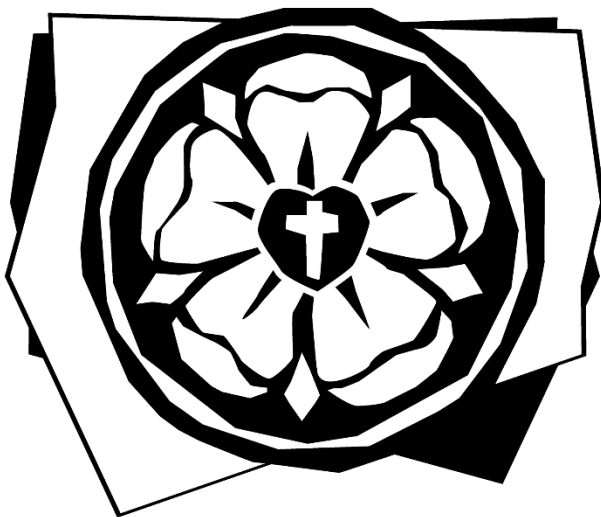


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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LSB 657

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Based on Psalm 46:1, 8–11

L: God is our refuge and strength,

C: a very present help in trouble.

L: Come, behold the works of the Lord.

C: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth.

L: He will be exalted among the nations.

C: He will be exalted in the earth.

L: The Lord of hosts is with us;

C: the God of Jacob is our fortress.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: God indeed is our refuge and strength, our help and our fortress.

Yet we often choose to flee from the refuge of the Lord. We abandon the strength and safety of God, trusting in our own strength and power. The apostle Paul writes that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. And Jesus says that everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. As we enter the house of the Lord and call upon Him for His good and gracious gifts, let us consider our enslavement to sin and our continued shortcomings as God's people.

(Silence for reflection)

L: Heavenly Father,

C: we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have sinned as individuals and as a community.

We have ignored neighbors in need. We have caused divisions among Your people. We have sought refuge in the things of this world and not in You. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us back to You, our refuge and strength.

L: While we have indeed all fallen short of the glory of God, we are all also justified by God's grace as a gift. Though we have been slaves to sin, God has set us free in the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ.

C: The Son has set us free, and we are free indeed. Amen.

INTROIT

Ps. 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Ps. 119:46

All: I will speak of Your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,] and shall not be put to shame. I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. The Lord redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

HYMN OF PRAISE LSB 805

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to free us from our enslavement to sin. Help us to abide in Your Word and bring others by Your Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ, so that every nation, tribe, language, and people will know the saving power of Christ and His resurrection. Through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING*Revelation 14:6-7*

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷ And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgment has come, and worship Him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING*Romans 3:19-28*

¹⁹ Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it – ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in His divine forbearance He had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show His righteousness at the present time, so that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand.)

VERSE*Luke 12:32*

ALL: Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in Him, "If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ They answered Him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that You say, 'You will become free'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "Salvation unto Us Has Come" *LSB 555 vs. 1,3,5,6*

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 OF THE CHURCH

L: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, You are our refuge and strength. Defend Your Church from the attacks and accusations of the devil. Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and His Word. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord, since the fall into sin, all creation groans for restoration. Earthquakes, hurricanes, fires, floods, and other disasters cause great fear. But You are the God of all creation. Calm our hearts and be in our midst when the earth gives way. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord, in this fallen world, nations rage and kingdoms totter. War, violence, and division plague the earth. But You are the Lord of hosts, and You are with us. Defend us from conflict and be our King of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord, send healing to all who are sick, injured, and recovering. If it be Your will, restore their health with the overflowing abundance that comes only from Your hand. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Lord, death remains a curse until You come again. Many mourn the death of loved ones. Comfort all who grieve with the hope of the promised resurrection in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

PREFACE TO THE SACRAMENT

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

L: 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS “O Lord of Power, Might, and Strength” Tune: LSB 555

**O Lord of power, might, and strength,
Your glory spans creation.
Its breadth and height and depth and length
Reach past our comprehension.
We shout: Hosanna! Blest is He
Who in God’s name has come to be
The one whose truth sets all free!**

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come 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.

AGNUS DEI "O Lamb of God, You Take Away" Tune: *LSB 555*

**O Lamb of God, You take away
The sins of all creation,
Though we have fallen short each day
Of Your great glory's station.
Still You have justified us all.
By grace, as gift, we're freed to call
Upon Your Father's mercy.**

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN "I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table" *LSB 618*

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

L: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Help us to abide in Christ and His Word that sets us free, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

C: Amen.

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THIS WEEK AT CLC — (10/28/18 – 11/4/18)

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

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

Thursday: Worship/HC, 6:30pm

Saturday: Daylight Saving Time ends. Turn your clocks back one hour

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

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 President Lueck for proclaiming the Gospel in today’s service.

PASTOR WETMORE returns from vacation on Monday, October 29.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES RESUME next Wednesday.

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“God justifies sinners by grace through faith for Jesus’ sake. Salvation comes as a gift and not because of one’s own works. This truth stands at the heart of all Christians say and do ... God’s graciousness governs how we engage life issues. Not only are human beings forgiven, redeemed, and resurrected by grace, but every human life is valued and beloved by grace—age, appearance, and ability notwithstanding. Even after 500 years, we rejoice to proclaim and perform this Gospel.” *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, executive director of Lutherans For Life – (www.lutheransforlife.org)*