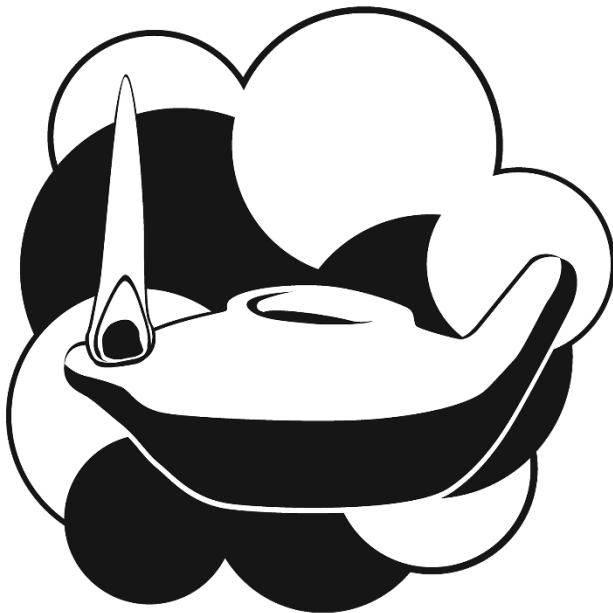


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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know  
Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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*DIVINE SERVICE:* Setting One

**HYMN** "God Has Spoken by His Prophets" ..... Tune: *LSB 851*

1            God has spoken by His prophets,  
              Spoken His unchanging Word;  
Each from age to age proclaiming  
              God, the one, the righteous Lord.  
In the world's despair and turmoil,  
              One firm anchor holds us fast:  
God is king, His throne eternal;  
              God the first, and God the last.

2            God has spoken by Christ Jesus,  
              Christ, the everlasting Son,  
Brightness of the Father's glory,  
              With the Father ever one;  
Spoken by the Word Incarnate,  
              God of God, before time was;  
Light of Light, to earth descending,  
              He reveals our God to us.

3            God is speaking by His Spirit,  
              Speaking to our hearts again,  
In the ageless Word declaring  
              His own message, now as then.  
Through the rise and fall of nations  
              One sure faith yet standing fast;  
God abides, His Word unchanging;  
              God the first, and God the last.

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## **INVOCATION**

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

**C: Amen.**

## **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

*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.**

*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.**

## **INTROIT**

*Ps. 119:9–16; antiphon: Ps. 119:12*

*P: Blessèd are You, O LORD; teach me Your statutes!*

**C: How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to Your word.**

*P: With my whole heart I seek You; let me not wander from Your commandments!*

**C: I have stored up Your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against You.**

*P: Blessèd are You, O LORD; teach me Your statutes!*

**C: With my lips I declare all the just decrees of Your mouth.**

*P: In the way of Your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches.*

**C: I will meditate on Your precepts and fix my eyes on Your ways.**

*P: I will delight in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.*

**C: 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: Blessèd are You, O LORD; teach me Your statutes!*

## KYRIE

*P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

*P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

*P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

*P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

*P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*



**C** A - men.

## THIS IS THE FEAST

*Refrain*



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C** And al - so with you.

*P: Let us pray. . O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C** A - men.

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Isaiah 58:3–9a*

<sup>3</sup> Why have we fasted, and You see it not? Why have we humbled ourselves, and You take no knowledge of it?' Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup> Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to hit with a wicked fist. Fasting like yours this day will not make your voice to be heard on high. <sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a person to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a reed, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the Lord? <sup>6</sup> "Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? <sup>8</sup> Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.'

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

*1 Corinthians 2:1–12*

<sup>1</sup> And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. <sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. <sup>3</sup> And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, <sup>4</sup> and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. <sup>6</sup> Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. <sup>7</sup> But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. <sup>8</sup> None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him" – <sup>10</sup> these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. <sup>11</sup> For who knows a

person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### ALLELUIA

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. Matthew the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 5:13–20*

Jesus said, <sup>13</sup> “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. <sup>14</sup> You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup> Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. <sup>17</sup> Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup> For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup> Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless

your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

*P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN** “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” ..... *LSB 873*

**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: Lord, in Your mercy,*

**C: hear our prayer.**

**WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

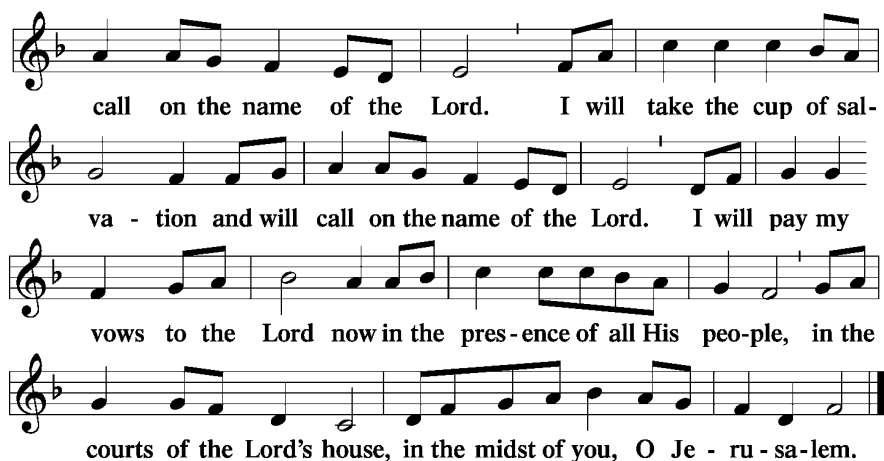


**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will





call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa-lem.

## SERVICE OF THE 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.*



☐ And al - so with you.

*P: Lift up your hearts.*



☐ We lift them to the Lord.

*P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*



☐ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

*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; for what had been hidden from*

before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

*P:* Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His 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. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to 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.**

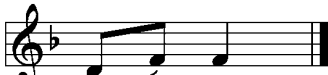
*P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final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



**A - men.**

**AGNUS DEI**



**Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have**



**mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the**



**world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the**

sin of the world; grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** "From God the Father, Virgin-Born" ..... *LSB 401*

1 From God the Fa - ther, vir - gin - born To us the  
 2 Be - gin - ning from His home on high, In hu - man

3 Glide on, O glo - rious Sun, and bring The gift of  
 4 A - bide with us, O Lord, we pray; The gloom of  
 on - ly Son came down; By death the font to con - se -  
 flesh He came to die; Cre - a - tion by His death re -  
 heal - ing on Your wing; To ev - 'ry dull and cloud - ed  
 dark - ness chase a - way; Your work of heal - ing, Lord, be -

crate, The faith - ful to re - gen - er - ate.  
 stored, And shed new joys of life a - broad.  
 sense The clear - ness of Your light dis - pense.  
 gin, And take a - way the stain of sin.

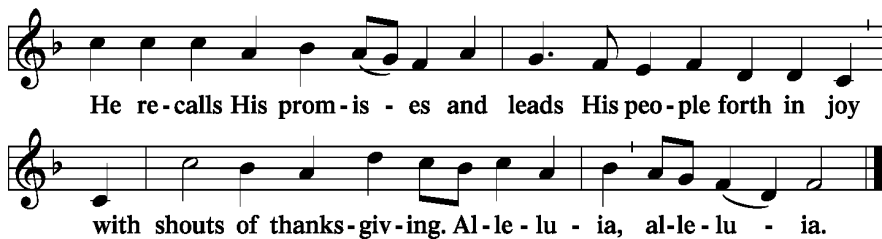
**5 Lord, once You came to earth's domain  
 And, we believe, shall come again;  
 Be with us on the battlefield,  
 From ev'ry harm Your people shield.**

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**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**☩ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.**

**Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.**



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy  
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

*P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



**A** - men.

**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.*



**A** - men.

**HYMN** "Hail, O Source of Every Blessing" ..... *LSB 409*

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**THIS WEEK AT CLC — (2/9/20 – 2/16/20)**

- Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Education, 10:30am
- Tuesday:** Board of Evangelism, 5:15pm; Church Council, 6:30pm
- Wednesday:** Bible Study, 8:30am
- Thursday:** Worship/HC, 6:30pm; Bethesda Work Day
- Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Education, 10:30am

## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending February 2, 2020)**

General & Building Funds: \$5985.25; Blessings: \$123.10; Memorial Fund: \$240.00

Attendance: Thursday: 17; Sunday: 119

### **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.

Thank you to all who gave blood during last week's **BLOOD DRIVE**. Lives are being saved by your generosity.

**OPERATION BABY BOTTLE:** Please bring all bottles back to church as soon as possible.

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC MEDICAL MISSION TRIP** - Ann Juliot will be traveling to the Dominican Republic with a group from Aspirus Feb. 19-26 to provide medical care and supplies to the under-served. Please keep the Mission and participants in your prayers. Sheets listing the needed supplies, as well as a box for collecting them can be found near the mailboxes. Thank you for your help!

### **WEATHER CANCELLATIONS FOR CHURCH SERVICES /**

**ACTIVITIES:** Please check the Channel 7 or Channel 9 websites, the CLC website or Facebook page, or call the church at 715-848-2040 and press option "6".

### **"LIFE QUOTES" from Lutherans For Life**

"Our sexuality can glorify God by demonstrating the beauty of both flourishing and forgiveness. And the good news about this is that every single Christian can express the truth of at least one of those options. If you did not follow God's plan for flourishing, you haven't blown your chance to honor and glorify God with your body. Acknowledging where you rejected His wisdom, accepting His forgiveness, and living in the joy of that peace also points others to the glory of God." *Amy K. Hall, Stand to Reason – ([www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org))*

