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Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 29, and Monday, August 30, 2021

GATHERING

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Almighty God,

C you are above all things, yet so very near to me. Because you already know me better than I know myself, I confess that I have not honored our relationship—I have sinned against you today. There are things that cause me shame and embarrassment—things I have thought, things I have said, things I have done—in your presence and in the presence of others. And there are things I have already forgotten or don't even realize how hurtful they are. Remember that Jesus is faithful when I am not, and restore me in your Spirit to continue in our life together.

P God knows what we do, yet sees who we are through the eyes of Jesus, who has joined God's life with ours and in whom ✠ we are made new. Mercifully broken and wholly mended, we are set upright to live again.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Gather Us In* – ELW 532

- 1 Here in this place the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.
- 2 We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face;
we have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty,
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.
- 3 Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.
- 4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away—
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE – *People of Hope*

Chorus

We are people of hope alive in the myst'ry
Growing in faith learning to love
We are people of hope throughout all of hist'ry
Held by the One who will never let go

Verse 1

We are dead in our striving
For wealth and for might
But God rich in mercy
Has loved us to life

Verse 2

We are what God made us
Created in Christ for justice and mercy
To be our way of life

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. O God our strength,

C 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

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹So 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. ²You 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.

⁶You 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!" ⁷For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? ⁸And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

⁹But 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.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear
the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back
their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes
against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be
overthrown.

SECOND READING: James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every 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. ¹⁸In fulfillment 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.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore 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.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like

those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But 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.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion 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.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Setting Ten*)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

P The holy gospel according to Saint Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and 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.)

⁵So 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?” ⁶He 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;

⁷in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit,

licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S SERMON (*Sunday*)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil* – ELW 512

Lord, let my heart be good soil,
open to the seed of your word.
Lord, let my heart be good soil,
where love can grow and peace is understood.
When my heart is hard, break the stone away.
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,
Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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CREED

C 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

*Petitions end: “Lord, in your mercy.” Please respond: “**Hear our prayer.**”*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

(Please share a greeting of peace with each other from a distance.)

OFFERING

(Thanks for your support of the ministry of Christ Lutheran Church! There are several ways to give your monetary support, including many online options on the church website: www.welcome2CLC.com. As you leave today's service, offerings may be placed in the offering plates located in the entryway.)

THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. Great God of gifts: Thank you! You feed us in many, many ways, and we are grateful to receive! We look to you, we look to each other, and we praise your name. As you've fed us, now make us food for the world. Thank you, great God of gifts!

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P Receive the blessing of God, the creator who made you, Jesus, the one who weeps with you, the Spirit, the one who breathes through you, ☩ one God, with you then, with you now, with you forever.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: *For the Beauty of the Earth* – ELW 879, verses 1, 4, 5

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain

Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild: Refrain

5 For each perfect gift of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv'n: Refrain

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

P Love

C Jesus.

P Grow

C Together.

P Serve

C Others.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

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Youth Director: Josie Wilterdink

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Sunday, September 19!

~ Rally Day ~

~ **Outdoor Worship** ~
(weather, permitting)

~ Church Picnic ~

Rally Day is Sunday, September 19, beginning with outdoor worship (weather, permitting) at 9 a.m. in the church parking lot. (The service will be held in the sanctuary if the weather does not cooperate.) The band "Breaking Chains" will be leading worship.

Following worship, there will be games and activities for kids of all ages, and registration will be held for COSMO, CIA, and adult education opportunities.

At this time, tentative plans are that a church picnic will also be served as part of the Rally Day festivities. The picnic may need to be canceled if cases of the virus remain high in our area.

Brats, hot dogs, coleslaw, veggies and dip, chips, desserts, coffee, and lemonade are planned for the picnic, if it does take place. There will be no cost for the meal; donations appreciated. If you would like to provide a dessert for the picnic or to help with preparation, cooking, serving, or clean up, there is a sign up sheet in the office wing hallway or call the church office. Thank you!

MISSION STATEMENT: “Love Jesus, Grow Together, Serve Others.”

VISION STATEMENT: “Christ Lutheran is where God’s promise of love and forgiveness is for all.”

PRAYER CONCERNS (listed alphabetically): Sharon Becker; Sue Dahm; Peyton Rae Danovsky; Jeremy Eckert (Joel’s brother); Gay Evenson; Kathy Falk; Barb Frey; Jonelle Gideo; Gretchen Gustman; Paul Haviland; Gordy & Carolyn Hemming; Lexyn Holt; Leonard Jicha; Joan Labs; Helen Lande; Sharon Larson; Andy Meser (Barb’s great-nephew); Arlene Mork; Grace Nelson (Vickie Kuester’s mother); Bill Neverdahl; Lorraine Norrish; Reggie; Rita (Arla Falk’s sister); Frank Smith; Shawn Sary; Martha Stewart; Cassandra Tye; Libby Wallace; Joe Warland (Sue Dahms’ brother); Jacque Wilman (Tracy Wellington’s mother); the family of Daniel Ness; the family of Jackie Finder; the family of Joel Bradshaw; the family of Doug Hinzman; our companion congregation in Malawi (Balaka Parish); all those who serve in our military and their families; and all our members and friends residing in care facilities or confined to their homes.

OUR SYMPATHY TO the family and friends of Daniel Ness (Christine’s relative), who passed away on August 19. A service was held on August 25 in Osseo.

OUR SYMPATHY TO the family and friends of Jackie Finder, who passed away on August 23. A Celebration of Life service was held at Christ Lutheran on August 27.

OUR SYMPATHY TO the family and friends of Joel Bradshaw, who passed away on August 23. A memorial service will be held Monday, August 30, at 11 a.m. at the church with visitation from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

OUR SYMPATHY TO the family and friends of Doug Hinzman, who passed away on August 24. Arrangements are pending.

CHURCH COUNCIL is encouraging everyone to wear a mask at this time. Thank you.

ACCOMPANISTS NEEDED to occasionally play for American Lutheran Home’s hymn sing on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. For questions or to volunteer, call Deb Haugrose, Director of Activities at ALH, at 715-235-9041, or call Chaplain Bob at 715-309-2888. Requirements include filling out a questionnaire, having temperature taken upon arrival, and wearing a mask.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING meeting will be September 12, immediately following worship. We will discuss important information, answer any questions, and make decisions to move forward. This event is less than a year away, so we need to get to work!

FALL FAITH FORMATION is almost here, and we need you! We are looking for group leaders for all ages--three-year-old through adult classes. Curriculum is easy to navigate with minimal preparation. Adult classes will be both book and Bible studies. You choose where best to use your talents! Don't want to lead? We're always looking for other help as well. Snack helpers, classroom helpers--and more--are always welcome! We will continue to use our 4G Sunday format: Gather, Give, Grow, Go! Contact Josie at cosmo.clc@gmail.com or the church office with questions or to volunteer.

PLEASE FILL OUT a pink communion card at every worship service! Thank you!
THE SPOT WILL BE BACK! Plans are underway to bring THE SPOT back to CLC. BUT--we need adult and older youth volunteers to make it happen. THE SPOT meets from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday during the school year. We need drivers, snack helpers, group leaders, and station leaders. This is a very important outreach ministry to youth in our community. Please considering giving of your time to share Christ with our neighbors. Contact Josie at cosmo.clc@gmail.com or the church office with questions or to volunteer.

WEDNESDAY'S TABLE menu for September 1: Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, French Bread, Oatmeal Raisin Cookie. The menu is also posted on Facebook. *[Menu items subject to change.]*

OUR WEDNESDAY FOOD MINISTRY NEEDS YOU! To sign up to help with either Wednesday's Table or CLC FoodShelf, call the church office at 715-235-5573; use the following link: <https://www.welcome2clc.com/volunteer-signup.html>; or sign up on the church website: welcome2CLC.com. Thank you!

CLC FOODSHELF NEWS! Each week we are serving up bags filled with several meals of healthy, non-perishable food to several families in need. You can help in two ways: Donate money to the FoodShelf Fund or donate food items. Please place all food donations in one of the collection carts at the church.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT: Every donation is greatly appreciated in helping to support Nick Madsen's Eagle Scout Project of building a gaga pit at Christ Lutheran Church. The goal of \$700 is well over halfway there. Thank you!

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY "Connect Night" on Monday nights is an evening for students to enjoy a homecooked meal and fellowship, something that students look forward to every week. We are looking for volunteers to help cook and serve meals for our students on the following dates: September 20; November 1, 15, 29; and December 6, 13. If you are willing to help cook/serve, please contact me at 715.563.6336 or lcmstoutdirector@gmail.com. LCM Is thankful for your presence and commitment to cooking meals on Monday nights. - Sara Reed, LCM Director

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) KITS

Back-to-school sales are great for stocking up on items for our Lutheran World Relief (LWR) kits.

The CLCW is collecting the following supplies for school kits, fabric kits, baby care kits, and personal care kits in a pink tote in the entryway of the church for shipping to LWR in October. (Please note at this time that we have enough pens for the school kits but especially need large bars of soap (8- or 9-oz. each) for the baby care kits. Thank you.)

- 70-sheet notebooks—wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10-1/2"; no loose paper.
- 30-centimeter rulers or rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- Pencil sharpeners.
- Blunt scissors.
- Unsharpened pencils.
- Boxes of 16 or 24 crayons.
- 2-1/2" erasers.
- **Fabric Kits:**
- Spools of neutral colored, general purpose thread.
- Pieces of cotton or cotton blend fabric (no knits or polyester).
- 2-1/4 yards of 60" wide fabric.
- 3 yards of 44" wide fabric.
- 4 yards of 36" wide fabric.
- **Baby Care Kits**
- Lightweight cotton T-shirts (no onesies).
- Long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet).
- Receiving blankets between 36 and 52 inches.
- Cloth diapers, flat fold preferred (must be new).
- Jackets, sweaters or sweatshirts with hoods or include baby caps.
- Pairs of socks.
- Hand towels, dark in color.
- 8- or 9-oz. size bars of gentle soap in original wrapping.
- Large safety pins for diapers.

We can always use large soap bars and dark hand towels.

Thrivent encourages all of us to "live generously." With your help and your donations and with the help of Thrivent Financial, we will once again be packing and sending quilts and kits to Lutheran World Relief this fall. Thank you!