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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, September 5, and Monday, September 6, 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: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* – ELW 858

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,
joining in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.
- 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again.
Gladly forever adore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

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 – *Glory Be to God (Setting Ten)*

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.
Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Gracious God,

C 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

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;

^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers,
in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

**¹⁰The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING: James 2:1-10, 14-17

¹My 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 fulfill 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.

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.

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 7:24-37

P The holy gospel according to Saint Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] 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,²⁵ but 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 Syrophenician 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."

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Healer of Our Every Ill* – ELW 612

Refrain

Healer of our ev'ry ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.

1 You who know our fears and sadness,
grace us with your peace and gladness;
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*

2 In the pain and joy beholding
how your grace is still unfolding,
give us all your vision, God of love. *Refrain*

3 Give us strength to love each other,
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain*

4 You who know each thought and feeling,
teach us all your way of healing;
Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. *Refrain*

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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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: *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* – ELW 719

- 1 Where cross the crowded ways of life,
where sound the cries of race and clan,
above the noise of selfish strife,
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
- 2 In haunts of wretchedness and need,
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,
from paths where hide the lures of greed,
we catch the vision of your tears.
- 3 From tender childhood's helplessness,
from human grief and burdened toil,
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress,
your heart has never known recoil.
- 4 The cup of water giv'n for you
still holds the freshness of your grace;
yet long these multitudes to view
the strong compassion in your face.
- 5 O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
oh, tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav'n above
shall come the city of our God.

Text: Frank M. North, 1850-1935, 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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Preacher and Presiding Minister: Pastor David Natzke

Accompanist: Beth Ford (*Sunday*)

Scripture Readers: Gary Johnson (*Sunday*); Libby Wallace (*Monday*)

Worship Leader: Brian Klein

Youth Director: Josie Wilterdink

Audio Video Specialist: Darrin Falk

September Service Group Coordinator: Christine Ness

MEMORIALS

For the Christ Lutheran Church Women (CLCW) in memory of: 8/29—Jackie Finder from Arla Graff. **For the Furnace Replacement Fund in memory of:** 8/29—Jackie Finder and Doug Hinzman from Eileen Stark. **For General Fund (Current Expenses) in memory of:** 8/29—Joel Bradshaw from Arla Graff; Jackie Finder and Todd Stainer from Larry & Vickie Kuester. **For the Radio Broadcast Fund in memory of:** 8/29—Jackie Finder from Gerry Miller. **For the Dan & Marilyn Tye Technology Fund in memory of:** 8/29—Jackie Finder and Joel Bradshaw from Dave & Jane Amble.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Week of September 5, 2021

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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; Jeremy Hayes; Gordy & Carolyn Hemming; Lexyn Holt; Andrea Johnson; Joan Labs; Helen Lande; Sharon Larson; Dayle Mandelson; 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 Stary; Cassandra Tye; Libby Wallace; Joe Warland (Sue Dahms’ brother); Jacque Wilman (Tracy Wellington’s mother); the family of Leonard Jicha; 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 Leonard Jicha, who passed away on September 1. No service is planned at this time.

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

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Monday, September 6, for Labor Day.

THANK YOU to Pastor Dave Natzke for once again filling in for Pastor Randy!

THANK YOU to Beth Ford for filling in as a last-minute accompanist this morning!

ALZHEIMER’S FUNDRAISER: Larry & Vickie Kuester are sponsoring a Chili Feed on September 9 in Bagley, MN (Vickie’s hometown), to raise money for research for the Alzheimer’s Association. Larry & Vickie are also walking on October 2 in Bemidji, MN, to raise money for the Alzheimer’s Association. Why are they interested in doing this? Larry’s mom passed away on January 24, 2012, from Alzheimer’s and Vickie’s mom currently is suffering from this same terrible disease. If you are interested in donating to help fight Alzheimer’s, please contact Vickie Kuester. Thank you!

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING meeting will be next Sunday, 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!

WEDNESDAY’S TABLE menu for September 8: Deluxe Sub Sandwiches, Chips, Fresh Fruit. 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.

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE NIGHT – SEPTEMBER 14: Administration, Congregational Life/Worship Team, and Outreach Committees will meet individually on Tuesday, September 14, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Then from 6:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. the committees and council will meet as one group in the sanctuary. Council will meet from 7 pm. to 8 p.m.

THE SPOT RETURNS SEPTEMBER 15! We need adult and older youth volunteers from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays during the school year. 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.

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!

PLEASE COME WISH Katie Wagner farewell as she transitions to the next step in her faith and life journey. She has been instrumental as our Lutheran Campus Ministry Director for seven years! If she has touched your life as a student, congregational or community member, please come show your support for her at an open house event on Friday, September 17, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at The Ministry. COVID-safe, prepackaged snacks and drinks will be served, and plan to gather outside The Ministry, if the weather cooperates. Please remember masks are required inside The Ministry.

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 15; 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

ACCOMPANISTS NEEDED to occasionally play for American Lutheran Home's hymn singing 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.

BRATS, HOT DOGS, COLESLAW, veggies and dip, chips, desserts, coffee, and lemonade are tentatively planned for the Rally Day picnic. 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!

**COME ONE
COME ALL**

**RALLY DAY
CARNIVAL**

SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER

**OUTDOOR WORSHIP
WITH BREAKING CHAINS
~ 9 - 10 AM ~**

**OUTDOOR CARNIVAL
WITH FOOD AND GAMES
~ 10 - 11 AM ~**

~ BRING SEATING ~

~ WEATHER PERMITTING ~
~ INDOORS IF INCLEMENT WEATHER ~

~ NO COST ~ DONATIONS APPRECIATED ~

~ MASKS APPRECIATED INDOORS ~

FAITH FORMATION KICK-OFF

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