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**Seventeenth Sunday in Pentecost**  
**Service of the Word**  
**September 15, 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.

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

✳ *Please stand as you are able.*

✠ *Please be seated.*

Prelude: Chris Starr

**GATHERING**

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

✳ **Gathering Song**    "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

**ELW # 807**

**Welcome**

**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 and come to God for healing.

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.**

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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**Canticle of Praise**

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## Prayer of the Day

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

**O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## ✠ Choir Anthem

“As a Little Child”

*Directed by Vicky Harris*

## WORD

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

## ✠ First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens, wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. <sup>6</sup>I have my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. <sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me; therefore, I have not been disgraced; therefore, I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty? All of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

## Psalm: Psalm 116: 1-9

<sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

**<sup>2</sup>Because he inclined his ear to me; therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

<sup>3</sup>The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish.

**<sup>4</sup>Then I called on the name of the Lord: ‘O, Lord, I pray, save my life!’**

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the Lord, and righteous, our God is merciful.

**<sup>6</sup>The Lord protects the simple; when I was brought low, he saved me.**

<sup>7</sup>Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

**<sup>8</sup>For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.**

<sup>9</sup>I walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

## Second Reading: James 3:1-12

<sup>3</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are

guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can saltwater yield fresh.

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

✱ **Gospel Acclamation**      “Alleluia, Lord to Whom...”      **ELW pg. 216**  
Hear now the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark – this is the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
***Glory to you, O Lord.***

**Gospel: Mark 8:27-38**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’ <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ <sup>29</sup>He asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’ <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’ <sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

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

✙ **Sermon**

*Rev. Erik Karlson*

**Hymn of the Day**

“Lift High the Cross”

**ELW # 660**

## ✳️ **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.**

## ✝️ **Installation of ROCK Teachers and Confirmation Guides**

O God, everything you do is wonderful, and we know it well:

**Teach us your ways, O God.**

Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light on our paths:

**Teach us your way, O God.**

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me.":

**Teach us your ways, O God.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, who came among us as a servant, calls us forth in faith and a life of loving service to our neighbor. You come among us as one invited to render a particular service, a gift from God to inspire us to love and teach your holy gospel. And we pray, God of wisdom, in your goodness you provide faithful teachers for your church. By your Holy Spirit, you have called these leaders to ministry of witness and service in teaching and education. Give them and all teachers insight into your word, holy lives as examples to us all, and the courage to know and do the truth in every circumstance, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Beloved teachers and guides, in the presence of this assembly, will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the sure confidence that it comes from God?

**Teachers & Guides: I will, and I ask God to help me.**

Will you carry out the ministry of Christian Education here at Christ Lutheran in accordance with the holy scriptures, the confessions of the Lutheran Church, and with the love and support that surrounds you this day?

**Teachers & Guides: I will, and I ask God to help me.**

People of God, will you help, care for, and support these teachers and guides in the ministry of Christian Education here at Christ Lutheran?

**Congregation: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Beloved teachers and guides, I now declare you as installed Christian Education leaders here at Christ Lutheran Church. May Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be a faithful servant of Christ. **Amen.**

## Presentation of Bibles

### 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.**

## 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".]*

### \*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: ourselves, 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 blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sending Song** "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

**ELW # 774**

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude: Chris Starr**



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

**Organist:** Chris Starr

**Head Usher:** Chad Sauter

**Cantor:** Chris Davis

**Ushers:** Jeff Grant

**Lector:** Cheryl McDougall

**Audio/Visual:** -

**Refreshments:** Steve and Becky  
Olmstead

**Greeters:** Marv and Fran Huwe

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

**Kitchen Guild:** Gloria Lovett

### **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 15,** Worship Service @ 9 AM in the Sanctuary.

**Monday, September 16,** Televised Worship Service @ 3 PM on Channel 10.

**Tuesday, September 17,** Laundry Love @ 9 AM & 4:30 pm; Women's Bible Study @ 10 AM in the Fireside Room

**Wednesday, September 18,** Televised Worship Service @ 2 PM on Channel 10; Choir Practice @ 6 PM in the Chapel.

**Thursday, September 19,** Men's Bible Study @ 9 AM in the Conference Room.

**Friday, September 20, Office Closed**

**Saturday, September 21** No Events.

**Sunday, September 22,** Sunday Worship Service @ 9 AM in the Sanctuary.

# CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPDATES

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

## **Christian Education: Thank you!**

As we begin a new year of Christian Education classes for our youth, we would like to extend our gratitude to those who help make this program a great one. Let us celebrate the efforts of our Christian Education Team: Tami Alsleben, Bonnie Hahn, Elisa Dording and Brittany Myers. Thank you to Megan Hoffman for the extra time she dedicates to Christian Education, and to the volunteers who teach and guide our youth here at Christ Lutheran.

## **Rock Wednesdays and Confirmation**

Confirmation classes and Rock classes begin on Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@christluth.com)

## **Adult Bible Study**

Adult education will begin on Sunday September 29 at 10:30 in the Conference Room. This session is titled "In the Footsteps of the Savior" by Max Lucado. For more information, there is a flier posted to the bulletin board in the Narthex.

## **WELCA Announcement**

[Christ Lutheran Women's Fall Gathering](#)

# Save the Date!

[October 26<sup>th</sup>](#)    [8:30 – 12:00](#)

[More details coming soon.](#)





### **Missions Update**

The Noisy Pail for Common Cup in May took in \$701.22; The Noisy Pail for Habitat took in \$275; The Noisy Pail for School supplies took in \$578.88. The May Wheelbarrow donation for food prep kits totaled 38#. The June Wheelbarrow donation for cooking oil totaled 13# and the July Wheelbarrow donation for ketchup was 32#. Thank you to all who donated and your support of these vital missions. The Mission 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!

### **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)).

### **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.*