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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 "Not What These Hands Have Done" LSB 567 vs. 1,2,3,6

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INTROIT *Ps. 119:137–140, 142; antiphon: Ps. 119:144*

P: Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

C: Righteous are You, O Lord, and right are Your just decrees.

P: You have appointed Your testimonies in righteousness and in all faithfulness.

C: My zeal consumes me, because my foes forget Your words.

P: Your promise is well tried, and Your servant loves it.

C: Your righteousness is righteous forever, and Your law is true.

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: Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING *Amos 8:4-7*

⁴ Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, ⁵ saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, ⁶ that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?" ⁷ The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

1 Timothy 2:1-15

1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. 7 For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. 8 I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; 9 likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, 10 but with what is proper for women who profess godliness – with good works. 11 Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. 12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve; 14 and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. 15 Yet she will be saved through childbearing – if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-15

1 Jesus also said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. 2 And he called him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.’ 3 And the manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4 I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.’ 5 So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he said to the first, ‘How much do you

owe my master?’ ⁶ He said, ‘A hundred measures of oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.’ ⁷ Then he said to another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He said, ‘A hundred measures of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, and write eighty.’ ⁸ The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. ¹⁰ One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹² And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³ No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” ¹⁴ The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed Him. ¹⁵ And He said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

HYMN “What Is the World to Me” *LSB* 730

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

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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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DISTRIBUTION HYMN “All Depends On Our Possessing” LSB 732

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE “Thank the Lord” page 164

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT & BENEDICTION page 166

HYMN “Seek Ye First” LSB 712

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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 6:1–7

1 Timothy 3:1–13 or 1 Timothy 6:6–19

Luke 16:19–31

THIS WEEK— (September 18th – 25th)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am;
Baptismal Birthday Celebration Meal and
Talent Show, 12:00pm

Wednesday: Bible Study, 8:30am; CLC Quilters, 9:30am;
Confirmation (2nd yr.), 5:00pm; Confirmation (1st yr.), 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 09/11/16)

General Fund: \$6114.00; Building Fund: \$1640.00;

Blessings: \$22.26; Memorial: \$2055.00;

Miscellaneous: \$29.00

Total Attendance: 158 (Midweek: 24; Sunday: 134)

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.

IMPORTANT: Starting **Sunday, October 2**, the new monitored security system will be activated 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.

NEEDED: Someone with a roto-tiller and able to till up the area between the two entrance doors, where we have pulled and dug out the vegetation. Please call Linda Benda at 715-359-5396 with any questions or concerns with this project.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION & TALENT SHOW is today at noon. We will **CELEBRATE** in the lower level with a short reaffirmation of our baptisms, a potluck meal and cake, followed by a talent show.

LWML SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 2. Ladies Guild will be sponsoring a Bake & Craft Sale with proceeds going toward mission projects. Anyone in the congregation who would like to donate, please bring your items that morning. Baked goods will be a freewill offering, but please price any craft items. Thank you for your support.

CHOIR REHERSAL BEGINS Wednesday, September 28th
at 7:00pm.

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

“Boys need to know how they, as the stewards and defender of life, should regard women, most especially their someday wives. Girls need to know how they, as the co-stewards and nurturers of life, should regard men, most especially their someday husbands. Parents go a long way in preparing sons and daughters for marriage by mentoring respect, patience, selflessness, and forgiveness.” — *Linda Bartlett, former president of Lutheran For Life* (www.lutheransforlife.org)