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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 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" LSB 809

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INTROIT

Ps. 56:10–13; antiphon: Ps. 56:3

P: When I am afraid, I put my trust in You.

C: In God, whose word I praise, in the Lord, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?

P: I must perform my vows to You, O God; I will render thank offerings to You.

C: For You have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 4:1-15

¹ Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." ² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but for Cain and his offering He had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶ The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it." ⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰ And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground. ¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² When you work the

ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³ Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴ Behold, You have driven me today away from the ground, and from Your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶ For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved His appearing. ¹⁶ At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into His heavenly kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-17

⁹ Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified,

rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”¹⁵ Now they were bringing even infants to Him that He might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them.¹⁶ But Jesus called them to him, saying, “Let the children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”¹⁷ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

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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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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Reformation Day

Revelation 14:6–7

Romans 3:19–28

John 8:31–36 or Matthew 11:12–19

THIS WEEK— (October 23rd – 30th)

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

Tuesday: Home Bible Study, 1:00pm

Wednesday: Bible Study, 8:30am; CLC Blood Drive, 3:30pm;
Confirmation Class 2nd year, 5:00pm;

Confirmation 1st year, 6:00pm; Clay Meeting, 6:00pm

Thursday: Bethesda Work Day, 1:00pm; Worship/HC, 6:30pm;
Bible Class, 7:30pm

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

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD’S LOVE (Week ending 10/16/16)

General Fund: \$3823.50; Building Fund: \$65.00;

Blessings: \$18.68; Memorial: \$155.00; Hmong Ministry: \$40.00

Total Attendance: 133 (Midweek: 21; Sunday: 112)

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.

C.L.A.Y. FUNDRAISER . . . *Experience the Wow!*

The One And Only *Butter Braid* Frozen Pastry Dough

We are taking orders for the Butter Braid Pastries from now until October 23rd with delivery on the weekend of November 12 and 13. Pastry flavors include: Apple, Blueberry & Cream Cheese, Caramel Rolls, Cherry, Cream Cheese, Cinnamon, Raspberry, Strawberry & Cream Cheese.

We are fundraising for our trip to the Creation Museum. Check out the poster above the **C.L.A.Y.** glass-enclosed white board in the fellowship room, and the signup sheet on the table below.

We did the taste test and '*Experienced the Wow!*' Now we want to make it available for you with this fundraiser. Thank you. **C**hrist **L**utheran **A**ctive **Y**outh

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH FALL CHORES or CLEANUP?

C.L.A.Y. is willing to help! Please sign up at the table under the **C.L.A.Y.** glass-enclosed white board in the fellowship room near the mailboxes. On the sign-up sheet, please include your name, address, phone number, and job description.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: The sanctuary Christmas decorations are being up-dated. The council has authorized \$800 of church funds for this project, but after surveying what is needed it appears that the cost will exceed this amount. An appeal is being made to the congregation to consider a donation towards this project. If you would like to donate towards the new decorations please place the donation in an envelope with your name, mark the envelope **Christmas Decorations**, and place it in the offering plate.

SAVE A LIFE, DONATE BLOOD! Have you ever thought of donating blood as being a good steward of your time and talent? For those who are physically able, I urge you to thank the Lord for your good health by donating blood.

UPCOMING: CLC Blood Drive is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26th from 3:30-6:30pm in the lower fellowship room. Please sign up at the podium in the fellowship hall. Walk-ins are always welcome.

HUMAN CARE FOR OCTOBER—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!

MISSION-U-201 Dealing with Tough Question is being hosted by Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 3210 Maple Drive, Plover, WI 54467 on Saturday, November 12th from 9am-2pm. Supplies will be provided for each participant. Please register by email at beautifulsaviorpl@sbcglobal.net or by calling Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church at 715-341-2898. The cost is \$8 each or \$25 for groups of 4 or more from the same congregation (this includes refreshments and lunch). Please make your check payable to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church—Mission U. Then mail it to the church, 3210 Maple Dr., Plover, WI 54467. The MISSION-U-201 MEMO is located on the large bulletin board in the fellowship hall with several copies on the table below.

FAITH IN ACTION'S "5th Annual Gift of Hope Holiday Care

Drive" is taking place now through December 2nd 2016. Please help in giving the gift of hope by donating non-perishable food items and other items for seniors in need. Check out the red poster on the bulletin board; also the list in your mailbox. Place your donations in the Christmas gift-wrapped box located across from the drinking fountains. Thank you for your support.

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“Every day in this country such confusion and fear leads to nearly 3,000 babies being brutally destroyed through abortion. These are babies created by God, babies for whom Jesus died, and babies God wants to call into an eternal relationship with Him ... How can we possibly label these [issues] ‘political’ and withhold the only thing that can speak to such matters of the heart? The Gospel is designed to speak to hearts: your heart, my heart, all hearts. The Gospel calls us to repentance. The Gospel cleanses our hearts and forgives the sins that flow from our hearts.” — *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, former executive director of Lutherans For Life* (www.lutheransforlife.org)