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

P: Father in heaven, You care for all of Your sheep. Work through us to reach out in love to those among us who are straying from Your fold. Restore them so that together we might be fed by Your Word and Sacrament in the holy flock of Your Church. O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!

C: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

P: Heavenly Father, give us faithful hearts with which to receive Your Son's body and blood at Your Table. Grant that it strengthen and sustain us in the one true faith. O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!

C: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy.

C: Amen.

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

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.

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.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came into the world to be the Servant who would provide vindication for His beloved. Because of His great love for us, we can be confident that He is near even to the end of the age. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.**

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You sent Your Son to be the Servant who gave us His body and blood on the cross to win our vindication. We give You thanks that You now feed us with His same body and blood as we remember, and receive the benefits of, the sacrifice our Savior made on our behalf.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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 "Christ, the Word of God Incarnate" *LSB 540*

- 2 Christ, the living bread from heaven,
Food for body, food for soul;
Christ, the manna daily given,
Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.
Feed us with the food of heaven,
Foretaste of the feast to be;
Quench our thirst with living water
Springing up eternally.

- 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
Christ, the firstborn from the dead,
Christ, the life and resurrection,
Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration
And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit
And to You eternally.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Take My Life and Let It Be" *LSB 784*

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You gave Your Son to become true man to suffer and die for our vindication. Give us confidence in knowing that the One who vindicated us is always near; 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

Psalm 116:1–2

P: I love the Lord, because He has heard

C: my voice and my pleas for mercy.

P: Because He inclined His ear to me,

C: therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

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 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" **LSB 918**

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THIS WEEK AT CLC — (9/16/18 – 9/23/18)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education hour, 10:30am; Choir rehearsal, 11:30am

Monday: Budget Committee, 5:00pm

Tuesday: Community Meal

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

Thursday: Worship/HC, 6:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education hour, 10:30am; Choir rehearsal, 11:30am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending September 9, 2018)

General & Building Funds: \$10,144.50; Blessings: \$16.76

Attendance: Thursday: 14; Sunday: 151

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.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION DINNER – CLC will be celebrating its 40th anniversary on Sunday, October 14. Sign up to attend the dinner either on the poster in the narthex or on Facebook.

FOR OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY – please share a historical event, experience, kindness, etc... and in part who, what, and why we are at Christ Lutheran and that we are a Christian body and family to serve our Lord and mankind. The purpose is to edify and enrich our history with newer members and remind present members of the mercies and joys of our congregational history. That is what anniversaries are supposed to do: share experiences, joys, past, present and look to our future! We ask also that summitters make known whether they want to be identified or anonymous and to keep the shared experience as brief and concise as possible. Thank you in advance for sharing and please have the submittal ready no later than Sunday, October 7th, for Sue Meyer and any questions may be also directed to her. You may place them in Meyer church mailbox, email them to Sue Meyer at wsmeyer@frontier.com or communicate directly to her.

SEPTEMBER HUMAN CARE DONATIONS – We are collecting monetary donations to purchase Bibles. Please direct all donations for this cause to “LWML – Bibles”.

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“Oh, how the believer in Christ needs to remember that Christ lives within. This is no longer my life, it is Christ’s. Yes, you live in the midst of a battle between the culture of death and the culture of life. Stand firm in Christ, where the abundant life has always been and always will be!” *Rev. Lyndon Korhonen, president of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations* – (www.lutheransforlife.org)