

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 23rd, 2018



“Humble yourselves before the Lord,
and He will exalt you. *James 4:10*”

WELCOME! We extend a cordial welcome to everyone in the name of our crucified and risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Please be sure to sign our guest book near the entrance to the sanctuary. Visitors are always welcome in our midst.

AS WE GATHER: “*Blindsided!*”

Though today’s Old Testament Reading happened about 2,600 years ago, it portrays a circumstance that may ring familiar to many of us. The prophet Jeremiah faithfully proclaimed God’s Word to an increasingly unfaithful people. Their anger and attempts to silence Jeremiah blindsided him. If he was doing God’s will, shouldn’t people appreciate and thank him? We like to hear “feel good” stories about people today being faithful to God and receiving respect and adulation in return. But we also hear stories—and sometimes live real-life events—where we act or speak in Christian kindness, yet get blindsided by an angry or ungrateful response. The rejection of Jeremiah points forward to Jesus’ rejection by His own people. Blindsided by both Judas who betrayed Him and Peter who denied Him, Jesus persevered in faithfully fulfilling His mission to suffer, die, and be raised for the very people who despised Him. In those times when we are blindsided by negative reactions to God’s will for the world, our Savior empathizes with us and sustains us by the Holy Spirit. And because of the Father’s love for us in Christ, there are times even now when we are blindsided by Jesus’ mercy though we know we don’t deserve it.

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ORDER OF SERVICE: *Divine Service, Setting 1, page 151*

OPENING HYMN—“Father Welcomes” (*LSB 605*)

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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]

THE INTROIT, COLLECT OF THE DAY, GRADUAL, AND SCRIPTURE READINGS CAN ALL BE FOUND IN YOUR BULLETIN INSERT...

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HYMN OF PRAISE “*Gloria in Excelsis*” page 155

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY page 156

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE—“The Truth We Need . . . Even When It’s Dangerous”

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

+ **FIRST READING**—*Jeremiah 11:18–20* (Jeremiah entrusts his life to the Lord as enemies plot to kill him.)

GRADUAL (*Read responsively*)

+ **EPISTLE LESSON**—*James 3:13–4:10* (Christians are called to humbly submit to God and seek peace with one another.)

ALLELUIA & VERSE “*Alleluia. If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all. Alleluia.*”

+ **HOLY GOSPEL**—*Mark 9:30–37* (Who is the greatest?)

THE APOSTLES’ CREED page 159

CATECHISM page 323
From Martin Luther’s Small Catechism: The Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed with Explanation

HYMN OF THE DAY “Children of the Heavenly Father” (LSB 725)

SERMON—“Why Do You Go to Worship?” (3rd Article of the Apostles’ Creed with Explanation, pg. 323 in your hymnal)

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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CONCLUDING COLLECT
Pastor: Let us pray. Lord, You call us to speak Your Word in a world that would rather not hear it. Fill us with humility and faithfulness in the face of scorn, so that by Your grace we become people who are peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN “We Are Called to Stand Together” (LSB 828)

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord
People: Thanks be to God!!!

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Attendance in Worship Last Sunday: 61

Officiant: Rev. John M. Taggatz
Organist: Mary Reany
Elder: Ben Berg
Ushers:
Altar Guild: Karen Tesch
Acolyte: Jayden McCoy

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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.

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), 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 thank God that Rylie Jaye Rodewald, the child of Jeremy & Betsy Rodewald, and Grandchild of Pam & Jerry Strey, was baptized yesterday at Christ Lutheran Church West Bloomfield. Praise be to the Lord that another name is written in God's Book of Life through Rylie's baptism into the Christian faith through water and the power of God's Word!!!

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST

Sunday – September 23rd 8:30 AM Worship Service 9:45 AM Adult Bible Class
Monday – September 24th 4:15 PM Away soccer game vs. Shepherd of the Valley Menasha
Tuesday – September 25th 8:30 AM Chapel 4:30 PM Away B team volleyball game vs. Valley Lutheran Oshkosh 5:30 PM Away A team volleyball game vs. Valley Lutheran Oshkosh
Wednesday – September 26th 6:00 – 7:00 PM 5-8 grade Public School Confirmation Class
Thursday – September 27th 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study at Calvary 4:45 PM Away B team volleyball game vs. Trinity Menasha
Friday – September 28th Pastor's Day Off
Sunday – September 30th COMMUNION 8:30 AM LWML Worship Service 9:45 AM Adult Bible Class

Church Budget Meeting on Tuesday September 25th @ 7pm. Christ Lutheran Council Members will be meeting this coming Tuesday September 25th to set the Church & School budget for 2019.

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!!!

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.

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).

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.

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.

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.

If there's a prayer request for Christ or Calvary please be sure to keep us updated as to how they are doing. If someone is feeling better we would certainly want to give a prayer of thanksgiving for their healing as well...

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

THE LUTHERAN HOUR—"Come, Lord Jesus!" Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. In a classic message from 1998, Dr. Dale Meyer explains how a common table prayer reminds us of our dependence upon God and His gifts. (Exodus 16) 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)

"Are you afraid of commitment and 'belonging' to other people? Relax. It's how your Creator designed you. When you call a sick friend, send a card, congratulate an achiever, encourage a drooper, pursue a stray, or teach a child, you will feel a satisfaction in your heart that not even the devil can steal." *Rev. Mark Jeske, Time of Grace – 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 23rd, 2018, The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Catechism: Ten Commandments—Ninth and Tenth Commandments

Verse of the week: Matthew 6:25, "Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"

Psalm of the week: Psalm 2

Hymn of the week: (LSB 819) "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" (stanzas 1-3)

Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday— Jesus Heals the Man with Dropsy on the Sabbath—Luke 14:1-11

Monday— The Prophet Nathan Confronts David with His Sin—2 Sam. 11:26–12:15

Tuesday— David's Son Dies and Solomon Is Born—2 Samuel 12:16-25

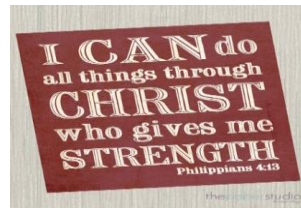
Wednesday— Absalom Dishonors His Father by Treason—2 Samuel 15:1-15

Thursday— Absalom's Defeat and Death—2 Samuel 18:1, 5-18, 31—19:6

Friday—David's Sacrifice—1 Chronicles 21:1—22:1

GOD'S STRENGTH FREES US FROM THE ENDLESS PURSUIT OF FINDING MEANING THROUGH MATERIALISM.

"What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?" (Matthew 16:26).



Stewardship Minute— Two cowboys were riding the range one day, watching over a herd of buffalo. One cowboy said to the other; "These buffalo are the dirtiest, smelliest, ugliest creatures on the earth." Whereupon, the other cowboy turned to him and said, "I thought out here we weren't supposed to hear a discouraging word." Because of our sinful and selfish nature, we often speak discouraging words. The Apostle Paul wrote, "Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation..." (Philippians 2:14). May God help us all shine as His lights in this dark world.

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.

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