

**The 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020**



*“Jesus said: “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” (Matthew 13:44)*

**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 and are asked to sign our guest book in the entrance to our church sanctuary.

**AS WE GATHER—*"Hidden Treasure"***

Treasures are hard to find and even harder to hold on to. Jesus describes the kingdom of God as a great treasure hidden in a field, a pearl of great price, and a net full of fish. But this treasure is one of God's own making. He esteems us His treasured possession and delivers up His own Son that we might be His own and live under Him in His kingdom without end. On earth that treasure is hidden in the dirt, found side by side among cheap trinkets, and in nets that hold good and bad fish. But one day, it will all be clear. They will be set apart and the false treasures exposed. For now, it is enough to believe His Word and trust in His promise and hold steadfast to His Son.

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**ORDER OF SERVICE: *Divine Service, Setting 3, page 184***

**OPENING HYMN—**"Jesus, Priceless Treasure" (LSB 743)

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION** page 184

**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]  
***Recognizing health concerns, we value verbal greetings as well as handshake greetings. Please note: during this COVID-19 Pandemic we will only be doing verbal greetings.***

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

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**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** page 187-189

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**SCRIPTURE READINGS:** page 190

+ **First Reading—***Deuteronomy 7:6–9* (Because the Lord loves you, He has chosen you to be His treasured possession.)

**Gradual—***Romans 11:33, 36*

+ **Epistle Lesson—***Romans 8:28–39* (Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ our Savior.)

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE**

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*“Alleluia. I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.”*

+ **Gospel Lesson**—*Matthew 13:44–52* (The kingdom of God is like a hidden treasure.)

**THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

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**HYMN OF THE DAY**—“From God Can Nothing Move Me” (*LSB* 713, vs. 1-5)

**SERMON**—“Christ Jesus, Ruling Over Ruins” (Romans 8:28-39)

Graham Sutherland, *Christ in Glory in the Tetramorph*, 1962.



**OFFERTORY**

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**OFFERINGS/ATTENDANCE**—*We will not be passing the offering plates at either church during worship, but will have them at the entrance of each church for people to drop their offerings off before or after the worship service. Thank you for your generosity and support of Christ our Lord’s Kingdom work!!! God bless you!!!*

**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”*)

**LORD’S PRAYER**

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**CONCLUDING COLLECT**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Mighty God, Your love once called a people and made them Your chosen instrument from which You would bring forth Your Son. Grant to us the same love and grace that we might be Your own and live under You in Your kingdom forevermore; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS**

**BENEDICTION**

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**CLOSING HYMN**—"Be Still, My Soul"

(LSB 752)

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!!!**

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**Attendance in Worship Last Sunday: 62**

**Officiant:** Rev. John M. Taggatz

**Organist:** Ila Robbert

**Elder:** Jerry Strey

**Ushers:**

**Altar Guild:** Karen Tesch

**Acolyte:** Davianna Lund

**Church Information**—

**Pastor's E-mail:** [jtaggatz@yahoo.com](mailto:jtaggatz@yahoo.com)

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**Church Body's Website:** [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)

**Church Websites:** [www.calvarywaupaca.org](http://www.calvarywaupaca.org) (Calvary)

[www.christlutheranwestbloomfield.com](http://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*

**CELC Prayer List**—

Kelly Taggatz (healing) Sister in law of Pastor and Roxanne Taggatz; Connie Hoffman (healing & strength); Mary Gray (hospice); Tim Rohan (cancer), Sonny Bauer's son in law; Samuel Cartwright; Bob Buchholtz; Michael Felske, CarrieAnn Rohm's Father; Megan Morissey (healing) Goddaughter of Jim & Sue Boshers; Gene Willis (healing) Mrs. Willis, Christ Lutheran School Preschool Teacher's Husband; Ron Lund (hospice) father of Jeremy & Ronnie Lund; Natalia & Bryce Miracle, Melanie Willis' daughter & Son in Law (renewed faith in Jesus); Ramona Hrebik (healing) Laverne & Verona Lipke's daughter; Raymond Pagel (healing & strength).

**In the Military:** Kolden Baehman, Grandson of Jim & Mary Jane Baehman, in the Marines

**Our Shut Ins:** Mary Grambsch, Lisa Liepert, Stanley Behm, Lynnette Hannemann, Esther Nehring, Sam & Betty Cartwright, Karen Pagel.

**Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow!!!** We praise God for the birth of a new baby girl, *Ella Leigh Mulry*, daughter of *Tracee & Brett Mulry* and Granddaughter of *Stan & Pattie Boelter*. We thank God for this wonderful blessing of new life that He has given to Tracee & Brett. We pray that the Lord would bring little *Ella* to the saving waters of Holy Baptism, and grant her that precious inheritance awaiting her in Your eternal kingdom.

**We pray for Pastor Taggatz and his family as he seeks the Holy Spirit's guidance regarding his recent Divine Call from Grace Lutheran Church & School Oak Creek, WI—We Pray:** *Heavenly Father, You are the Lord of the Church, and You have entrusted to it the Office of the Holy Ministry to oversee Your means of grace of Word and Sacrament. We pray for Pastor Taggatz and his family as he prayerfully seeks the Holy Spirit's guidance on the Divine Call that he recently received from Grace Lutheran Church & School Oak Creek, WI and the current Divine Call that he has to Christ Lutheran Church & School and Calvary Lutheran Church. Give your direction to all Churches involved and to Pastor and His family. We pray that You would continue to send out workers into Your harvest field to bring people into Your Heavenly Kingdom through Christ's Word and Sacrament. Amen.*

**A hearing loop is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users, to use please switch to "T."**

Our regularly occurring **VOTER'S MEETING** will be on **Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020** immediately following the Worship Service. Please plan on attending our February Voter's Meeting, as your input and involvement in our Lutheran Church and School is deeply needed, and greatly appreciated. Thanks for your support of our ministries here at Christ Lutheran Church & School!!!

**FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**—there is a food donations list located in the fellowship area of our congregation. Please take a look at the food donations that are needed and prayerfully considering helping out with our Vacation Bible School this year. We will need the food donations no later than Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020. If you would like to drop off the food donations, please call Pastor Taggatz at: 715-467-1231. VBS this year is July 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> at Calvary Lutheran Waupaca from 4:30-8pm each evening with snacks and a light meal provided each day.

**CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL JANITOR NEEDED**—Our School Janitor has recently resigned and Christ Lutheran School is in need of a new School

Janitor. If you are interested, please contact our Church President Stacy Mundschau at: 920-867-2584 or at [scmundschau@gmail.com](mailto:scmundschau@gmail.com). We thank Jeremy Lund for his years of dedicated service as our Lutheran School Janitor.

**THIS WEEK AT CHRIST**

<p><b><u>Sunday – July 26</u></b>  <b>8:30am</b> Worship Service</p>
<p><b><u>Monday – July 27</u></b>  <b>9:30am-1:00pm</b> Pastor office hours  <b>10am-2:00pm</b> Secretary hours  <b>4:30pm-8:00pm</b> Christ &amp; Calvary VBS @ Calvary</p>
<p><b><u>Tuesday –July 28</u></b>  <b>10:15am-1:00pm</b> Pastor office hours  <b>10am-2:00pm</b> Secretary hours  <b>4:30pm-8:00pm</b> Christ &amp; Calvary VBS @ Calvary</p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday – July 29</u></b>  10:30am cutting lawn at Christ  <b>4:30pm-8:00pm</b> Christ &amp; Calvary VBS @ Calvary</p>
<p><b><u>Thursday- July 30</u></b>  <b>4:30pm-8:00pm</b> Christ &amp; Calvary VBS @ Calvary</p>
<p><b><u>Friday – July 31</u></b>  <b>4:30pm-8:00pm</b> Christ &amp; Calvary VBS @ Calvary  <b>5:00pm</b> Private wedding rehearsal</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday – August 1</u></b>  <b>2:00pm</b> Private wedding</p>

**THE CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL FARMER’S MARKET IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS.** Right now, we are in need of shopping bags for the market. Thank you for your generosity and support of our Lutheran Church & School!!!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANS AT CHRIST & CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCHES**—Our Vacation Bible School Program for this year is: *Answers in Genesis’—Mystery Island—Tracking Down the One True God...* **Christ & Calvary Lutheran’s VBS will be July 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>.** It will be hosted at Calvary Waupaca this year each day during that week from 4:30-8pm with an evening meal served to all who attend, also Pastor Taggatz will be leading our Jr High, High School Youth, along with the adults in a Bible Study this year during VBS. If you are interested in helping out please contact: Chantel Mundschau for Christ’s VBS @ 920-867-2584 and Krisann Marcy for Calvary’s VBS @ 920-407-0019.

**A STEWARD IS SIMPLY A MANAGER.  
ALL WE ARE AND ALL WE OWN  
BELONG TO GOD.**



“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Peter 4:2).

**Stewardship Minute**— When we understand that 100 percent of everything that we have comes from God, we can begin to live as God’s stewards. In his book *Think, Act, Believe, Like Jesus*, Randy Frazee gives us the following definition of what it means to be a steward. “*The biblical idea is that through a relationship with God, we move from the title of owner to the position of manager. A steward is simply a manager. We deed over to God ownership of all things in our lives—external and internal—and we then take on the management of all He gives. This means not only the physical—money, house, cars, resources—but also our gifts, talents, personality, and intellect. I am all His. All we are and all we own belong to God. He now decides what we receive, what we do with what we have and what we give.*”

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR**—“**Reflexive Mercy**” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. How do you react to the brokenness all around you? God gives His people the reflex to reflect His mercy in the world. (Exodus 32) **The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: [lhm.org](http://lhm.org)** scroll down the page and click on, “listen now.” Or listen to any of these local radio stations on Sunday mornings.

- 6:30am The Lutheran Hour, WTMJ (AM 620)
- 7:30am The Lutheran Hour, WJMQ (FM 92.3)
- 8:30 am The Lutheran Hour, WSAU (AM 550)
- 10:00 am The Lutheran Hour, WRVM (FM 101.7)

“Our lives may be full of stress, but Jesus is with us as He has always been—walking with us, holding us in His hands, keeping us in His care. Nothing can take God’s love away from us. Nothing, not even death—not even death on a cross!—can keep Jesus from the people He came to save.” *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) “Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org); 888-217-8679.”

**The Congregation at Prayer Sunday July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**Catechism**: The Second Article of the Creed

**Verse of the week**: Romans 6:22-23—“*But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end,*

*everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 88

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 819) “Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”

**Bible Stories for the Week:**

Sunday—Feeding of the 4,000—Mark 8:1-9

Monday—Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me—Matthew 16:24-28

Tuesday—The Transfiguration—Matthew 17:1-13

Wednesday—A Boy Is Healed—Matthew 17:14-21

Thursday—Jesus Predicts His Death and Resurrection—Matthew 17:22-27

Friday—Who Is the Greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven—Matthew 18:1-14

Saturday—If Your Brother Sins—Matthew 18:15-22