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Gathering in Worship, Growing in
God's Word, Serving in Jesus' name

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Sixteenth Sunday in Pentecost
Service of the Word
September 17, 2023

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.

Service of the Word begins on page 210 in the red hymnal.

***Please stand as you are able.**

❖Please be seated.

Prelude: Peg Hatlestad

GATHERING

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

***Gathering Song**

“Where Charity and Love Prevail”

ELW # 359

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be God, the one who forms us, Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete. **Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God, **you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world’s violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, God’s justice stretches beyond all understanding. God’s compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In Christ, you are already and always forgiven. **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.**

Kyrie

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Canticle of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you! **And also with you!** Let us pray:

O Lord God, **merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

❖Choir Anthem

“If We Sing At All”

*Directed Vicky Harris
Accompanied Carla Kuehn*

WORD

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

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalm: Psalm 103:8-13

⁸The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

¹³As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.

⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them

stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Here ends the readings. **Thanks be to God.**

* **Gospel Acclamation** "Alleluia, Lord to Whom..." **ELW pg. 142**
The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

²¹Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. ²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

This is the Gospel of our Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

❖ **Sermon**

Rev. Erik Karlson

Hymn of the Day

"Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive"

ELW # 605

*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

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

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

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

*Hymn

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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.

Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, 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.

❖Announcements

*Benediction

The God of glory, Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

ELW # 545

Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Peg Hatlestad



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

Organist: Peg Hatlestad

Head Usher: Brad Hahn

Cantor: Chris Davis

Ushers: Bob Kaytor, Chad Sauter

Lector: Cheryl McDougall

Audio/Visual: Mckenzie Ebert

Refreshments: Gloria Lovett, Shari O'Donnell

Greeters: Chad Sauter, Erin Sauter

Altar Guild: Tina Rosckes, Mindy Lemke

Kitchen Guild: Carla Kuehn

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Please lift these people up in prayers this week: Loren Mueller, Dennis Hendrickson (father of Connie Duenow), Nancy Mellesmoen, Bob Iverson, Jeanne Klitzke (grand-mother of Jesse Hardel and mother of Donna Hardel), Sandra Brenhaug, Lisa Busche (daughter of Mike and Jann Savre), Kelly Higgins, Joy Macheel (daughter of Jon and Jodi Braband), Lloyd Duenow (father of Brad Duenow), Bill Heuer, Marilyn Ueland, Richard Dolezal, Lois Tritz, Brent Lindemann (stepfather of Audrey Howell), LaDonna Oberlin, Mary Entinger, Brian Mikolichek, Carol Carver, Gary Brown (friend of Joanne Chrast), Pamela Perrin (sister of Nancy Mellesmoen), Carol Alsleben (mother of Darron Alsleben), Wayne and Carolyn Hegna (brother of Kathy Marsh), Dianne VonBerge

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Sunday, September 17, Service of the Word @ 9 AM in the Sanctuary; Adult Education Forum @ 10:30 AM in the Conference Room.

Monday, September 18, Televised Worship Service @ 12 PM on Channel 10.

Tuesday, September 19, Laundry Love @ 9 AM at the Glencoe Laundromat; Women's Bible Study @ 10 AM in the Conference Room; MN Valley Pastoral Conference @ 11:45 AM in St. Peter; Laundry Love @ 4:30 PM at the Glencoe Laundromat; NA Women's Group @ 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday, September 20, Pastoral Text Study @ 1 PM in the Fireside Room; Televised Worship Service @ 2 PM on Channel 10; Bell Choir Practice @ 5:15 PM in the Sanctuary; Confirmation Classes @ 5:50 PM in the Sanctuary; Choir Practice @ 6 PM in the Chapel.

Thursday, September 21, Men's Bible Study @ 9 AM in the Conference Room; Rachel Circle @ 9 AM at Grand Meadows; Glenfield's Worship Service @ 10:30 AM at Glenfield's Community Chapel.

Friday, September 22, Office Closed

Saturday, September 23, Narcotics Anonymous @ 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, September 24, Service of the Word @ 9 AM in the Sanctuary; Adult Education Forum @ 10:30 AM in the Conference Room.

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

Find out what's going on at Christ Lutheran

Glencoe American Legion Fall Sunday Brunch

The Glencoe American Legion will be hosting their annual Fall Brunch on Sunday, October 1st, 2023, from 8 AM – 1 PM. Held at the Glencoe City Center's North Ballroom, the menu will include pancakes, sausages, eggs, applesauce, juice, and coffee. Adults cost \$14 each and children 12 and under are \$7 each. Proceeds help support Veterans, GSL Scholarships, and Community Projects. Take-out is available!

CLC FALL PROGRAMS

With September halfway through, many of our fall programs have or will resume. Check out the list of programs below; you are encouraged to join any that catch your eye!

Joyful Noise Ringers – CLC's Bell Choir

Do you like music? Do you have 45 minutes every other week to have fun learning to play a new instrument? Then please join our new handbell choir named Joyful Noise Ringers!

Together we will learn hymns and sacred songs and play them for Prelude the second Sunday of each month. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays at 5:15 PM beginning September 13th. All ages and abilities are welcome. Join us and make a joyful noise unto the Lord! Contact Chris Davis at 612-418-6981.

CLC Choir

Raise a shout to the Lord! Our choir, directed by Vicky Harris, meets every Wednesday at 6 PM in the Chapel. There will be many opportunities to sing with the choir during our Sunday worship services, or just come for the fellowship of singing together in worship. All are welcome, no prior experience needed!

Rachel Circle

Rachel Circle will resume on Thursday, September 14 at Grand Meadows at 9:00 AM. Bring your Gather magazine; if you don't have one, call or text Linda Simonson

320-583-7961 and she will bring you a copy of the lesson. Hope to see you and share our study with friends at Grand Meadows!

Men's Bible Study

Our Men's Bible Study has resumed their weekly meetings on Thursdays at 9 AM in the Conference Room. Each week they will be reviewing and discussing the upcoming Sunday's scriptures.

Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will continue to be held every Tuesday at 10 AM in the Conference Room. They will be discussing the upcoming Sunday's scripture lessons.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

Monthly Giving Report

It has been decided to include a brief report on where CLC stands with its budgeted giving amounts vs the actual giving amounts for the year. We hope this information is helpful, feel free to provide us with feedback!

<i>Actual Offering (Through July 31, 2023)</i>	<i>\$231,281.19</i>
<i>Budgeted Giving (Through July 31, 2023)</i>	<i>\$229,191.65</i>
<i>Giving Ahead of Budget</i>	<i>\$2,089.54</i>

Update on Christ Lutheran Church Finances Midway Through 2023

At the 2023 Christ Lutheran Church Annual meeting a budget was approved with a deficit of approximately \$40,000. A commitment was made at the time to perform a mid-year analysis and report back to the congregation. You may also recall that the Council took steps earlier this year to reduce monthly expenses by extending mortgage payments out to 10 years and cutting back on monthly payments to the Synod, with the understanding that we would fulfill our budgetary commitment if income for the year permitted us to do so.

The Budget and Finance Committee met on the 12th of July to review the year-to-date finances. At that point, Income was exceeding budget by approximately \$5,500, and Expenses were below budget by approximately \$26,000, in part due to the cost saving measures implemented earlier in the year. Some larger donations were received during the first half of the year, and it is difficult to project if or when future gifts of this type can be expected. We will continue to monitor expenses and manage costs.

In summary, pretty good news. We remain hopeful that we will end the year meeting our commitment to the Synod and achieve balanced income and expenses.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Find upcoming CE events, announcements, and program updates here!

CONFIRMATION

First Day of Confirmation – September 20th

The start of 2023-2024 Confirmation classes will be September 20th at 5:50 PM in the Sanctuary. We are excited about all the upcoming Christian Education activities and events and look forward to the ways in which we will continue to partner together to pass on the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout the next year!

Registration

It's not too late to register for the 2023-2024 Confirmation year! The registration form is available on our website at christluth.com/confirmation or contact the church office. Please register as soon as you can, as confirmation classes begin on September 20th!

Registration

The requirements for confirmation have been updated this year. The CE Team hopes that these requirements will serve as a guide and path through which students can get the most out of their participation in our program. A paper copy of the requirements is posted to the Christian Education bulletin board.

R.O.C.K. WEDNESDAY

ROCKing Up Sunday School

It is with much excitement that the Christian Education Team introduces R.O.C.K. Wednesday! This new Christian Education program is being offered for our PreK – 6th Grade students and will be taking the place of our Sunday School classes. ROCK Wednesdays will include all the same fun, engaging activities from Sunday School where we learn about God and his creation.

Registration

Registration for our R.O.C.K. Wednesday program is open now! Fill out the form today - it is posted on our website at christluth.com/rock-wednesdays or contact our church office.

Schedule

R.O.C.K. Wednesdays will be held on Wednesday evenings during the academic year from 5:50 PM – 7 PM. The first rotation will be on Wednesday, October 4th, 2023. A full schedule of rotation dates will be posted to the website soon, as well as posted to the Christian Education bulletin board. Lesson plans will be announced soon as well!

MINISTRIES

Ministries are how we make a change and interact with the community. Here you will find updates, announcements, and highlights from CLC run or supported ministries

COMMON CUP MINISTRIES

About Common Cup

Common Cup continues to provide emergency resources to those in need throughout McLeod County. For more information check out Common Cup Ministries on their website at common-cup.org.



Make a Difference Today!

Throughout the year, we will be holding various collection drives to help those in need. We recently finished up collecting school supplies for students (check out the Missions Update on that below!) but several drives are still ongoing. If you need information or have questions contact Cheryl McDougall, the Common Cup Rep for Christ Lutheran, at mcdougallcf@outlook.com or by calling her at 320-510-1593.

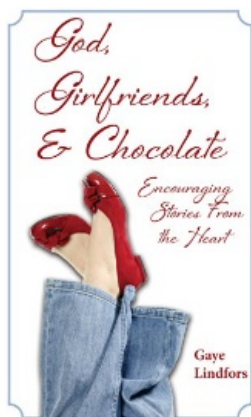
Tent & Sleeping Bag Collection

Common Cup is collecting clean, in good repair (no broken zippers or holes), sleeping bags and two person tents. These items are given to the homeless to use while sleeping out over the summer and early fall.

Warm Coat Drive

Twice a year, Common Cup holds a Coat Drive to collect warm, new or gently used coats, boots, snow pants, and mittens to be distributed to residents of all ages throughout McLeod county. They need the following: coats (sizes newborn – 16/18 youth, men/women especially XL and up, no wool coats please), snow pants, waterproof mittens/gloves, and boots. Drop off your donations in the large green box outside the church office!

CLC WOMEN'S MINISTRY



“God, Girlfriends, & Chocolate”

Saturday, October 28th, from 8:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Join us for the 2023 Women's Fall Gathering! All women are welcome. Guest speaker Gaye Lindfors will be joining us and a catered lunch will be served. Tickets are \$15 – available starting September 24th. Contact the church office at 320-864-4549 or call or text Linda at 320-583-796. For more information, check out the insert in today's bulletin.

Women's Coffee Hour

Women's Fellowship Coffees continue the last Thursday of each month in the Narthex. All women of all ages are welcome. We start at 10 AM; stay as long as you can. We wind down around 11 AM.

MISSIONS TEAM

Missions Update

Common Cup provided school supplies for 480 students at the 17th annual school supply distribution Aug. 17th. Glencoe helped 216 students, and Hutchinson 264. All students were from McLeod County schools and were preregistered. Grades K through 12 were included. Twenty plus volunteers, many Christ Lutheran members, helped with the setting up and the distribution of supplies. Your donations of 36 backpacks, 62 yellow spiral notebooks and many other items made a difference. This project was only possible because of your generosity!

LAUNDRY LOVE GLENCOE



What Is Laundry Love?

Laundry Love Glencoe is a mission project supported by Christ Lutheran Church through prayer, volunteers, and dollars. The mission of Laundry Love is to be the hands and feet of Jesus by providing opportunities for low income, or no income families to wash their clothing and build relationships with members of Christ Lutheran Church.

How Does It Work?

Laundry Love Glencoe began on Tuesday, July 16th, 2019. Christ Lutheran Church's Mission & Outreach Team support the development of Laundry Love Glencoe through time, sponsorship, assistance, and providing volunteers. Individuals are provided with \$10 in quarters, groups of 2 are provided \$20, and groups of 3 or more are provided with \$30. Laundry detergent is also provided as well. Committed volunteers are on-site during Laundry Love hours to assist with handling of monies for machines, receiving prayer requests and building relationships with our neighbors.

August Update

In August, there were 40 family units served by Laundry Love Glencoe. The total cost for August's outreach was \$770.00. The generosity of Christ Lutheran continues to make this outreach possible. Volunteers who served this month were Connie Heitz, Jane Larter, Linda Simonson, Chris Davis and Cheryl McDougall. If you are interested in being a part of September's Laundry Love call Cheryl at 320 510-1593. Laundry Love Glencoe is the third Tuesday of each month at the Glencoe Laundry Center at 9 AM to 12 PM, and 4:30 PM to 7 PM.

Supplies Needed!

Laundry Love Glencoe is in need of detergent pods and dryer sheets. Our stash has dwindled and will run out for October. We accept any brand, but we do prefer pods over other types of detergent. Thank you!

GREEN LAKE LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

About GLLM

Located along beautiful shores of Minnesota lakes, Green Lake Lutheran Ministries is a partnership of camps and congregations sharing the life-changing love of Jesus in vibrant camp and retreat settings. They root their welcome in themes of God's commitment to diversity and inclusion throughout Holy Scripture, from the creation story in Genesis where all things are born out of love and are called good by the Creator, to the Gospels where Christ consistently calls us to love neighbors both different from us and like us. Check out their website at gllm.org to find out more!



Programmed Retreats

Are you ready for a retreat experience like no other? Look no further than GLLM's programmed retreats, where there's something for everyone in the whole family! From action-packed youth retreats filled with games, worship, and faith-filled activities, to adult retreats offering moments of reflection, growth, and community-building, and family retreats where laughter, connection, and faith blossom together, GLLM's programmed retreats offer a unique blend of fun, inspiration, and spiritual nourishment that will leave you refreshed, rejuvenated, and ready to embrace the journey of faith.

Registration for Fall 2023 Programmed Retreats is open now! Check out what options there are on GLLM's website! We have posters and printed registrations forms on our Christian Education Bulletin Board.

Scholarships

GLLM is committed to helping everyone be able to attend their programs. They have this to say about it:

"We understand that the cost of camp can be a barrier for some families, which is why we offer scholarships to help make camp more accessible. Our scholarships are available for any of our programming including, youth camp, family camp, and retreat programs. It is our goal that no child or adult misses out on coming to camp based on financial need or hardship."

If you would like to participate in a GLLM program, but find the cost is too much, you are encouraged to fill out their scholarship application on their website!