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Christ Lutheran Church
Christ Lutheran Mission Statement
As members of Christ Lutheran we - Gather in Worship,
Grow in God's Word, Serve in Jesus' name.
Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 19th, 2021

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We are glad that you are here to worship with us today! Please sign the pew booklets in the pews. If you are a visitor, please introduce yourself and sign our guest book in the narthex along with the pew booklet.

Masks, hand sanitizer and distance seating are available. Please take every measure to feel safe.

* *Please stand as you are able.*

❖ *Please be seated.*

Prelude: Vicky Harris

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

* **Gathering Song**

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

ELW # 588

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **Amen.**

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day: O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

❖ **Choir Anthem**

"Wake Up, Sinuh, Let the Glory In"

Randy Wilson, Director
Twyla Kirkeby, Accompanist

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

❖ **First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20**

¹⁸It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" ²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Psalm: Psalm 54

¹Save me, O God, by your name, and vindicate me by your might.

²**Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

³For the insolent have risen against me, the ruthless seek my life; they do not set God before them. Selah

⁴**But surely, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.**

⁵He will repay my enemies for their evil. In your faithfulness, put an end to them.

⁶**With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

⁷For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

Second Reading: James 3:13—4:3, 7-8a

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

⁴Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Here ends the readings. Thanks be to God.

* **Gospel Acclamation**

"Alleluia, Lord to whom..."

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The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

*The Gospel of the Lord, we say: **Praise to you, O Christ.***

❖ Sermon

Pastor Elizabeth

* Hymn of the Day

"All Are Welcome"

ELW #641

* **Apostles Creed: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

❖ Prayers of Intercession

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

For the church universal, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel.

Lord in your mercy; **Hear Our Prayer**

For the well-being of creation. Lord in your mercy; **Hear Our Prayer**

Remembering all elected leaders especially Joe our President, Tim our Governor, and Tom, Norman, Ryan, Mandy, Tracy, and Bruce, our Mayors, for the people of Afghanistan, for peace and justice in all nations and especially the communities of Biscay, Brownton, Glencoe, New Auburn, Plato, and Silver Lake.

Lord in your mercy; **Hear Our Prayer**

For God to bless the marriage of Caren Remus and David Yurek now and forever. (They will be married on September 25th.) Lord in your mercy; **Hear Our Prayer.**

For Konnor, Sharon, Arlene, Fran, Nita and all whose names are on our prayer list. For the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely. For all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Lord in your mercy; **Hear Our Prayer**

For those celebrating a wedding anniversary, especially Marv and Gloria, Roger and Millie, Jonathan and Julie, Darron and Tami, Chad and Erin, Matt and Kelly, Ellwood and Lois, Jeff and Shelly, and William and Deb.

Lord in your mercy; **Hear Our Prayer**

For those celebrating a birthday, especially Connie, Linda, Raelynn, Logan, Chris, Margie, Arianna, Josh, Dave, Robert, Dylan, Steve, Brooke, Avery, Robert, Nora, Bob, and Jesse. Lord in your mercy; **Hear Our Prayer**

For all those who serve our armed forces, especially those who serve on active duty including Andrew, Bryce, Ryan B., Cassandra, Darren, and Ryan S.

Lord in your mercy; **Hear Our Prayer**

For your mission for Christ Lutheran Church, for the person who will be called to be the next Pastor but doesn't know it yet, for the Church Council and the Vision Team. For the many ministries planted here, especially for Laundry Love.

Lord in your mercy; **Hear Our Prayer**

For an end to the virus and for bringing healing to the afflicted.

Lord in your mercy; **Hear Our Prayer**

For all those affected by natural disasters.

Lord in your mercy; **Hear Our Prayer.**

For those who have died, may they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lord in your mercy; **Hear Our Prayer**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Share the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

STEWADING GOD'S GIFTS

We offer to God what is God's own

Offering

[Please remember to send your much appreciated and needed weekly tithes and offerings.]

[Offering plates will be passed to church members in each pew.]

[Children are invited to come forward to place their offering in "Christ's Well".]

***Offering Prayer:** God of abundance, **you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Temple Talk – Time & Talent Sheets

Jim Carlson

Temple Talk – Special Meeting for the Sign Project

Vicky Harris

Announcements

Benediction

People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, † one God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

ELW # 537

Dismissal: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Vicky Harris



A special thank you to all who helped assist with our worship service today:

Pianist: Vicky Harris

Lector: Nolan Sundblad

Cantor: Becky Peterson

Audio/Video Tech: Scott Kuehn

Head Usher: Nathan Stoltenburg

Greeters: Howard and Jan Giese

Ushers: Brian O'Donnell and Bob Kaytor

Acolyte: Keegan Sauter

Refreshments: Jim, Dawn, and Becky Peterson

Special Music: Choir directed by Randy Wilson, accompanied by Twyla Kirkeby

Please lift these people up in prayers this week. Is God moving your heart to send a

card to a loved one in your own family? Konnor (infant son of Morau, sister of Erin Sauter), Sharon Gutknecht, Arlene Stene (sister of Mary Ellen Bullert), Bruce Miller, Jeanine Wedin, Fran Huwe, Nita Enderson, Marilyn Ueland, Lori Hatlestad, Kristen Heldt, Kris Davis and Family (niece and two daughters of Cheryl McDougall), Matt Guetzkow (cousin of Darlene Hennessey), Bill Gould, Kevin Menning, Richard Dolezal, Lois Tritz, Denise Landin, Brent Lindemann (stepfather of Audrey Howell), LaDonna Oberlin, Dennis Pilger (cousin of Donna Senske), Cassandra DeCasas (daughter of Bill and Deb Heuer), Talyn Mellesmoen, daughter of Hannah Mellesmoen and granddaughter of Dave and Nancy Mellesmoen), Gary Metag, Charlotte Dittmer, Sandy Koeppen, (sister of Barb Jenneke), Stanley Butcher (brother of Deb Heuer), Mary Entinger, Brad Duenow, LuAnn Harms, Dennis Dittmer, Marlys Rehmann, Sandra Brenhaug, Dori Swedberg (mother of

Katherine Grant), Lisa Style, Brian Mikolichek, Erik Murray (nephew and Godchild of Gloria Gustafson), Carol Carver, Brayden Gildea (a GSL 9th grader, son of Jim and Kari Gildea, and nephew of Shaun and Charity Gildea), Beau Brelje (GSL 4th grader), Marie Kliche (mother of Nancy Kliche, Gary Brown (friend of Joanne Chrast), and Eydie Knoll (sister of Millie Dreier).

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Sunday, Sept. 19th, Worship Service @ 9:00 a.m.; first day of Sunday School @ 10:10 a.m.; Ditch cleaning along our assigned section of Highway 212 for Adopt-A-Highway (weather permitting) – meet in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 20th, Televised Worship Service @ 3:00 p.m. on Channel 10; Mission Team @ 5:00 p.m.; Glencoe Study Club meets @ 7:00 p.m. in the conference Room or Fellowship Hall (depending on Covid status)

Tuesday, Sept. 21st, Laundry Love from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. @ Glencoe Laundry Center; Vision Team rep meets with Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 a.m.; Laundry Love from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. @ Glencoe Laundry Center.

Wednesday, 22nd, Men's Bible Study @ 8:00 a.m.; Televised Worship Service @ 2:00 p.m. on Channel 10; Bell Choir @ 5:15 p.m.; Confirmation @ 5:30 p.m.; Choir @ 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 23rd:

Friday, Sept. 24th,

Saturday, Sept. 25th, Pastor Elizabeth marries Caren Remus and David Yurek @ 4:00 p.m. @ Chisago City.

Sunday, Sept. 26th, Worship Service @ 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School @ 10:10 a.m.



Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary!

The flowers near the Altar are shared in honor of Marv and Gloria Gustafson's 60th Wedding Anniversary on Friday, Sept. 17th.

Congratulations to Marv and Gloria for reaching such a milestone! May God continue to richly bless them.

Sunday School Begins this Morning

Sunday School for 3-year-olds – 6th grade begins today @ 10:10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. More information on Sunday School can be found on our web page @ www.christluth.com/sunday-school. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding Christian Education, please contact Pastor Elizabeth @ pastorelizab@christluth.com or Vicar Susan Christianson @ 320-292-1032 or @ clceducation@christluth.com.



Special Meeting on Sunday, Oct. 3rd

There will be a Special Congregational Meeting after our church service on Sunday Oct. 3rd. The purpose of the Special Meeting is to vote on the Council recommended installation of a sign outside the church building.

Morning Bible Studies

- ✝ **Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study** – 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.
- ✝ **Wednesday Morning Men's Bible Study** – 8:00 a.m. in the Narthex.
- ✝ **Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study** – 9:30 a.m. at Grand Meadows meeting the first and third Wednesdays of each month.
- ✝ **Rachel Circle** – 9:00 a.m. meeting the second Thursday of each month.

Contact Pastor Elizabeth for more information about these groups. The lessons for this week will be Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; and Mark 9:38-50.



Wings – McLeod County



Wings is a mission project that works in partnership with Common Cup Ministry and McLeod County Social Services to provide children with supplies they can take with them to their foster care placement.



Wings was started by a group of moms, aunties, and grandmas who want to help kids in our community who have been placed in foster care. We have wonderful foster care families in our community, and this is a way we can help and support them and their kids.



One of the items they would like to provide each foster child is a new (or like new) pair of shoes. We will be collecting new or like new shoes during the month of September. There will be a designated collection box placed in the Narthex. If you would like to donate money to help us purchase new pairs of shoes, please designate your offering and place in the offering plate or drop off at the church office. We will also be applying for a Thrivent Action Team grant to help us purchase additional pairs of new shoes.

Octoberfest will be a Crow River Habitat for Humanity Fundraiser

Join the fun while supporting Habitat for Humanity on **Friday, Oct. 8th from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.** at the Bobbing Bobber Brewing Company in Hutchinson. Live polka music will be provided by the Jolly Ramblers from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



There will be a German food buffet by Joannie's Catering. There will also be a beer and wine raffle and silent auction. Tickets are \$35, which includes the buffet and one drink ticket. Tickets are available by contacting Crow River Habitat for Humanity, 1020 Hwy. 7 West, Suite A, Hutchinson, or Dennis Davis. A limited number of tickets are available. Proceeds go towards the 28th Habitat Home Veterans Build, which will be built for Christ Lutheran member Becky Peterson.



Luther Social Services Companion



Make a difference in your life and in the lives of those in your community. Share your time and talents as a Lutheran Social Services Companion and help older adults in your community with a friendly visit each week. Provide friendship, transportation, and support to someone in need. Senior Companion volunteers are 55 years of age and older and spend 10 hours per week visiting the same three to five older adults. Our volunteers can earn a small hourly

stipend and mileage reimbursement. Call Gail Sumerfelt today at 507-530-2295 and become the difference in your community.