

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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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 Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" LSB 902

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P: O Lord, how long shall I cry for help?

C: Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

P: If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come. It will not delay. The righteous shall live by faith.

C: We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.

P: I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God . . . for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

C: Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord.

P: Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say,

C: We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: Lord, we come to You as unworthy servants as we are by nature sinful and unclean.

C: We are by nature sinful. We have not always done what was our faithful duty. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Often our service to others has been rooted in selfishness and our motives have been impure. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

P: We are unworthy servants, for we have sinned and deserve present and eternal punishment. For our sake, our Lord Jesus Christ came into this sinful and selfish world as the perfect Servant. He served us

by His perfect life and by giving up His life on Calvary's cross as payment for our sin. At the command and promise of our Lord Jesus Christ and as a called and ordained servant of His Word, I forgive you all your sin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm 119:162, 164–165, 167; antiphon: Psalm 119:166*

P: I hope for Your salvation, O Lord, and I do Your commandments.

C: I rejoice at Your word like one who finds great spoil.

P: Seven times a day I praise You for Your just and righteous decrees.

C: Great peace have those who love Your law; nothing can make them stumble.

P: My soul keeps Your testimonies; I love them exceedingly.

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: I hope for Your salvation, O Lord, and I do Your commandments.

HYMN OF PRAISE *LSB 805*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

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SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God, Your gift of faith is a blessing to us and gives us the confidence that You are continually by our side. Teach us to live our lives as a reflection of Your love that we may serve You and humbly serve others in truth, that all may give honor to You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

¹ The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. ² O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and You will not hear? Or cry to You “Violence!” and You will not save? ³ Why do You make me see iniquity, and why do You idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴ So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

2 Timothy 1:1–14

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, ² To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³ I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. ⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹ who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰ and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹ for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹² which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³ Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴ By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Luke 17:3b

ALL: Alleluia. If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:1–10

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

1 And Jesus said to His disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! 2 It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. 3 Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, 4 and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him." 5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" 6 And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. 7 "Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? 8 Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? 9 Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? 10 So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "I Know My Faith Is Founded" *LSB 587*

SERMON

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of

Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

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| <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: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world, You gave Your only Son as the true servant needed, that all

those who believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Through Christ, His perfect life, sacrificial death, and victorious resurrection, You have counted us worthy to stand before You, to serve You, and to humbly serve others. Send now Your Spirit into our hearts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His body and blood. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup,
C: we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes. Come, Lord Jesus.

PAX DOMINI

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMN “God Loves Me Dearly” LSB 392

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this gift of Yourself and Your forgiveness. We ask that because of Your great mercy, You would strengthen us in faith toward You and in our love toward one another. May we through this body and blood shed for us, having received the forgiveness of sins and nourishment of faith, be moved to bear good fruit and fulfill the words of Jesus in our lives, and say,
C: We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.

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.

BENEDICTION

P: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us that which is pleasing to Him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. 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 “Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way” *LSB 857*

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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Twentieth-first Sunday after Pentecost

Ruth 1:1–19a

2 Timothy 2:1–13

Luke 17:11–19

THIS WEEK— (October 2nd – 9th)

Sunday: Worship/HC/LWML Sunday, 9:00am; LWML Craft and Bake Sale; Christian Ed, 10:30am

Monday: Elders, 6:00pm

Tuesday: Virtual Dementia Tour, 11:00am-7:00pm;
Ladies Guild, 6:30pm

Wednesday: Bible Study, 8:30am; Confirmation Class
2nd year, 5:00pm; Confirmation Class 1st year, 6:00pm;
Clay Meeting, 6:00pm; Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm

Thursday: Worship/HC, 6:30pm; Bible Class, 7:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC/Pastor Appreciation Sunday, 9:00am;
Christian Ed, 10:30am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending 09/25/16)

General Fund: \$4347.00; Building Fund: \$135.00;

Blessings: \$16.43; Memorial: \$150.00; Miscellaneous: \$3.00

Total Attendance: 165 (Midweek: 19; Sunday: 146)

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.

TODAY IS LWML SUNDAY! Ladies Guild is sponsoring a Bake & Craft Sale with proceeds going toward mission projects. Baked goods will be a freewill offering, craft items are priced. Thank you for your support.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. For almost 75 years, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

LWML MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League is to assist each woman of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

IMPORTANT CHANGE: During the last full week of October, the new monitored security system will be activated for whenever the building is vacant. The alarm will need to be deactivated whenever someone enters the building or the alarm will sound and the authorities will be notified. LOOK FOR FURTHER INFORMATION regarding codes, training, etc. to be coming soon.

There Will Be a 'Celebration of Life' service for Michelle Shuler, daughter of Stephen & Mary Shuler, grand-daughter of Rev. Leonard and Pauline Erdman at Saint John Lutheran (E10723 County Z) on Friday, October 7th at 11:00am. Her burial in the church cemetery will follow the service. There will be a lunch after the burial. Any who wish to attend are welcome. Thank you. Steve & Mary Shuler

COMMUNITY MEAL: Christ Lutheran Church will be hosting a supper for those in need on Tuesday, October 11th at St. Paul's United Church of Christ. A volunteer sign-up sheet for assisting at the meal and providing food is in the fellowship hall. Monetary donations may be placed in Sandi Michaelis's mailbox. Thank you for sharing your time, finances, food and hearts with those less fortunate!

CHOIR REHERSAL continues on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm.

CLC QUILTERS REPORT: There were 73 school kits, 41 health kits and 57 quilts put together. These will be sent out on October 8th. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped work on these projects.

VIRTUAL DEMENTIA TOUR: Someone you know is or will be affected by dementia. Here is an opportunity to learn what dementia feels like. Christ Lutheran Church is hosting a Virtual Dementia Tour on Tuesday, October 4th. Sign up for half hour slot between 11:00am – 7:00pm at the small table near the mailboxes. It is not mandatory to sign up – but you are strongly encouraged to, so you don't have to wait for an opening. It is open to the community so plan to attend and invite friends and family.

BLOOD DONATIONS from healthy men and women are needed every day throughout the year. These donations are needed to save the lives of your friends, family, and neighbors – accident victims, cancer patients, and surgical patients. All the blood collected by the Blood Center of Northcentral Wisconsin comes from volunteer donors in our area. We must increase our blood collections to keep up with the increasing demands of the hospitals we supply in Wausau, Shawano, Antigo, and Medford. Your participation in the past blood drives is greatly appreciated.

UPCOMING CLC BLOOD DRIVE is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26th from 3:30-6:30pm. Please sign up at the podium in the fellowship hall.

HUMAN CARE FOR OCTOBER is WAUSAU COMMUNITY WARMING CENTER. The items needed include: instant oatmeal packets, soft breakfast bars, fruit and applesauce cups, peanut butter and jelly, powdered creamer/sugar. Thank you for your donations!

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“Parents also do well in preparing young men and women for the realities of married life. Because of the Fall, marriage is hard work. It requires appreciation of our differences as male and female, the commitment to work together, trust, friendship, and more *agape* than *eros* love.” — *Linda Bartlett, former president of Lutherans For Life* (www.lutheransforlife.org)