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

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Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Setting Three with Holy Communion
September 8, 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: Carla Kuehn

GATHERING

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

Welcome

✳ **Gathering Song**

“Earth and all Stars”

ELW # 731

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, **have mercy on us. 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

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This is the Feast

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Prayer of the Day

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

Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ our healer and Lord. Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading: Isaiah 35: 4-7a

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Second Reading: James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17

²My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery', also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy, mercy triumphs over judgement. ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Here ends the readings. Thanks be to God.

✱ **Gospel Acclamation** “Alleluia, Lord to Whom...”

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

²⁴From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, ‘Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’ ²⁸But she answered him, ‘Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.’ ²⁹Then he said to her, ‘For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.’ ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, ‘Ephphatha’, that is, ‘Be opened.’ ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, ‘He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.’

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

✝ **Sermon**

Rev. Erik Karlson

Hymn of the Day

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

ELW # 612

✱ **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

Hear us, O God, **Your mercy is great.**

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".]

*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 # 613, 726, 473

✱ **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.

✠ **Temple Talk – Abundant Table**

Bobby Scheidt

Announcements

Benediction

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

Sending Song

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

ELW # 886

Dismissal

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

Postlude: Carla Kuehn



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

Organist: Carla Kuehn

Head Usher: Dave Meyer

Cantor: Vicky Harris

Ushers: Eldean Enderson, Jeff Mullenbach

Lector: Jon Braband

Audio/Visual: -

Acolyte: -

Greeters: Kurt and Denise Landin

Communion Assistants: Marcia Miller,
Mary Metag, Connie Heitz, Nancy
Mellesmoen (Helper)

Refreshments: Gustafsons and Endersons

Altar Guild: Tina Rosckes and Mindy
Lemke

Kitchen Guild: Gloria Lovett

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

Monday, September 9, Televised Worship Service @ 3 PM on Channel 10.

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

Wednesday, September 11, Pastoral Text Study @ 11 AM in the Fireside Room;
Choir Practice @ 6 PM in the Sanctuary; Church Council Meeting @ 7:30 PM in the Conference Room.

Thursday, September 12, Men's Bible Study @ 9 AM in the Conference Room.

Friday, September 13, Office Closed.

Saturday, September 14, No Events.

Sunday, September 15, Worship Service with Communion @ 9 AM in the Sanctuary; Cub Scouts @ 3 PM in Fellowship Hall.

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

Find out what's going on at Christ Lutheran

Christian Education Team Needs Your Help!!!

On Rock Wednesdays we rely on our fantastic volunteers each week to lead groups, teach lessons and assist in classrooms. We are still looking for several additional volunteers to help us this year so that we can continue this fantastic program. If you are interested in teaching, helping in a classroom or would like more information, please contact Pr. Erik or Megan at 320-864-4549 or office@christluth.com. The lessons are user friendly and very easy to follow each week. You do not need any experience to teach! Additionally, we are searching for a 7th grade confirmation guide. For more information on this and the commitment, please contact Pr. Erik.



Rock Wednesdays and Confirmation

Confirmation classes and Rock classes will begin on Wednesday September 18th at 5:50 PM. If you have not registered your child yet, the sign up links are posted on the Christ Lutheran Church Facebook Page. If you need assistance signing up your child, please reach out to Megan in the church office at 320-864-4549 or office@christluth.com

Missions Update

August's Wheelbarrow emphasis was cooking oil. The missions team collected 6 bottles of oil. As the weather begins to cool down, many enjoy baking. During the month of September, the Wheelbarrow emphasis will be sugar (brown or white). We would like to thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

The Missions Team

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!

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) or our Confirmation webpage (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.