

Welcome!

**Time after Pentecost
Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

October 14, 2018

9:30 a.m.

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



The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our gatherings counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other. (Sundays and Seasons, Augsburg Fortress, 2017)

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: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

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 – “God of Grace and God of Glory” ----- [705]

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 ever-living God,

C: increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

Milestones Ministry Presentation of “God’s Dream” to Four Year Olds

WORD

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

First Reading – Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. ⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! ¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. ¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins— you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading – Hebrews 4: 12-16

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Reading

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” ²⁰He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

²⁸Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” ²⁹Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Janel Kuester

Hymn of the Day – “Son of God, Eternal Savior” ----- [655]

Please stand as you are able.

Sharing of God's Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace with your neighbors.

Please be seated.

THANKSGIVING

We respond in gratitude for God's never-failing love and mercy.

Offering

Music by Mission Possible and Sunday School Students – *“Down in My Heart”*

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Prayers of God's People

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

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.

SENDING

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

Blessing

Sending Hymn – “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve” - - - - - [551]

A: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Prayer for the Journey

God of abundance, you have poured out a large measure of earthly blessings: our table is richly furnished, our cup overflows, and we live in safety and security. Teach us to set our hearts on you and not these material blessings. Keep us from becoming captivated by prosperity, and grant us in wisdom to use your blessings to your glory and to the service of humankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Evangelical Lutheran Worship, page 80, "The Proper Use of Wealth")



Received into God's Kingdom of Grace through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today is Norah Jean Lux.

Please remember Norah in your prayers, as well as her parents Tanner and Alyssa (Lund) Lux and sponsors Marcus Mahlen and Jamie Wagner.

— Thank You For Serving This Sunday, October 14 —

Ushers: Kevin Arneson, Bev Isaackson, Larry Isaackson,
Pete Lavin (C), David Rose, Rose Wisdorf

Organist: Gwen Arneson **Acolyte:** Landon Teske

PA: Shawn Myers **Video Camera:** Erik Lundberg

Altar Care: Linda Magnuson, Wendy Fischer, Whitney St. Aubin, Kaitlin Fischer

Counters: Michelle Moseng, Tracy Sterner

– This Week: October 14, 2018 –

Today, Sunday, October 14

9 am Fellowship/Refreshments

9:00—9:25 Preschool Sunday School

**9:30 Worship; Holy Baptism Norah Lux; Preschool Sunday School
& Mission Possible Kids Sing; 4 Year Olds Receive Book**

**After Worship, approx. 10:30: Congregation Info
Meeting**

10:45—11:30 Grades 7- 12 Sunday School

10:45 (approx.) Worship on Cable 180

Monday, October 15

5 pm Worship on Cable 180

7:00 Mentor Orientation

Tuesday, October 16

**** NO Quilting**

Wednesday, October 17

6:30 pm Choir

**** NO Mission Possible
or Confirmation**

Next Sunday, October 21

9 am Fellowship/Refreshments

**** NO Preschool Sunday School**

9:30 Worship

*** *NO 10:45—11:30 Grades 7- 12 Sunday School**

10:45 (approx.) Worship on Cable 180

MAKE NOTE!

On Wednesday, Oct. 17th, there will be NO Mission Possible or Confirmation Class.

On Sunday, Oct. 21st, there will be NO Preschool Sunday School (9:00 session) or Youth Sunday School (10:45 session).

**Reformation Instrumental Ensemble Players Needed —
RSVP to Gwen by October 15**

On October 28th, we will celebrate Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) for our confirmands as we celebrate Reformation Day.

Because it is a festival day in the church year, **we are looking for instrumentalists who would like to be a part of an ensemble that Sunday morning.**

Please let Gwen Arneson know if you would like to play, and let her know what instrument you are playing so that she can write music for your part. **If you could let her know by October 15th, that would be GREAT!!**

Thank you for sharing your gifts!

Once again we have the privilege of having a **Coats for Kids** collection box here at Christ Lutheran. **We will collect new or gently used coats for young people through October 19** (Kid Sizes 7-8 and 10-12 are especially needed.).

Please be on the lookout as you clean out your closets or find a great bargain on winter outerwear. There is a child who is cold and ill-prepared for our harsh Minnesota winters who will be forever grateful for your generosity. **Hats, mittens, boots, snow pants, etc., are also welcome.**

You may not know that there are several options that you can consider to create your own automated, electronic giving. The following are 4 different options you could use:

Go to our home page at www.christcottonwood.org and click on “Online Giving” to set up either a one time giving or set up your weekly or monthly giving.

Use your bank’s online bill pay to set up payments and direct them to be mailed to Christ Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 166, Cottonwood, MN 56229

Ask one of our staff about automatic transfer

Scan the QR Code to the right



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	Brenda Beam	Bob Bode
Mark Bode (Char’s son)	Elaine Elston	Frank Edmondson
Adela Espinoza	Norm Evers	Sue Gropel
Marge Gigstad	Gordy Geistfeld	Jon Hakes
Barbara Jarvis (Ione Olson’s sister-in-law)		Joel Krumrey
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:

Marvin and Yvonne Christenson
Rick and Jessica Christians, Lela, Joshua
Darleen Cole

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Give through our congregation (check payable to Christ Lutheran)
AND WRITE ON YOUR CHECK'S MEMO LINE the name of the
disaster or "where needed most."

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