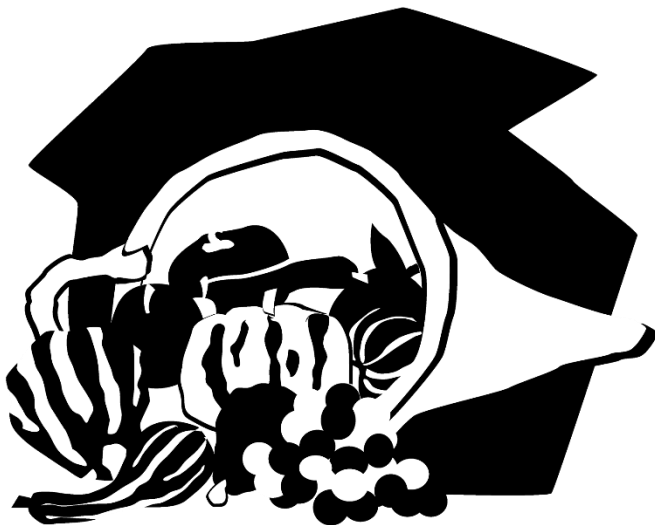


Thanksgiving (observed)

Wednesday, November 21, 2018



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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 "For the Fruits of His Creation" LSB 894

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Philippians 4:6–7

P: Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

C: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Philippians 4:8, 19

P: Although we are anxious about many things, God's peace comes to us daily. Let us confess our sins, trusting that for Jesus' sake our heavenly Father will guard our hearts and minds with His peace.

(Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.)

P: Brothers and sisters, in today's Epistle, Paul urges, "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

C: We confess that we have spoken lies, dishonored God's name, judged people on sight, adopted society's impure values, failed to tend to God's good creation, and forgotten to thank Him for providing all we need from day to day.

Heavenly Father, for the sake of Your Son, who did all things well, and to whom alone belongs all the praise, we ask You to forgive what is past, graciously strengthen us for this day, and by Your indwelling Spirit, move our feet to walk in ways pleasing to You.

P: Paul was inspired to promise, "God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Our heavenly Father

does indeed supply your deepest need. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

HYMN "I Will Sing to God Forever" Tune: *LSB 894*

**I will sing to God forever—
Long as I live,
Ev'ry day while I have being,
Praises I'll give.
Lord, Your works are great and various.
You have made them for a reason.
Food You give for soul and body,
Even Your Son.**

**From Your bounty, Lord, we gather,
Filled with good things.
By Your Spirit You bestow life;
All nature sings.
Glory to the Father, Spirit,
And the Son by all adored;
As it was, is now, and ever,
Our gracious Lord.**

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KYRIE

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Christ, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You give us what we need for every part of our lives.

C: Open our eyes, that we see not only the nourishment You provide our bodies, but also that which strengthens our souls in the gift of Your Son;

P: through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 8:1–10

¹ “The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. ² And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that He might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. ³ And He humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴ Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶ So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in His ways and by fearing Him. ⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹ a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰ And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land He has given you.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Philippians 4:6–20

⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is

pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me – practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. ¹⁰ I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹ Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹² I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³ I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. ¹⁴ Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. ¹⁵ And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. ¹⁶ Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. ¹⁷ Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. ¹⁸ I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Psalm 136:1*

P: Alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

C: for His steadfast love endures forever. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 17:11–19

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴ When He saw them He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was

healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come..... *LSB 892*

SERMON

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us come before almighty God to thank Him for countless blessings and ask His grace and mercy for ourselves and all who call out to Him in faith. Paul's exhortation in the Epistle guides our petitions.

P: Heavenly Father, when we think about whatever is true,

C: we give thanks that Your Word of promise is truth itself, and we ask that in governments and societies, on the national level down to our own communities, truth will prevail and falsehood be exposed.

P: Gracious Lord, when we think about whatever is honorable,

C: we give thanks that You have honored the lowly in Your compassionate love, and we pray that Your Spirit will guide us to honor Your name and kingdom in all that we say and do.

P: O Holy Spirit, when we think about whatever is just,

C: we give thanks that our Savior's sacrifice covers our sins before the Father's throne, and we pray that justice will prevail in the courts of our land, and in the nations of the world; grant that peace break out between neighbors and countries.

P: Heavenly Father, when we think about whatever is pure,

C: we give thanks for the pure Gospel as clergy and lay leaders proclaim it around the world, and we pray that You guide, protect, and direct the Church wherever it is found, so that it grow in faith and numbers.

P: Gracious Lord, when we think about whatever is lovely,

C: we give thanks for the good and bountiful earth You have given us, and we pray You to bless those who sow and till, those who produce and distribute, so that daily bread will be available to all the people of this planet.

P: O Holy Spirit, when we think about whatever is commendable,

C: we give thanks for the gifts You have placed within people, by which they are able to care for one another in health facilities and within their own families, and we pray that You will open the eyes of all, so that we work together to serve the weak and forgotten, the sick and poor around us.

P: Almighty God, You alone are excellent and worthy of praise. Hear the thanks in our hearts for whatever our lips have failed to speak; we pray You to guide our feet into Your loving paths that thanksgiving abound as we serve You and those around us to the glory of Your holy name, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERING

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

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.

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, for You have had mercy on those whom You created. You provide food for the body and forgiveness for the soul. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of Christ's body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Nurture us in body and soul to have the strength we need to do Your will each day until we celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

PAX DOMINI

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

C: Amen.

AGNUS DEI "Jesus, Lamb of God" Tune: *LSB 892*

Jesus, Lamb of God, we pray, Show Your mercy here this day.

Jesus, Lamb of God, do Thou, Shower mercy on us now. Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin: Come with all Thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS "We Praise You, O God" *LSB 785*

"O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee" *LSB 632*

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift.

C: Strengthen us in Your mercy, to use the forgiveness we have received, and every gift of daily bread You provide, that we live in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;

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: 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 — (11/25/18 – 12/2/18)

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

Tuesday: Church Council, 6:30pm

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

Saturday: Christmas Decorating, 9:00am

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

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending November 18, 2018)

General & Building Funds: \$4358.85; Blessings: \$20.30

Attendance: Thursday: 24; Sunday: 106

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.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: Help is needed for putting up the Christmas decorations. We will be undertaking the adventure this Saturday, December 1, beginning at 9:00. See you there!

Join the **LADIES GUILD** for their **CHRISTMAS PARTY** on Tuesday, December 4. Gather for fellowship and punch at 5:30pm. A meal will follow. Drinks and dessert will be provided. Bring an appetizer, salad, or main dish to fill out the menu. See the Ladies Guild bulletin board for further details and to sign up.

Faith in Action of Marathon County's **HOLIDAY CARE DRIVE** for seniors is under way. Non-perishable food and personal care items are being gathered. Look for the collection box on the north end of the fellowship hall.

WEATHER CANCELLATIONS FOR CHURCH SERVICES /

ACTIVITIES: Please check Channel 9 TV's website, the CLC website or Facebook page, or call the church at 715-848-2040 and press option "6".

LADIES GUILD HUMAN CARE for November is collecting monetary donations to purchase Bibles for Greater Wausau Christian Services.

"LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life

"God is the ultimate Designer. He designed the greatest good the world has ever seen to come from the most heinous evil mankind has ever produced. You are never too stained for God to love. When you are feeling weak and foolish, give thanks to God for that, because that's exactly the kind of person that God likes to use." *Rev. Dan Larsen is pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, Wabasso, Minnesota, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Sanborn, Minnesota –*
(www.lutheransforlife.org)