

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 4, 2016



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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 "Praise the Almighty" LSB 797 Δ

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INTROIT

Ps. 119:28–32; antiphon: Ps. 119:27

P: Make me understand the way of Your precepts, and I will meditate on Your wondrous works.

C: My soul melts away for sorrow; strengthen me according to Your word!

P: Put false ways far from me and graciously teach me Your law!

C: I have chosen the way of faithfulness; I set Your just decrees before me.

P: I cling to Your testimonies, O Lord; let me not be put to shame!

C: I will run in the way of Your commandments when You enlarge my heart!

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Make me understand the way of Your precepts, and I will meditate on Your wondrous works.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵ "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in His ways, and by keeping His commandments and His statutes and His rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going

over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying His voice and holding fast to Him, for He is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Philemon 1-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ² and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶ and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷ For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. ⁸ Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹ yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you — I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus — ¹⁰ I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹ (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹² I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³ I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴ but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵ For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother — especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸ If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹ I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it — to say nothing of your owing me even your own

self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord.
Refresh my heart in Christ.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 14th chapter.

C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-35

²⁵ Now great crowds accompanied Jesus, and He turned and said to them, ²⁶ "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³ So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple. ³⁴ Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵ It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus" *LSB 729*

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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 "Wide Open Stand the Gates" *LSB 639*

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Thank the Lord" page 164

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT & BENEDICTION page 166

HYMN "Take My Life and Let It Be" *LSB 784 vs. 1,2,5,6*

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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 34:11–24
1 Timothy 1:(5-11)12–17
Luke 15:1–10

THIS WEEK— (September 4th – 11th)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am

Monday: Labor Day

Tuesday: Elders, 6:00pm; Ladies Guild, 6:30pm

Wednesday: Bible Study, 8:30am; Confirmation (2nd yr.), 5:00pm;

Confirmation (1st yr.), 6:00pm; CLAY Meeting, 6:00pm

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

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

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending 08/28/16)

General Fund: \$4181.50; Building Fund: \$20.00; Blessings: \$16.25;

Memorial: \$135.00

Total Attendance: 140 (Midweek: 23; Sunday: 117)

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.

WORSHIP SERVICES for September 1/4 will be held in the upstairs fellowship/Bible class area.

ENJOY A SAFE and HAPPY LABOR DAY WEEKEND!

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY resumes on September 7th at 8:30am.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES resume on Wednesday, September 7th as follows: 5:00pm 2nd year students; 6:00pm 1st year students.

C.L.A.Y. 'Christ Lutheran Active Youth' will meet on Wednesday, September 7th at 6:00pm.

CHRISTIAN ED AND SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS resume on Sunday, September 11th.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION & TALENT SHOW will be held on Sunday, September 18th following Bible Study and Sunday school. We will CELEBRATE in the lower level with a short reaffirmation of our baptisms, a potluck meal and cake, followed by a talent show. Participants in the talent show will perform for 3-5 minutes. Ideas include singing, playing an instrument, juggling, acting, yo-yo/magic tricks, gymnastics, poetry readings and just God-pleasing entertainment. If you have talent and can accomplish it in the confines of the basement, sign-up at the podium in the fellowship hall. The food sign-up sheet is also on the podium. To encourage a variety of foods, we are utilizing last name A-Z system. However, feel free to bring any item, but please sign up on the form. If you have questions, please speak to a member of the Evangelism board: Sandi Michaelis, Diane Uttech, and Peggy Piepenburg.

NEXT LADIES GUILD MEETING Tuesday, September 6th. After our short meeting we'll start putting LWR kits together. Wednesday, September 21st CLC Quilters will finish putting the kits together. Kits will then be shipped out on Saturday, October 1st.

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

September 4 (Labor Day weekend) “The world was not empty when we came into it; we must not leave it emptier for having been here. Our duty is to leave it richer and better because we have shown our gratitude to the Lord by being productive Christians.” — *R. J. Rushdoony*
(www.lutheransforlife.org)