

Welcome!

**Holy Communion
Time after Pentecost**

August 19, 2018

9:30 a.m.

**Christ Lutheran
Family of Faith
Cottonwood, Minnesota**



“Balancing Act”

GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.
Wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.*

Prelude

Call to Worship

Words of Welcome

P: This is the day that the Lord has made,

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Community Announcements and Opportunities to Offer Ourselves

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

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.

Gathering Hymn – “Gather Us In” ----- [532]

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.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God,

C: so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our will, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, as you will, but always to your glory and the welfare of your people, through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

New Testament Reading – Ephesians 5: 15-20

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand

what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation – “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” - - - - - [172]

Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” ⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” ⁵³So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Janel Kuester

Hymn of the Day – “Lord, Be Glorified” - - - - - [744]

Please stand as you are able.

Profession of Faith (*The Apostles’ Creed is found inside the back cover of the hymnal.*)

Prayers of God’s People

The congregation will respond to the prayer petitions with, “hear our prayer.”

Sharing of God's Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

Offering

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

Please be seated.

*Anyone who has communed elsewhere is welcome to commune here.
Those who do not yet commune are invited to come forward for a blessing.
Grape juice and gluten free bread are available upon request.
Please come forward at the invitation of the ushers to receive communion in a
continuous manner, then return to your seats via the side aisles.
If you prefer to have communion brought to you at your seat, please let the usher
know.*

Communion Distribution

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| <i>“Here Is Bread”</i> | [483] |
| <i>“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”</i> | [502] |
| <i>“O Bread of Life from Heaven”</i> | [480] |
| <i>“Come, Let Us Eat”</i> | [491] |

Please stand as you are able.

Blessing after Communion

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

C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Sending Hymn – “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” ----- [547]

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Blessing for the Journey

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant us the gifts of faith and hope. Amen.

— **Thank You For Serving This Sunday** —

Ushers: Josh Anderson, Mitch Huso, Greg Lund, Shawn Myers, Will Myers, Sid Olson

Organist: Gwen Arneson **PA:** Mike Lee

Video Camera: Jonathan Olson **Lector & Assisting Minister:** David Roe

Communion Servers and Assistants: Kris Holm, Linda Magnuson, Jacob Myers, Tracy Sterner, Christine Wiatrowski

Altar Care: Marge Reishus, Tracy Sterner

Counting: Shawn Myers, Jonathan Olson

Fellowship Serving by Luther League: The Fischer Family

THANK YOU . . . to all that took time to make goodies for the recent SW Minnesota Veterans Event at Lake of the Woods. We really appreciate it.

—Veterans Event Committee



You are invited to a *Baby Shower* on Sunday, August 26, at Christ Lutheran's Fireside and Lakeside Rooms for Marisa Eaton, who is expecting a girl.

This Open House will be held from 1pm to 3 pm.



An invitation from Pastor Janel (PJ):

If you are **interested in church membership** or know someone interested, please call PJ at the church office 507 423 5100 or her cell phone 651 726 4003. Email is: pstrjanel@gmail.com

— This Week: August 19, 2018 —

Today, August 19

9 am Fellowship/Refreshments - Fischer Family

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:45 am (approx.) Worship on Cable 180

Monday, August 20

5 pm Worship on Cable 180

Tuesday, August 21

9 am Quilting

Thursday, August 23

1:30 am Abigail/Naomi Circle

Next Sunday, August 26

9 am Fellowship/Refreshments - Jones Family

9:30 am Worship

10:45 am (approx.) Worship on Cable 180

**1 - 3 pm Baby Shower, Marisa Eaton (at CLC
Lakeside/Fireside Gathering Rooms)**

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God's Work. Our Hands. Day

September 9th



Once again, our congregation will take part in the nationwide ELCA day of service experience, “God’s Work. Our Hands.”

On Sunday, September 9th, we will gather for worship at 9:30 a.m. At 10:00 we will suspend our worship time as we scatter around the building or leave to other locations where a variety of projects will be available to help with for 90 minutes.

In the coming weeks you will see sign-up sheets for the various tasks that are planned. One of those planned is to:

- Gather and sort food for Lakeview’s weekend Backpack Program.

There is a box in the front entry of our church building where you may leave your BACKPACK purchases to help in this important project. You may start delivering them to church at any time.

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| ➤ Granola bars | ➤ Fruit cups |
| ➤ Cereal bars | ➤ Applesauce cups |
| ➤ Easy Mac | ➤ Pop tarts |
| ➤ Ramen noodles | ➤ Mini cereal boxes |
| ➤ Ramen cups | ➤ Spaghettios |
| ➤ Goldfish crackers
(individual small bags) | ➤ Rice cups |
| ➤ Animal crackers
(individual small bags) | ➤ Instant potato cups |
- Thank you!

School Supplies Collection, Sponsored by WELCA

Let's take advantage of the sales on school supplies this month to help reach our goal of 50 school kits. Please follow the guidelines when you purchase the items. You do NOT need to purchase all the items for a complete kit.

Bring your donations to the box in the church entry labeled "School Kits."

**** Deadline for collecting items is Sunday, September 2 ****

**** Thank you for your generosity in helping meet our goal ****

*** GUIDELINES ***

New Items Only

No religious symbols, messages or group's name on donated items

No U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage on donated items

Do not add other items than what is listed for the kit

*** ITEMS FOR EACH SCHOOL KIT ***

FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10-1/2"; no loose leaf paper

ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other

ONE pencil sharpener

ONE pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)

FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band

FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band

ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons

ONE 2-1/2" eraser

Prayer Requests

The Apostle Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:6-7 to, “*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*” Your prayers are a gift to those requesting them, and encouragement for one another as we experience challenges, sorrows, or thanksgivings of any kind.

Health Concerns, as well as Others In Our Hearts and On Our Minds:

Craig Ahmann (Candice Kolhei’s husband)	
Brenda Beam (Rhoda’s niece)	Elaine Elston
Frank Edmondson	Adela Espinoza
Norm Evers	Sue Gropel
Gordy Geistfeld (brother-in-law of Doug and Joyce Warnke)	
Marge Gigstad	Jon Hakes
Alton Huso	Gretchen Noon
Rodney Olson	Sonny Olson

All those dealing with illness, addictions, depression, unemployment, under-employment, and any challenges in their lives.

Families of our Congregation. Pray for:
Susan Arends
Kevin and Gwen Arneson
Dawn Bahn

Independent Living, Assisted Living, and Care Center Residents.

Pray for LaVonne Fischer at Brookside Senior Living in Montevideo.

Workers in Other Countries, Missionaries, and Local Congregation Missions. Pray for Lutheran Disaster Response.