

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 16th, 2018



“I believe; help my unbelief!” *Mark 9:24*

WELCOME! We extend a cordial welcome to everyone in the name of our crucified and risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Visitors are always welcome in our midst.

AS WE GATHER—“*Lord, I Believe; Help My Unbelief!*”

Imagine if you were the father in today’s Gospel. Since childhood, his son has been plagued by an unclean spirit that makes him mute and throws him down, doing bodily harm. The dad brings his son to Jesus’ disciples, and they are of no help. The father comes before Jesus and asks him to help . . . if He can. Jesus responds, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” To which the father cries out, “I believe; help my unbelief!” (Mark 9:23–24). This father, who is at the end of his rope, cries out with faith mixed with desperation. Thankfully, his worthiness, and our worthiness, does not depend on the greatness or smallness of faith. Instead, it depends on Jesus, the object of our faith. When we face desperate times, we, too, cry out in prayer and faith, “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!”

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OPENING HYMN “Evening and Morning” (*LSB 726*)

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SHARING OF THE PEACE (Please greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “*Peace be with you,*” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.) [Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3]

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SCRIPTURE READINGS:

+ **OLD TESTAMENT READING**—*Isaiah 50:4–10* (“He who vindicates me is near.”)

GRADUAL (*Read responsively*)

+ **EPISTLE**—*James 3:1–12* (“From the same mouth come blessing and cursing.”)

ALLELUIA & VERSE “*Alleluia. All things are possible for one who believes. Alleluia*”

+ **HOLY GOSPEL**—*Mark 9:14–29* (Jesus casts out a spirit.)

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HYMN OF THE DAY “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”
(*LSB* 849)

SERMON “Taming the Tongue” (James 3.1-12)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Each petition of the prayers ends by the pastor saying: “Lord, in Your mercy” and the congregation responding: “Hear our prayer”

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Pastor: 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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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Pastor: In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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COMMUNION STATEMENT—(*Please read our church’s communion statement regarding our practice of close communion before participating in the Sacrament*). The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Synod–Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

- “O Jesus, King Most Wonderful” (*LSB* 554)
- “Take My Life and Let It Be” (*LSB* 783)

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE “*Thank the LORD*” page 164

POST COMMUNION COLLECT page 166

CLOSING HYMN “Chief of Sinners Though I Be” (LSB 611)

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!!!

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Attendance in Worship Last Sunday: 120

Officiant: Rev. John M. Taggatz

Organist: Chris Cutts

Elder: Ben Berg

Ushers: Nickie Tessen, Jenni Robbert & Mandy Zastrow

Altar Guild: Karen Tesch

Acolyte: Xavier Lind

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Church Websites: www.elcms.org (Calvary)

www.christlutheranwestbloomfield.com (Christ)

REMINDER! Pastor’s Office Hours for Christ & Calvary

Monday (Christ) 9:30 am-1pm

Tuesday (Christ) 10:15 am-1pm

Wednesday (Calvary) 9:30am -1pm

Thursday (Calvary): 9am - 1pm

Friday (Pastor’s Day Off)

Visitations: Monday through Thursday afternoons

For Appointments, Call Calvary or Christ Office or Pastor’s Cell Phone.

For an Emergency, Call Pastor Taggatz: 715-467-1231.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR – The flowers are placed on the altar this morning in honor of Jeremy and Aimee Lund’s 12th wedding anniversary today.

Our Prayer List: Judy Wurm (blood disorder), Roxanne Taggatz’s Aunt; Joyce Bauer; Andy Handrich (cancer); Tracey Vetrone; Samuel Cartwright; Sherry Blomberg; Bob & Bev Buchholtz; Darin Triplett (cancer), son-in-law of Elvis Behm; Maggie Ollmann, granddaughter of Rita Thews; Dirk Niebaum (cancer) friend of the Taggatz family; Sam Ives friend of Ms. Reindl (needing a liver and heart transplant); Ron Wurm (heart problems) oldest son of Pastor Bill Wurm; Bud Keller; Judy Keller; Michael Felske (rehabilitation & upcoming surgery), father of CarrieAnn Rohm.

In the Military: Kaitlin Young, Fort Campbell, KY.

Our Shut Ins: Doris Buchholtz, Louis Hartzke, Mary Grambsch, Lisa Liepert, Stanley Behm, and Elvis Behm.

We mourn with the families of Jim Hammel, as he mourns the death of his Aunt Jeannie, Gloria Handrich, Lois Young, Jeremy & Ron Lund’s Grandma, and Bev Tusler, Duane Hannemann’s daughter, who recently passed away—*Almighty God, Father of mercies and God of all comfort, deal graciously with the families of Gloria Handrich, Lois Young, Jeannie, and Bev Tusler, and all who mourn their deaths, that casting every care on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Help them to know that because Jesus lives, they shall live also and have eternal life in His name. Amen.*

Are you celebrating a baptism, birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion, or remembering a loved one who has gone to be with the Lord? If so, you can donate flowers on the altar for that particular week you are celebrating a special occasion or remembering a loved one. Please call Susanne Utecht if you are interested in donating flowers at: (920) 867-4225.

Christ Lutheran needs a lay delegate to attend our Circuit Forum at St. John Berlin on Sunday September 30th @ 6pm. We will be electing one Pastoral delegate and one lay delegate from our Berlin Circuit to attend our LCMS National Convention from July 20-25 in Tampa, Florida. Please call Pastor Taggatz if you would be interested in being a lay delegate for our Circuit Forum on September 30th at 715-467-1231.

CALLING ALL USHERS FOR CELC--We are in need of ushers here at Christ Lutheran for 2018. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to help out. If interested, please contact Bryan Brazil at: [920-867-3646](tel:920-867-3646).

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST

<u>Sunday – September 16th</u> COMMUNION 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Adult Bible Class
<u>Monday – September 17th</u> 3:30 – 5:00 PM Soccer practice
<u>Tuesday – September 18th</u> 8:30 AM Chapel 3:30 – 5:00 PM A & B team volleyball practice, A team until 5:30
<u>Wednesday – September 19th</u> 3:30 – 5:00 PM Soccer practice 6:00 – 7:00 PM Public School Confirmation Class
<u>Thursday – September 20th</u> 9:00 AM School pet parade 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study at Calvary 4:30 PM Home B volleyball game vs. St. John Berlin
<u>Friday – September 21st</u> Pastor’s Day Off
<u>Sunday – September 23rd</u> 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Adult Bible Class

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BIBLE STUDY? Pastor John is leading Bible Study on Thursdays at Calvary Lutheran Waupaca at 10:00am. Come join us as we study God’s Word together! We are currently studying Lutheran Hour Ministry’s A Christian Response to Mormonism.”

“**The Challenges of Islam**” is the topic of the Adult Bible Study which is held at 9:45 AM on Sundays here at Christ Lutheran. This study is part of the Lutheran Hour Ministries Bible Study topics. Please join us!!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CELC AND CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCHES—We need more Sunday School teachers to help out for the 2018-2019 academic year. We are trying to get a group of teachers to be on a rotation this year, so that the same teacher doesn’t have to teach every single Sunday School session. Sunday School at Christ will be the 2nd Sunday of every month during the worship service. If you are interested, please talk to Andrea Muench at 920-659-1890.

SCRIP AT CELC—SCRIP is being sold following the 8:30am service in the church basement. Thank you for your ongoing support.

THE CELC FARM MARKET: The farm market is still in business. When you have extra produce please put it at the market ready for sale and put a price for items on the board. Thank you.

Children’s Quiet Bags are available for your kids here at Christ and Calvary Lutheran Churches. These bags are full of coloring books, Bible Story books, and various other items for your child to play with during the worship service. Please ask an usher and we will be sure to get you one before the worship service.

FLOWER COMMITTEE: You will find a Flower Committee sign-up sheet. We are looking for one or two people to take care of flowers/plants for a month. The person(s) would be in responsible for Altar flowers and watering the green plants. If you are interested, please sign up or contact Susanne Utecht.

Christian Counselor at Calvary Lutheran Waupaca on Wednesdays and Thursdays during the week—Julie Decker, MS, LPC is a licensed Christian Counselor through Lutheran Counseling and Family Services. She has an office at Calvary Lutheran Waupaca and is available for Christian Counseling on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Julie does Counseling for children through adults and was formerly at Catalpa Mental Health in Waupaca. Julie can be reached at 715-524-4840 or at JDecker@lcfswi.org

SIMPLY GIVING: Just as a reminder, you have the ability to make your donations to the church and school electronically through Thrivent’s Simply Giving program. If interested please contact Stacy Mundschau (867-2584).

THRIVENT CHOICE GIVING FOR CHRIST & CALVARY—Giving back has always been important to our Thrivent members. Thrivent Financial has provided more than \$170 million through the Thrivent Choice® program to help congregations, educational institutions and other nonprofit organizations since the program launched in 2010. The Thrivent Members of our congregations of Christ & Calvary are eligible to give to the charitable organization of their choice, including our churches of Christ & Calvary Lutheran our own Christ Lutheran School of West Bloomfield, WI!!! Eligible members are designated Choice Dollars, based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership. Choice Dollars can be directed to thousands of nonprofit organizations nationwide, including your local congregation.

*****Special notice regarding the Thrivent Choice Program:** Thrivent members wishing to continue their automatic withdrawal to the charity of their choice will have to let Thrivent know either by e-mail or phone. All you have to do is call this 1-800 number in order to see if you have Thrivent Choice dollars to give. To continue to direct your Choice Dollars to the charity of your choice call: 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and state "*Thrivent Choice.*"

THE LUTHERAN HOUR—"The Mystery of God" Guest Speaker: Dr. Oswald Hoffmann. The undeniable hiddenness of God becomes the openness of God when you see His Son, Jesus Christ. (Isaiah 55:6-9) The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: lhm.org scroll down the page and click on, "*listen now.*" Or listen to any of these local radio stations on Sunday mornings.

- 5:30am The Lutheran Hour, WTMJ (AM 620)
- 7:30am The Lutheran Hour, WJMQ (FM 92.3)
- 8:00 am The Lutheran Hour, WDUX (AM 800)
- 10:00 am The Lutheran Hour, WRVM (FM 102.7)

"Oh, how the believer in Christ needs to remember that Christ lives within. This is no longer my life, it is Christ's. Yes, you live in the midst of a battle between the culture of death and the culture of life. Stand firm in Christ, where the abundant life has always been and always will be!" *Rev. Lyndon Korhonen, president of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org (For those who have made an abortion decision, there is a [Word of Hope](http://www.word-of-hope.org), Lutherans For Life's post-abortion healing ministry. Call 888.217.8679 or email info@word-of-hope.org.)*

The Congregation at Prayer Sunday September 16th, 2018, The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Catechism: Ten Commandments—Seventh and Eighth Commandments

Verse of the week: Romans 5:8, "*God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*"

Psalm of the week: [Psalm 1](#)

Hymn of the week: ([LSB](#) 537) "Beautiful Savior" (stanzas 1-4)

Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday—"The Raising of the Widow of Nain's Son"—Luke 7:11-17

Monday— The Ark Is Brought to Jerusalem—2 Samuel 6:1-19

Tuesday— God's Covenant with David—2 Samuel 7:1-17

Wednesday— David's Thanksgiving to God—2 Samuel 7:18-29

Thursday— David Shows Kindness to Mephibosheth—2 Samuel 9:1-13

Friday— David and Bathsheba—2 Samuel 11:1-17, 22-25

**THE PEOPLE IN MACEDONIA
FIRST GAVE THEMSELVES TO
THE LORD AND THEN THEY
GAVE JOYFULLY AND
GENEROUSLY.**



"Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity" (2 Corinthians 8:2).

Stewardship Minute— A waitress helped a customer select a breakfast special. "Get that instead of a combination breakfast with a side order," she said. "It's the same thing and saves you 89 cents." After he thanked her, she added. "You learn that when you raise four kids." The financial wisdom and skills that we learn from money management experts are focused on how to save money and how to spend it. These are valuable skills, but Jesus' teachings were primarily directed toward the importance of sharing our money with those in need and funding the mission and ministry of God's Church after our needs were met. While it is certainly important to know how to save and spend, these activities are often directed toward the materialistic ways of the world. Knowing how to give negates these possessive instincts and encourages us to save and spend with a view to expanding God's kingdom. Giving helps us place our trust in Jesus rather than in the world.