

The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 23rd, 2020



“I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:18)

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—*"Built on "The Christ"*

Acknowledging Jesus as the Christ is central to our confession of faith as individual Christians and vital in our worship as the gathered people of God. In our use of that divine title, we echo the words of the angel who spoke to the shepherds in the field outside of Bethlehem with the Gospel message, *"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord"* (Luke 2:11). We are blessed in knowing that Jesus, the Christ, is not only God in person in human form but that He is God for us. St. Patrick poetically spoke his confession with the words *"Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me."* As we confess Jesus as the Christ this day, we are joining with saints and angels as well as with the sisters and brothers that surround us gathered for worship!

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OPENING HYMN—"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling" (LSB 650)

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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]

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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SCRIPTURE READINGS: page 190

+ **First Reading—***Isaiah 51:1–6 (The salvation of the Lord will be forever.)*

Gradual—

+ **Epistle Lesson—***Romans 11:33—12:8 (We are one Body in Christ.)*

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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“Alleluia. You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone. Alleluia.”

+ **Gospel Lesson**—*Matthew 16:13–20 (Jesus is confessed as the Christ, the Son of the living God, by Peter.)*

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

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HYMN OF THE DAY—“Built on the Rock” (LSB 645)

SERMON—“Transformed for Service” (Rom. 11.33-12.8)

Monument at Three Mills Green, East London, UK, Workers’ Memorial, 2001



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. Almighty God, You inspired Peter to confess Jesus as the Christ, Your living Son. Keep Your Church firm on the rock of this faith, that in unity and peace the Savior will be proclaimed throughout the world until the end of time as the Holy Spirit works in the lives of Your people. This we ask 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—"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

(LSB 761)

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!!!

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Attendance in Worship Last Sunday: 57

Officiant: Rev. John M. Taggatz

Organist: Ila Robbert

Elder: Robert Boelter

Ushers:

Altar Guild: Karen Tesch

Acolyte: Ethan Marquette

Church Information—

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Church Websites: www.calvarywaupaca.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

CELC Prayer List— Verona Lipke (healing & strength); 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); 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 rejoice with LaVerne & Verona Lipke, as they celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary, at the end of this month!!! **We pray:** *Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks for the joy and blessings that You have granted to LaVerne & Verona Lipke, as they celebrate their 70th Wedding anniversary. Assist them always by Your grace that with true faithfulness and steadfast love they may ever honor and keep their promises to one another; grow in love toward You and for each other and come at last to the eternal joys that You have promised through Jesus Christ their Lord and Savior. Amen.*

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

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST

<u>Sunday – August 23</u> 8:30AM- Worship Service
<u>Monday – August 24</u> 10am-1pm Secretary Hours
<u>Tuesday – August 25</u> 10am-1pm Secretary Hours
<u>Wednesday – August 26</u> 10:30am lawn cutting @ Christ
<u>Friday – August 27</u> 10am-1pm Secretary Hours
<u>Sunday – August 30</u> 10:30AM- Worship Service w/ Holy Communion

Pastor Brian Roehrborn will be preaching next

Sunday, August 30th @ 10:30 AM.

*Please note the time difference

CUTTING THE GRASS: at the old cemetery in West Bloomfield will be on Monday, August 31st at 6:00pm. Any mowers, trimmers, or brush cutters are most certainly welcome! Refreshments with safe social distancing will follow at West Bloomfield Park. Any questions please call Gary Buchholtz at 987-5810.

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!!!

CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL IS IN NEED OF THE FOLLOWING CLEANING PRODUCTS:

- **LYSOL OR OFF BRAND MULTI SURFACE CLEANER-KILLS 99.9 % GERMS**
- **LYSOL OR OFF BRAND SPRAY-KILLS 99.9 % GERMS**
- **BLEACH**
- **HYDROGEN PEROXIDE or RUBBING ALCOHOL**
- **LYSOL OR OFF BRAND CLEANING WIPES-KILLS 99.9 % GERMS**
- **MICROFIBER CLOTH**
- **SPRAY BOTTLES FOR CLEANING USE**

Thank you for your donation, please leave the items under the table in the Narthex.

****UPDATES WHEN ENTERING THE CHURCH/SCHOOL BUILDING!****

For the health and safety of our students and congregation members at Christ Lutheran:

Congregation members:

- Please use the North School door #5 during school hours 8:00am-3:30pm Monday- Friday Starting Tuesday, **September 8, 2020.**
- When entering the school/church for any reason during the timeframe listed above you **must** wear a face covering such as a mask.
- Please whenever possible enter through the church **Narthex** when entering the church for Sunday service.
- You will see a ***sign-up sheet located on the office door***- please put your name & date here if you have entered the school during any time starting September 1st.
- There will be a sign placed each main door as a reminder of these new guidelines.

Christ Lutheran School staff, parents and students thank you for your cooperation as we move forward towards the opening of school!

**GIVING REFLECTS AN ATTITUDE
OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE
GIFT OF GOD’S LOVE IN JESUS
CHRIST.**

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich” (2 Corinthians 8:9).



Stewardship Minute— On our own, we are helpless. God provides everything we need. *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father...”* (James 1:17). King David wrote, *“The Lord is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made. All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD...”* (Psalm 145:9-10). Everything good that we receive comes from God. In order for us to be His faithful stewards, He enriches us both physically and spiritually. God first creates us and then He recreates us through His life-changing Word and Sacraments, so we use our gifts in ways that enable us to be His stewards, who seek to please Him with all that are and have.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR—“A Wrong Comparison” Guest Speaker: Dr. Wallace Schulz. How do you compare to your next-door neighbor, your brother-in-law, or the person you were five years ago? Comparing ourselves against God’s requirements can prompt us to turn in repentant faith to Jesus, the Savior beyond compare. (Luke 18:9-14) *It’s “Archives August”* **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.

- 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)

“We run to help people in need; we run to deal with emergencies and crises and the problems of every day; we take the Good News to people we love, family and friends and neighbors alike. But there are also times we can sit—and rejoice that Jesus is risen, that evil is conquered, and that God’s victory is certain.” *Dr. Kari Vo – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* • www.lutheransforlife.org “Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. www.word-of-hope.org; 888-217-8679

The Congregation at Prayer Sunday August 23rd, 2020, 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Catechism: Confession—What is confession?

Verse of the week: Ephesians 2:8-9—*"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast."*

Psalm of the week: Psalm 92

Hymn of the week: (LSB 616) "Baptismal Waters Cover Me"

Bible Stories for the Week:

Sunday— The Pharisee and the Tax Collector—Luke 18:9-14

Monday— The Parable of the Fig Tree—Matthew 24:32-42

Tuesday— The Faithful Servant—Matthew 24:43-51

Wednesday— The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins—Matthew 25:1-13

Thursday— The Parable of the Talents—Matthew 25:14-30

Friday— The Second Coming in Judgment—Matthew 25:31-46

Saturday—The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist: Mark 6:14-29