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9th Sunday after Pentecost ~ August 7, 2022

THE SERVICE

BOLD lettering indicates a spoken response

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Prelude

Announcements

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen

This is the day

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This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made; we will rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

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.

P: God is our light and our salvation,

C: our refuge and our stronghold.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: we praise your name, O God.

P: For with you is the fountain of life,

C: and in your light we see light.

Opening Hymn – What have we to offer?

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1 What have we to of - fer? What have we to share?
 2 What have we to of - fer? What have we to bring?
 3 What have we to of - fer? What have we to give?



Coins from the cof - fer, hearts filled with care.
 Love, ripe with laugh - ter; hope that we can sing;
 Eyes that are wide o - pen; lies that we won't live;



God will not fal - ter; so let us dare
 dreams of what we're af - ter; prom - is - es of when.
 truth that must be spo - ken; jus - tice some - how.



lay it at the al - tar there.
 Lay it at the al - tar then.
 Lay it at the al - tar now.



4 What have we to of - fer? What have we to



give? Lives we will live.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, judge of us all, you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own. Give us such wisdom by your Spirit that our possessions may not be a curse in our lives, but an instrument for blessing; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

WORD OF GOD

Scripture Readings

Without God, where would you be now?

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First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.”

A: The First Lesson is from the 1st and 2nd chapters of Ecclesiastes.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 49:1-12

Other psalms praise and pray to God; this psalm teaches wisdom and imparts understanding. It focuses on the folly of trusting in wealth or envying others for their wealth. It sets the present prosperity of those who don't know God in an eternal perspective.

A: Let us read these verses from Psalm 49 responsively.

Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world,
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

**²My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.**

³I will incline my ear to a proverb
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

**⁴Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,**

⁵the wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods,
and boast of their great riches?

**⁶We can never ransom ourselves,
or deliver to God the price of our life;**

⁷for the ransom of our life is so great,
that we should never have enough to pay it,

**⁸in order to live forever and ever,
and never see the grave.**

⁹For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

**¹⁰Their graves shall be their homes forever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation,
though they call the lands after their own names.**

¹¹Even though honored, they cannot live forever;
they are like the beasts that perish.

**¹²Such is the way of those who foolishly trust in themselves,
and the end of those who delight in their own words.**

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul here begins a section where he will focus on practical Christian living. But first he reminds us that such living is built on the foundation of Jesus' resurrection. It is only because we were raised with Christ that we can seek those things which are above and live godly lives.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 3rd chapter of Colossians.

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Without God, where would you be now?
Without God, where would you be now?
Without God.*

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

They were in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of

possessions.” ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

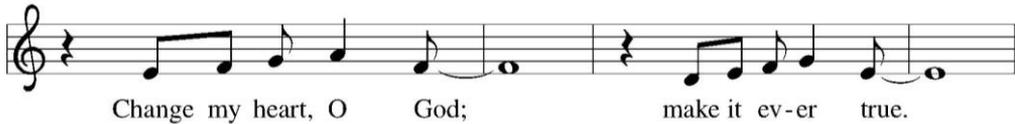
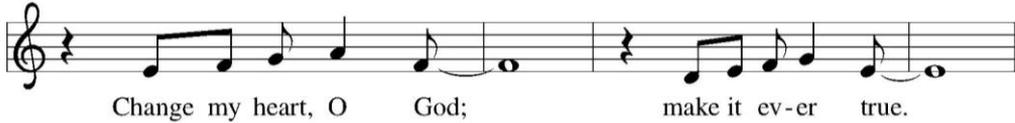
Sermon

~ Pastor Amy

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn – Change my heart, O God

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Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

**On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship you; O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear;
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.*

The Pastor will offer prayers for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and special concerns.

P: +Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

*I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship you; O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear;
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* Offertory – As the grains of wheat

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Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat - tered on the hill were
gath - ered in - to one, were gath - ered in - to one to be -
come our bread; so may all your peo - ple from the
ends of the earth be gath - ered in - to one in you.

Offertory Prayer

P: Gracious God,

C: in the abundance of your steadfast love, you call us from death to life, from silence to speech, from idleness to action. With these gifts we offer ourselves to you, and with the Church through all the ages we give thanks for your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Prayer

P: Come, all you beloved of the Lord, come and eat the food that He gives freely. Be filled again with the goodness of God.

C: Lord God, giver of all good things, we hear Your invitation, we see Your gifts of life and grace.

P: Come to the table of the Lord.

C: We come with our wounds and faults ready to eat and to drink. Our hearts are glad.

P: Yes, dear Lord our God, our hearts are truly glad.
We are filled with thankfulness, because in Your great love You did not abandon us to sin and death, but in Jesus, You came to us, to rescue us, restore us, and give us new life.

We remember the way that Jesus showed us this love:
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.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is 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**

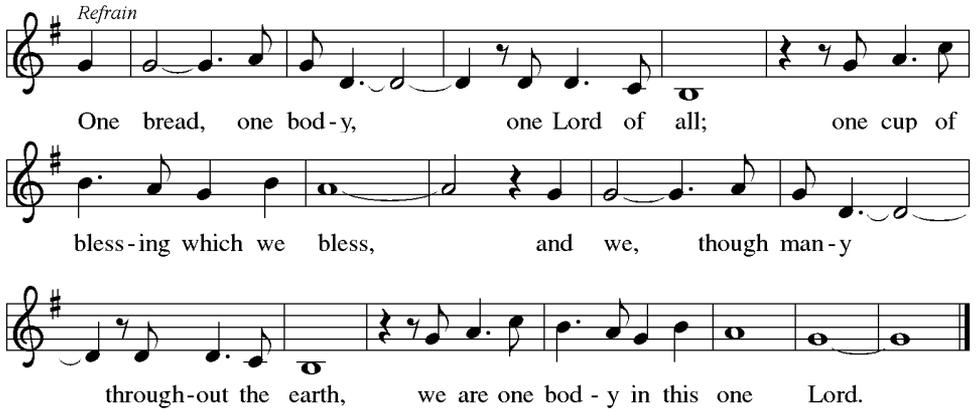
Invitation to Communion

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in Him.

One bread, one body

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Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff is labeled 'Refrain'. The lyrics are: 'One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of'. The second staff continues: 'bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y'. The third staff concludes: 'through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests.

The Meal

Please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: "Amen."

MUSIC AS WE SHARE COMMUNION

Sanctuary

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Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

Come to the table

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Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Post Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

Post Communion Canticle – You're Worthy of My Praise

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Prayer

P: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

SENDING

Blessing

P: God sends us into the world, to accept the cost and to discover the joy of discipleship. Therefore go – carrying with you the peace of Christ, +the love of God, and the encouragement of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen**

Closing Hymn – We are an offering

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We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they
are yours: We are an offering.

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be we give to
you, we give to you. *Repeat*

After second time through sing:

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we
are an offering, we are an offering.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Today

8:30-Traditional Worship

9:45-Sunday School!

9:45-Contemporary Worship

11:00-Traditional Worship

7:15-9:15-Church Pool Party @ City Pool

Monday-9:00-Quilters/Sewers / 6:00-Property

Tuesday-2:00-Bible Study

6:00-7:15-Mission Trip Participants Meeting

FUTURE MINISTRIES

Mon-Aug 15-9:00-Quilters/Sewers

Tues-Aug 16-2:00-Bible Study

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Next Sunday's Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

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Attendance last week: Sun Worship: 8:30-44; 9:45-76; 11:00-49

The flowers in the chancel vases have been presented to the Glory of the Lord and in honor of Betty Vivian on her Birthday by her family.

Christ Church Family Swim at the DuBois City Pool – **TONIGHT** from 7:15-9:15 p.m. Friends are welcome! If you don't want to swim that's OK! Bring a chair and enjoy the fellowship.

Special Sunday School Class . . . TODAY at 9:45 a.m. Our theme will be *God Made Dirt!*

Info Sessions – Sunday August 28 at 2 p.m. and **Wednesday September 14** at 7 p.m. **Congregational Meeting and Vote Sunday September 18** at 9:40 a.m. and 10:35 a.m. *Please see article in this bulletin for details.*

Join your church family for an afternoon of fellowship, fun and great food on **Sunday August 21** for the annual **Church Picnic!** Dinner is at 5:00. Planning is underway for an awesome afternoon. **Volunteers Needed!** We need lots of hands to help with shopping, setup, games, and in the kitchen. Please contact Nikki Dombroski if you are willing to lend a hand at dombroski43@verizon.net or via text (814) 715-4474. Thank you!

NEW Pentecost Season Faith 5 Devotions The Journey to the Promised Land in Genesis and Exodus were sent with the August *Chatter*, are available in the narthex and can be downloaded from our website.

Mission of the Month: . . . Pentz Run Youth Services a residential program for at risk and disadvantaged youth, located in DuBois. Their mission statement is to provide a safe, secure, nurturing environment for male and female youth that require short

or long-term alternatives to family living. If you would like to make a financial gift to Pentz Run, please use the pew envelopes, and write "*Pentz Run*" in the "other" line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you.

Food Pantry Items for August are mayonnaise and/or ketchup. Plastic grocery bags are especially needed.