# 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Christ Lutheran Church

Sunday, October 14, 2018



## 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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#### INVOCATION

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

#### OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 90:14

P: Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,

C: that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: That we worship our faithful God with cleansed minds and hearts, let us join in a time for silent prayer and confession.

(We reflect on God's Word and our great need for Jesus.)

P: Faithful Father, hear Your children pray:

C: Forgive us for the many times and many ways we have broken Your commands. By what we have done and by what we have failed to do, we have sinned against You and against one another in thought, word, and deed. By the mercy that You show us in the cross of Your dear Son, cleanse our hearts and minds of our guilt and shame. Grant that we, holding fast to the promises of our risen Savior, live with confidence in the grace that draws us into Your holy presence. In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior we pray. Amen.

P: Brothers and sisters, we have gathered in the Lord's name and in His house so that we share in all the blessings of life and salvation Jesus freely gives to all who repent of their sin and trust in Him. Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Lord, announce His grace to all of you and, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

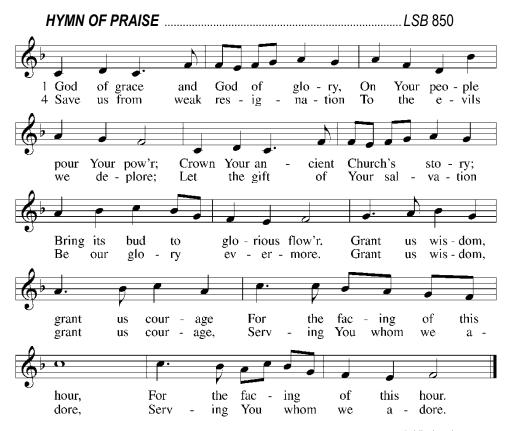
#### INTROIT

P: O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

C: Blessèd are You, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

P: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is Yours.

- C: Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and You are exalted as head above all.
- P: And now we thank You, our God, and praise Your glorious name.
- 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: O LORD, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.



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#### SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You have promised to be with Your Church forever. We praise You for Your presence in this place of worship and ask Your ongoing blessing upon those who gather here. Dwell continually among us with Your holy Word and Sacraments, strengthen our fellowship in the bonds of love and peace, and increase our faithful witness to Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

1 Kings 8:22-30

<sup>22</sup> Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, <sup>23</sup> and said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like You, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to Your servants who walk before You with all their heart: 24 You have kept with Your servant David my father what You declared to him. You spoke with Your mouth, and with Your hand have fulfilled it this day. <sup>25</sup> Now therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for Your servant David my father what You have promised him, saying, 'You shall not lack a man to sit before Me on the throne of Israel, if only your sons pay close attention to their way, to walk before Me as you have walked before Me.' 26 Now therefore, O God of Israel, let Your word be confirmed, which You have spoken to Your servant David my father. <sup>27</sup> But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You; how much less this house that I have built! 28 Yet have regard to the prayer of Your servant and to his plea, O Lord my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that Your servant prays before You this day, 29 that Your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which You have said, 'My name shall be there,' that You may listen to the prayer that Your servant offers toward this place. 30 And listen to the plea of Your servant and of Your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. And listen in heaven Your dwelling place, and when You hear, forgive.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### SECOND READING

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be His people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." <sup>5</sup> And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also He said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM "O God Beyond All Praising"

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 19:1-10

*P:* The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter. **C:** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup> And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. <sup>4</sup> So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was about to pass that way. <sup>5</sup> And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup> So he hurried and came down and received Him joyfully. <sup>7</sup> And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." <sup>8</sup> And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." <sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

#### **SERMON**

#### CREEDAL ANTHEM "We Believe"

Congregation joins in singing the final stanza.

#### We Believe

Congregational Part, Final Stanza\*

Chris Anderson

NEW MARTYRS (Original Hymntune) DAN FORREST (ASCAP)



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#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

#### WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

#### **★ SACRAMENT ★**

#### **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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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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 have had mercy on us children of men and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but hold fast to the eternal life freely given us through faith in Jesus Christ. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us by His death and resurrection. Send Your Holy Spirit into our hearts that He would

establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive Him who 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

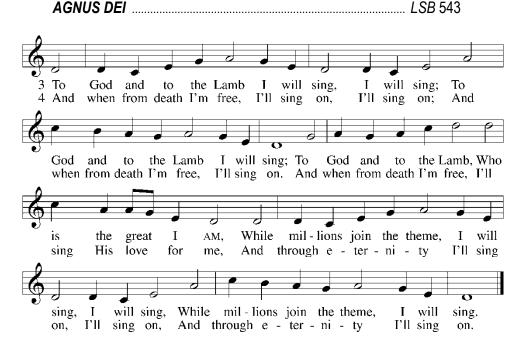
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.



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#### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. O God the Father, You are the source of everything good. We thank You for the goodness and mercy You have shown to us in the broken body and shed blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who have shared in Christ go forth and extend to others the grace we here have received; 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 90:14

P: Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love, C: that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

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.

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## THIS WEEK AT CLC — (10/14/18 – 10/21/18)

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

Wednesday: Bible class, 8:30am Thursday: Worship/HC, 6:30pm

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

## OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending October 7, 2018)

General & Building Funds: \$5814.00; Blessings: \$116.00

Attendance: Thursday: 21; Sunday: 111

## **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.

**THANK YOU** to Pastor Gaugert for being able to join us in worship today as we celebrate 40 years of God's blessings on Christ Lutheran Church and the spread of the Gospel in Africa!

A DOOR OFFERING IS BEING TAKEN TODAY to help support Pastor Gaugert in his missionary efforts in Togo and West Africa.

NO CONFIRMATION CLASSES this week.

**REMINDER**: No Thursday evening worship on October 25.

**THE FOOD FOR THE BODY** collection for September was donated to the Women's Community. Thank you everyone for remembering the food donation box.

THE QUILTERS have 53 quilts that are being gathered this year for Lutheran World Relief. We also did 5 that will be given to Bethesda clients. We put together 60 school kits. This past year our quilts went to Georgia. Our school kits went to Angola and Ukraine. In 2017, 305,490 quilts were shipped to those in need. Thanks for the helpers that picked up kits to sew tops. We have made more kits up. Thanks for everything. – Jean Richards

## "LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life

"Look at your infancy and give thought to whether you remember that you were in your mother's womb, that you lay in a cradle, that you sucked your mother's breasts, cried, ate pap, grew, etc. Yet we are certainly alive even during the first year, when the fetus is carried in the mother's womb." *Martin Luther (LW 5:75)* – (www.lutheransforlife.org)