

# *Christ Ev. Lutheran Church*

## **21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost—Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Opening Hymn: CW 477 "What Is the World To Me"**

*Please stand.*

**M:** The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**M:** God invites us to come into His presence and worship Him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask Him to forgive us.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given us His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**M:** For all that we have in life and for the wisdom to use all Your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord. **C (sings): Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from Your love and for the courage to stand against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C (sings): Christ, have mercy.**

**M:** For the well-being of Your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord. **C (sings): Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by Your power and keep us in Your tender care:  
**C (sings): Amen.**

**M:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; His name is worthy of praise.

**C (sings): O Lord, our Lord how glorious is your name in all the earth. Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love. You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit; you make us pure and holy in your sight. You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth. O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us; you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the King of glory; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

**M:** Let us pray: Grant, O merciful Lord, to Your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve You with a quiet mind; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C (sings): Amen.**

**First Lesson: Amos 5:6,7,10-15**

Seek the LORD and live, or he will sweep through the tribes of Joseph like a fire; it will devour them, and Bethel will have no one to quench it.<sup>7</sup> There are those who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground. There are those who hate the one who upholds justice in court and detest the one who tells the truth.<sup>11</sup> You levy a straw tax on the poor and impose a tax on their grain. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine.<sup>12</sup> For I know how many are your offenses and how great your sins. There are those who oppress the innocent and take bribes and deprive the poor of justice in the courts.<sup>13</sup> Therefore the prudent keep quiet in such times, for the times are evil.<sup>14</sup> Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is.<sup>15</sup> Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

**Psalm of the Day: Psalm 90** – page 99 in *Christian Worship (CW)*

### **Second Lesson: Hebrews 3:1-6**

Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest.<sup>2</sup> He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house.<sup>3</sup> Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself.<sup>4</sup> For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.<sup>5</sup> "Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house,"<sup>[a]</sup> bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future.<sup>6</sup> But Christ is faithful as the Son over God's house. And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

**Verse of the Day** Alleluia. This is the Lord, we trusted in Him; let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation. Alleluia. (Isaiah 25:9b)

**C (sings): Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**M:** Please stand for our Gospel lesson.

### **Holy Gospel: Mark 10:17-27**

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"<sup>18</sup> "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone.<sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'<sup>[d]</sup>"<sup>20</sup> "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."<sup>21</sup> Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."<sup>22</sup> At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.<sup>23</sup> Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"<sup>24</sup> The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is<sup>[e]</sup> to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."<sup>26</sup> The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"<sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

**M:** These are God's Words.

**C: (sings) Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated.*

**Hymn of the Day: CW 390 on cd "Salvation Unto Us Has Come"**

**Sermon:**

*Please stand.*

**Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**Offering Hymn: 334 "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"**

*Please stand.*

**M (speaks) C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

**M (speaks) C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions. *Silent prayer.*

**M:** Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: 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.**

**M:** The Lord be with you. **C: (sings) And also with you.**

**M:** Lift up your hearts. **C: (sings) We lift them up to the Lord.**

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: (sings) It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**M:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are His children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ. To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

**C: (sings) Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of Your glory. You are my God, and I will exalt You. I will give You thanks, for You have become my salvation. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of Your glory.**

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

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me." The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: (sings) Amen.**

**C: (sings) O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us Your peace. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**Distribution Hymn: CW 401 & 355**

*Please Stand.*

**C: (sings) Thank the Lord and sing His praise. Tell everyone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He renews His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**M:** Hear the prayer of Your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised You here may glorify You in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of Your Son may long for His coming again, and that all who have received in His true body and blood the pledge of Your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: (sings) Amen.**

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and + give you His peace.

**C: (sings) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: CW 421 v.1,3,5 "All Depends On Our Possessing"**

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**Announcements**

**-Commitments/Budget wise!! We are right on track with meeting our commitments to NELHS & Missions. However, we are slightly behind in regards to the General Fund. Please keep this in mind and encourage one another as we head into the second half of the year. May our giving for the Lord’s work be regular and always from a thankful heart.**

**-Education Fund – A new account for the Education Fund has been setup with Hahn Financial to help it grow. If you would like to contribute to that fund, so that we can continue to meet the congregational commitment made years ago, please make special designation on your envelopes.**

**-If you would like to bring in some flowers/plants from your beds or gardens or decorate the altar with an arrangement or two in memory of an anniversary please do so.**

-2015 is here and we need folks to sign-up and take their turns (3-to-4 times) in cleaning the Lord's House. Let's join together and share this duty and keep the Lord's House looking great!!!

-Pastor will be attending the Fall Pastor's Conference hosted by St. Mark's-Lincoln on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.

-Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> NELHS Association Mtg.

-Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> Qtrly. Mtg. with potluck and NELHS Fall Concert (4pm) and Silent Auction.

-A Circuit Reformation service will be held at St. Paul-Plymouth Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> at 4pm with Pastor Dan Johnston new mission pastor in Blaire, NE as our guest preacher!!

<i>This Week and Beyond</i>			<i>Fruits of our Faith (10/11)</i>		
Today	8:45am	BC	Attendance: (Sat) 53(Sun)	Budget/Commit	
	9:30 am	Communion Worship	Home Fund:	\$1202.55	\$1600
			Missions:	\$128	\$122
Tues & Wed		Pastor's Conf.	NELHS :	\$170	\$122
Wed.		Confirmation	NELHS Debt:	\$	
			Education:	\$	
Sat.	4:30pm	Sat. worship	<i>Total</i>	<i>\$1,614.55</i>	<i>\$1844</i>
			<i>Serving Among Us</i>		
Sun.	8:45am	BC	Organist:	Elaine Schroeder	
	9:30am	Worship	Ushers:	Dale Pieper (elder)	
		Qtrly Mtg. w/ potluck following worship		George Maschmeier & Ron Schmidt	