

Second Sunday after Pentecost

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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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Confirmation Day
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HYMN "God Whose Almighty Word" *LSB 979*

- 1** **God, whose almighty word**
 Chaos and darkness heard
 And took their flight:
 Hear us, we humbly pray,
 And where the Gospel day
 Sheds not its glorious ray,
 Let there be light!

- 2** **Lord, who once came to bring,**
 On Your redeeming wing,
 Healing and sight,
 Health to the sick in mind,
 Sight to the inly blind:
 Oh, now to humankind
 Let there be light!

- 3** **Spirit of truth and love,**
 Life-giving, holy dove,
 Speed forth Your flight;
 Move on the water's face,
 Bearing the lamp of grace,
 And in earth's darkest place
 Let there be light!

- 4** **Holy and blessed Three,**
 Glorious Trinity,
 Wisdom, love, might!
 Boundless as ocean's tide,
 Rolling in fullest pride,
 Through the earth, far and wide,
 Let there be light!

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

1 John 1:8–9

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Peace be with you.

C: And also with you.

INTROIT

Psalm 86:1–4, 13; antiphon: v. 11

P: Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.

C: Incline Your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy. Preserve my life, for I am godly; save Your servant, who trusts in You – You are my God.

P: Be gracious to me, O Lord, for to You do I cry all the day.

C: Gladden the soul of Your servant, for to You, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. For great is Your steadfast love toward me; You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

P: 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.

C: Teach me Your way, O LORD, that I may walk in Your truth; unite my heart to fear Your name.

***HYMN OF PRAISE* LSB 883**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Blessed Lord, Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Keep us from straying from the clear voice of Your Word and the blessed truth of the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ, lest we exchange the solid ground of divinely revealed doctrine for the shifting sand of whim and error and the false teachers who would deceive us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY

P: Today is the Second Sunday after Pentecost, part of the teaching half of the Church Year in which we focus not on the events in our Lord's life, but on His teaching. We are reminded not to exchange the truth of the Gospel for words that have no power to forgive our sins or give us life and salvation. In the Old Testament Reading from 1 Kings, we hear the prayer Solomon prayed at the dedication of the temple and the promise of God that He will dwell in His Word. In the Epistle, Paul condemns the Galatians for quickly deserting the eternal truth of God's Word, and he curses anyone who preaches a Gospel contrary to the Gospel of Christ alone. In the Holy Gospel, Jesus encounters surprising faith in a Roman centurion.

OLD TESTAMENT READING*1 Kings 8:22–24, 27–29, 41–43*

²² Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands toward heaven, ²³ and said, “O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like You, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to Your servants who walk before You with all their heart, ²⁴ who have kept with Your servant David my father what You declared to him. You spoke with Your mouth, and with Your hand have fulfilled it this day. ²⁷ But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You; how much less this house that I have built! ²⁸ Yet have regard to the prayer of Your servant and to his plea, O Lord my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that Your servant prays before You this day, ²⁹ that Your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which You have said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may listen to the prayer that Your servant offers toward this place. ⁴¹ Likewise, when a foreigner, who is not of Your people Israel, comes from a far country for Your name’s sake ⁴² (for they shall hear of Your great name and Your mighty hand, and of Your outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this house, ⁴³ hear in heaven Your dwelling place and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, in order that all the peoples of the earth may know Your name and fear You, as do Your people Israel, and that they may know that this house that I have built is called by Your name.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING*Galatians 1:1–12*

¹ Paul, an apostle – not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead – ² and all the brothers who are with me, To the churches of Galatia: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ who gave Himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵ to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. ⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel – ⁷ not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to

the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹ As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed. ¹⁰ For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ. ¹¹ For I would have you know, brothers, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel. ¹² For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 7:1–10

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 7th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ After Jesus had finished all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum. ² Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him. ³ When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to Him elders of the Jews, asking Him to come and heal his servant. ⁴ And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with Him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy to have You do this for him, ⁵ for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue." ⁶ And Jesus went with them. When He was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy to have You come under my roof. ⁷ Therefore I did not presume to come to You. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. ⁸ For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." ⁹ When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed Him, said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." ¹⁰ And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "O That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" *LSB 707*

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: We deliver all our prayers, all our needs, and all people to the mercy of God with confidence that the Lord will hear and answer us in the name of and for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

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.

PROPER PREFACE

P: 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 heard the cry of a foreigner and recognized his faith. We, once strangers and foreigners until

rescued by Your mercy and grace, give You praise for the wideness of Your mercy and join with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven to laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS..... *LSB 507*

3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Great is Your mercy, O Lord, for making all things good and for rescuing Your lost creation when we rebelled against Your Word. As You have welcomed us who were estranged from Your mercy and made us members of Your family, extend Your reign through Your unchanging Gospel. Bring us from death to life through Him who has destroyed death, rescued us from our sins, and brought us to life and immortality. Grant us the Holy Spirit that we may keep with faithful hearts the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and open our eyes to recognize Him who comes to us in the breaking of the bread.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

RESPONSE..... LSB 602

1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me
 To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!
 Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim
 That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.

**5 The gifts are in the feast,
 Gifts far more than we see;
 Beneath the bread and wine
 Is food from Calvary.
 The body and the blood
 Remove our ev'ry sin;
 We leave His presence in
 His peace, renewed again.**

6 All glory to the One
Who lavishes such love;
The triune God in love
Assures our life above.
His means of grace for us
Are gifts He loves to give;
All thanks and praise for His
Great love by which we live!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN “By Grace I’m Saved” *LSB 566*

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God, we give You thanks for having revealed to us Your Word. We pray You to guard us in Your Word that we may believe in Jesus Christ and not be distracted or depart from this saving truth; 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.

HYMN “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” *LSB 655*

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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 17:17–24

Galatians 1:11–24

Luke 7:11–17

THIS WEEK— (May 29th – June 5th)

Sunday: Worship/HC/Confirmation, 9:00am; Memorial Day Weekend

Monday: Enjoy a Safe Memorial Day!

Wednesday: Bible Study, 8:30am

Thursday: Worship/HC, 6:30pm

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending 05/22/16)

General Fund: \$4432.00; Building Fund: \$70.00; Blessings: \$15.18;
Memorial: \$95.00

Total Attendance: 166 (Midweek: 25; Sunday: 141)

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.

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS! Connor Allen and Kolby Piepenburg, may you continue to grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ our Savior.

NEW FINAL FUNDRAISER DATE FOR CLC QUILTERS!

We will be continuing through the month of June with our quilt fundraiser. Our new final fundraiser day is Sunday, June 26th.

MEMORIAL DAY IS MAY 30TH! Remember those who fought for our freedom and have gone before us. Enjoy a safe, restful holiday weekend, and also give thanks and praise to God for His many blessings!

EVERY THREE YEARS, our Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod gathers in convention to determine mission and ministry priorities for the coming three years. This year, we will gather in Milwaukee under the theme “Upon This Rock.” (Please find the handout in your mailbox.) As part of the run-up to the triennial convention, LCMS households, congregations and organizations are invited and encouraged to participate in a synod-wide gathering of special gifts called the National Offering. This triennium’s National Offering gives Lutherans across the country an opportunity through a special

offering that will give the same bold confession as Peter: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Gifts to the 2016 LCMS National Offering — which can be made at any time — will empower the work God has given us to do in His name through programs and projects where we Witness, show Mercy and walk with one another as Christians in our Life Together.

THE BLOOD CENTER OF NORTHCENTRAL WISCONSIN thanks you for your blood donations to help save lives!

HUMAN CARE DONATIONS FOR JUNE will go for World Relief Health Kits. Items needed: Sturdy combs and adult-size toothbrushes. Thank you.

CLC WILL BE HOSTING A SUPPER FOR THOSE IN NEED on Tuesday, June 14th at St. Paul’s United Church of Christ in Wausau. A volunteer sign-up sheet for assisting at the meal and providing food is on the fellowship hall podium.

INTERNATIONAL SPY ACADEMY IS COMING TO CLC THIS SUMMER! We are looking for agents to assist us in training our recruits to seek the one true God! Family Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, June 19 through Thursday, June 23 from 5:30 to 7:30pm. See Inspectors Brzezinski and Piepenburg A.K.A. Patti and Peggy to get involved. Excitement and adventure await the entire family!

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS may be found on the bulletin boards.

“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life

(Memorial Day weekend) “If you keep thinking of your life—which is utterly unique in the entire universe!—as a true gift, you will draw nearer to the Giver of that gift.” — *James M. Kushiner, The Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* (www.lutheransforlife.org)