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**Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Setting Three with Holy Communion**  
**September 1, 2024**

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.

Setting Three begins on page 138 in the red hymnal.

✳ *Please stand as you are able.*

✝ *Please be seated.*

Prelude: Vicky Harris

**GATHERING**

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

**Welcome**

✳ **Gathering Song**

“Lord Jesus, Think On Me”

**ELW # 599**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Gracious God, **we confess that we have honored you with our lips but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first, we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are 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**

**ELW pg. 138**

**This is the Feast**

**ELW pg. 140**

## **Prayer of the Day**

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

**O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **WORD**

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

### **First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9**

<sup>4</sup>So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. <sup>2</sup>You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. <sup>6</sup>You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!' <sup>7</sup>For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup>And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? <sup>9</sup> But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

### **Second Reading: James 1:17-27**

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. <sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. <sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. <sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

✱ **Gospel Acclamation** "Alleluia, Lord to Whom..."

**ELW pg. 142**

Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark – this is the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

***Glory to you, O Lord.***

**Gospel: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23**

<sup>7</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?' <sup>6</sup>He said to them, 'Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; <sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines." <sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.' <sup>14</sup> Then he called the crowd again and said to them, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.' <sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.'

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

✙ **Sermon**

*Rev. Erik Karlson*

**Hymn of the Day** "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways!"

**ELW # 772**

✱ **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.**

# STEWARDING 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".]*

## \*Offering 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, **source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PROPER PREFACE

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## Words of Institution

### 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.**

## ✠Distribution of Communion

"Lamb Of God"

ELW # 146

*[As we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion, all who believe they receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the form of bread and wine, forgiveness of sin and renewal therein are welcome at this table. It is the meal of all the Baptized. Please follow the direction of the Ushers.]*

## Communion Hymns

ELW # 771, 471, 472

### \*Prayer after Communion

Holy God, **you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## SENDING

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

## Announcements

### Benediction

God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

### Sending Song

“Take My Life, That I May be”

**ELW # 583**

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus. **Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude: Vicky Harris



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

**Organist:** Vicky Harris

**Cantor:** Dennis Davis

**Lector:** Dennis Davis

**Acolyte:** -

**Communion Assistants:** Chris Davis,  
Erin Sauter, Muriel Wavra, Rachel  
Strobel (Helper)

**Altar Guild:** Tina Rosckes and Mindy  
Lemke

**Head Usher:** -

**Ushers:** Jeff Grant, Dennis Davis

**Audio/Visual:** -

**Greeters:** Teresa Rannow and Xander Johnson

**Refreshments:** Bonnie Hahn

**Kitchen Guild:** Carla Kuehn

### Need to contact a staff member? Find their information below:

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**Please lift these people up in prayers this week:** Loren and LaMane Mueller, Bob Iverson, Joy Macheel (daughter of Jon and Jodi Braband), Lloyd Duenow (father of Brad Duenow), Marilyn Ueland, Mary Entinger, Carol Carver, Wayne and Carolyn Hegna (brother of Kathy Marsh), LuAnn Harms, Bruce Miller, Laura Mackenthun (Daughter of Dennis and Linda Roisum), Karen Wendlandt, Bev Phifer, Karen Sylwester, Mark Becker (Brother of Jonathan Becker), Cathy Haaskenson, Brent Lindemann, Mark St. Germain (Son-in-law of Gerald and Vicky Harris), Christina McLeod, Richard Kristofferson (Brother of Gloria Gustafson), Teresa Rannow, Kathy Remus, Mark Johnson, Brad Hahn.

### **THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN**

**Sunday, September 1,** Worship Service with Communion @ 9 AM in the Sanctuary.

**Monday, September 2,** Church Office Closed for Labor Day; Televised Worship Service @ 3 PM on Channel 10.

**Tuesday, September 3,** Women's Bible Study @ 10 AM in the Conference Room

**Wednesday, September 4,** Pastoral Text Study @ 11 AM in the Fireside Room; Choir Practice @ 6 PM in the Sanctuary; CE Team Meeting @ 5:15 PM in the Conference Room; Confirmation Orientation @ 6 PM in the Sanctuary.

**Thursday, September 5,** Men's Bible Study @ 9 AM in the Conference Room.

**Friday, September 6, Office Closed.**

**Saturday, September 7, No Events.**

**Sunday, September 8,** Worship Service with Communion @ 9 AM in the Sanctuary.

## **CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES**

*Find out what's going on at Christ Lutheran*

### **Baptisms of Zuri Jane Kraft, Evelyn Joan Kraft, and Willow Joan Kraft**

Today we celebrate the holy baptisms of Zuri, Evelyn and Willow. Zuri was born on April 9, 2013. Willow and Evelyn were born on March 8, 2014. They are the daughters of Kyle & Trista Kraft, Alison Kraft. Alex and Lexi Schons will be their sponsors in faith. Welcome to the CLC family and the body of Christ!

### **Rock Wednesdays and Confirmation**

We are excited to welcome our youth back for Rock and Confirmation! Our confirmation student/parent meeting is scheduled for Wednesday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Confirmation classes and Rock classes will begin on Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:50 PM.

### **Volunteers to Donate and Service Refreshments**

CLC is looking for volunteers who are willing to donate and serve refreshments on Sundays after worship. Please let the church office know if this is something you are willing and able to help with. We greatly appreciate it!

## **Laundry Love**

Laundry Love for July was attended by 21 appreciative individuals/families. A total of \$540 was spent. The volunteers this month were Becky Olmstead, Connie Heitz, and Linda Simonson. We thank them for the giving of their time. If you are interested in volunteering next month let Megan in the office know. Thank you, Christ Lutheran members, for your ongoing financial support for this outreach.

## **Sunday Acolytes**

Students don't forget to keep signing up for Sunday Acolyte slots! Our Acolytes are a crucial part of our worship services and help keep everything flowing smoothly. Find the signup form on our Worship Assistants webpage ([christluth.com/worship/worship-assistants](http://christluth.com/worship/worship-assistants)) or our Confirmation webpage ([christluth.com/confirmation](http://christluth.com/confirmation)).

## **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!

*Actual Offering (Through August 31, 2024)* \$255,687.85

*Budgeted Giving (Through August 31, 2024)* \$269,512.68

*Giving Behind Budget*-\$13,824.83

## **Bulletin, Newsletter, and Worship Service Deadlines**

In an effort to ensure that worship services plans can be finalized, and that the bulletins and newsletters can be edited and reviewed, in a timely manner, we are posting official deadlines for submission. We thank everyone for helping us make these productions as wonderful as we can!

*Newsletter Deadline:* Tuesdays @ 10 AM

*Bulletin Announcement Deadline:* Wednesdays @ 12 PM

*Worship Service Additions or Alterations:* 7 days prior to the affected service.