# Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 9, 2022

**As We Gather** - We know a lot about some of the people in today's Readings. We could write a typical biography of Ruth, for example, because we know her family's names and even that she was an ancestor of Jesus. Last week we learned that Timothy, the addressee of today's Epistle, had a Christian mother and grandmother, and is now a young pastor. But all that we know about the leper who thanked Jesus in today's Gospel is that he was a Samaritan. Yet that is sufficient, for only through his faith in our Lord was he truly saved, not from leprosy only, but from his sins and his sinfulness. He was ready to live in thanks and praise of his Savior and ours. What's the story of your life? We were dead in sins but now are alive in Christ Jesus. May God strengthen you to share His love as the story of your life continues to unfold.

**Offering:** Offerings will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

**The Wearing of Masks:** To protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 are highly encouraged to wear a mask or stay home. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God's gifts in worship.

## **GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.**

**Prelude and Meditation:** Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

## Prelude:

# WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Hymn of Invocation:

Confession and Absolution Christ Is Our Cornerstone

LSB 912

 $\Delta$  Please stand after a brief interlude



#### Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

▶ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

# Service of the Word

#### Psalm 100

- <sup>1</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
  <sup>2</sup>Serve the LORD with gladness!
  Come into his presence with singing!
- <sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD, he is God!
   It is he who made us, and we are his;
   we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!
- <sup>5</sup>For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

#### Kyrie

LSB 152

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.





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# Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



P Let us pray.

O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 6:1–8

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"

<sup>4</sup>And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

<sup>8</sup>And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 90:1-4, 10-12

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

<sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

 <sup>3</sup>You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"
 <sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

 <sup>10</sup>The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.
 <sup>11</sup>Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?

# <sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

# Epistle

Romans 8:31–39

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? <sup>33</sup>Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that,

who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup>Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

## **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand



## **Holy Gospel**

Luke 12:35-40

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.



<sup>35</sup>[Jesus said:] "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, <sup>36</sup>and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes in

the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! <sup>39</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

Sit





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Sermon:

### "For Us and With Us" Romans 8:31-39

# LWML Pledge

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

### **Prayer of the Church**





**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



LSB 160

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



# Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

# The Words of Our Lord

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **G** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

Distribution Hymns (Sunday Only) LSB 743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure LSB 725 Children of the Heavenly Father LSB 728 How Firm a Foundation

Stand



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

#### (Saturday)

**P** Let us pray together.

☑ I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

# (Sunday)

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



# Benediction

LSB 166

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



#### **Closing Hymn:**

- "Serve the Lord with gladness!" It is He alone Who redeemed us sinners, Guides us as His own To enjoy the blessings Of His love and grace, Will at last in glory Meet us face to face. Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim: "Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name.
- 2 "Serve the Lord with gladness!" He gave us command To proclaim His Gospel Now in every land So that fellow sinners May, like us, be blest. Leading them to Jesus, We can serve Him best. Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim: "Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!
- 3 "Serve the Lord with gladness!" There's no greater joy Than to serve the Master, Work in His employ. As we build His kingdom Angels, too, rejoice Over every sinner Brought to hear His voice. Onward, then, for Jesus! Let this be our aim: "Serve the Lord with gladness!" Glorify His name!

# Postlude

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#### LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist	
Saturday	
Elder	Steve Rosane
Lector	Geri Slaten/Rick Smith
Audio	Lee Crapo/Robin Fox
<i>Sunday</i> Elder Lector	•
Greeter	Annie Smith
Audio	Maria Hazzard
Video	Video TD: Kris Welch
Altar Guild	GFX/ Stream: Robin Fox Kim Kaniecki and Dawn Peters

#### LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

Pastor	Pastor Christopher Hazzard
Organist	Carol Ceaglske
Elder	
Lector	Kim Kaniecki
Greeter	Barbara Joost
Audio	Kyle Welch
Video	Video TD: Kris Welch
	GFX: / Stream: Robin Fox
Altar Guild	Kim Kaniecki and Dawn Peters

# ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS FROM LAST WEEK

Saturday Worship Attendance	20
Sunday Worship Attendance	
Envelope and Loose Plate Offerings	
Simply Giving/Vanco	\$550.00
Paypal Offerings	
Website (ShareFaith)	\$75.00
Total of Offerings Received	\$4,523.00
Misc. Income, Memorials and Special Gifts	\$5.00

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR - Pentecost XVIII–** Naomi insisted Ruth abandon her because of her age and infirmity (Ruth 1:11-12). But Ruth instead trusted in the God who shares in suffering (2 Timothy 2:3). Likewise, the ten lepers were left for dead, but Jesus reaches even into our severest afflictions with presence and compassion. And He invites and encourages us also to accompany and assist rather than settling for physician-assisted suicide.

**FLOWER SPONSOR**–Dan and Violet Zabel, in celebration of their 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.

**BULLETIN SPONSOR** – No Bulletin Sponsor this week.

**COUNCIL MEETING** - The Council will meet Monday, October 10 at 6:30 pm.

**CONGREGATION VISION EVENT** - Join us for an evening of conversation and visioning facilitated by Pastor Tom Eggebrecht of LCEF this Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. A light meal will be served. This all-congregation event begins our Ministry Clarity work with us prayerfully exploring God's vision for our congregation and what He is calling us to next. There is no preparation required. Come as you are, ready to explore. Please join us—this process only works with your involvement!

**MARY MARTHA MEETING** – The Mary Marthas will meet this Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9 AM. All ladies of the congregation are invited. See you there!

**COMMUNICATIONS BOARD** – The Communications Board will meet next Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, after service.

**PAINT CLASS** - A Painting class is being offered in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, October 22, 2022, from 1-3 p.m. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Class is limited to the first 20 people that sign up. The cost is \$20.00 per person. This includes an 11 x 14 canvas, all paint supplies, and instruction from an artist. Themes to be determined. You will have a choice of six pictures to choose from. The theme most wanted will be the theme for all to paint. If you have any questions or can help with setup, please contact Annie Smith 863-602-6113. Also remember to wear an old shirt or smock to cover your clothing.

**SHINE PRESENTATION** – Jean Berken, counselor from SHINE will be presenting a meeting on Medicare from an unbiased health insurance perspective on October 25<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. She will give us the scoop on Medicare's Annual Open enrollment, what's new for 2023, including updates on how the Inflation Recovery Act may affect Medicare beneficiaries. There will also be a Q&A after the presentation. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

**CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS**– The box to donate your family ornament is now in the Fellowship Hall. We are asking each family to donate a non-breakable ornament (no Santa's please) with their name written in Sharpie. These will be used on the tree in the Fellowship Hall.

**CLC CHRISTMAS BAZAAR PREPARATIONS** – It's time again to reserve a space for the Christ Lutheran Church Christmas Bazaar & Craft Sale. This year the sale will be on Saturday, December 3, 2022 8:30A – 1:00P. The non-refundable fee for inside the Fellowship Hall is still just \$25.00 which includes two chairs and an approx. 8X6 space which is air conditioned or if you would rather be outside in the courtyard a space is \$20. Both options have electricity available, you will need to supply your own extension cord. You can bring your own table but it must fit in the 8X6 space or you can rent a table from Christ Lutheran Church (CLC) for \$10.00, please let me know if you want a table when you reserve your space. Space is first come first serve. Make checks payable to CLC Church with "Bazaar" written in the memo line. Each vendor is ask to donate one item from their table for the Door Prize table. For more information or questions, please contact Belinda Freer at johnjuke2@aol.com or call 863-602-5159. Proceeds will be given to a local non-profit.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP** – If you are a seasonal visitor and would be interested in an Associate Membership with Christ Lutheran, please see an Elder.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY** – For those that are not aware, our church member directory is now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the narthex for more information or email Kim Kaniecki at stewardship@clclakeland.org.

**RECIPES WANTED** - Mary Martha is collecting favorite recipes for the Church Cookbook. If you have a favorite recipe and would be willing to share it, please write it legibly, sign your name on it and put it in the box located in the Narthex. There is no limit to number of recipes you can submit. The deadline for submitting recipes is December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**GREETERS NEEDED** – Volunteers are needed to be Greeters in the Narthex to welcome guest and members as they enter for service. If you are interested, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board.

**TRUSTEE VOLUNTEER DAY** – If you are interested in volunteering to help with maintenance around the church, please contact Sandy Spanier at 863-665-5572.

**NAMETAGS** – We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER- Luke 17:19 – 19 – "And he said to him, 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'** " Only one of the 10 lepers who were cleansed returns to give thanks to Jesus. Why is that? Surely the rest were indeed thankful to be freed from such a terrible disease. But only the Samaritan leper had faith, and his faith turned into action, as all true faith does. Our generosity to God's work in the Church is likewise our faith in action.

**VISIONING** - Visioning is a process to discover God's vision for your congregation. This survey is one step in the process. It is intended to assist your Visioning facilitator as he prepares for your Vision Event on Tuesday, October 11, 2022. Please plan to attend! This survey is anonymous, and the information is for your facilitator only. The results will be shared during the Vision Event, but no names will be shared. Thank you for your participation!

Surveys are available in the narthex, or by scanning this QR code with a smartphone or tablet.



# THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Monday	Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Tuesday	Quilters @ 10 am
	Trustee/Volunteer Work Day 9 am-Noon
	Congregational Mission Clarity Vision Meal @ 6:00 pm
Wednesday	Mary Martha Meeting @ 9 am
	In Person and ZOOM Bible Study @ Noon
	Private Communion 1:30 – 2:30 pm
Friday	Church Office Closed, Pastor's Day Off
Saturday	Book Study @ 4:30 pm
	Worship @ 5:30 pm
Sunday	Bible Study @ 8:30 am
	Worship Service @ 10 am
	Bible Study @ 11:15 am
	Communications Board Meeting