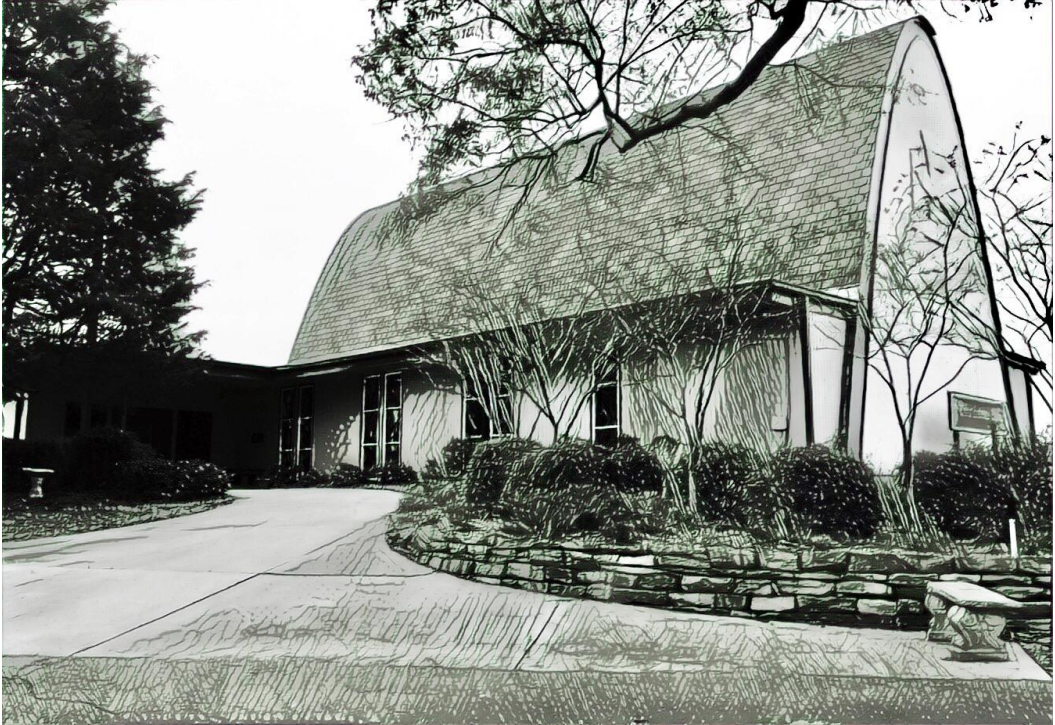


# CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH



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# THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

+ September 19, 2021 +



We welcome our members and guests to Christ Lutheran today, and pray God's richest blessings upon you during this time of worship!

*All members and our guests are asked to complete the worship attendance pads which can be found on each pew. Guests are also asked to sign the guest register found in the Narthex. We are so glad to have you worshipping with us today!*

*LARGE PRINT worship folders are available at the usher stand at the back of the nave.*

## **WELCOME:**

“According to the Scripture, Christ’s entire life was dedicated to His office. He spent it in the service of God and man. He did not live unto Himself. “Even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give His life a ransom for many” (Matt 20:28). In the Old Testament, His title was “My Servant” (Is 42:1; Zech 3:8)... He did not appear as Lord, but as servant, not as the God-Man, but as a man like unto other men, submitting even to the death on the Cross. And all this He did from love of man: “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13). This constitutes Christ’s humiliation.”

—Francis Pieper, *Christian Dogmatics*, CPH, 1951

# THE LORD'S SUPPER

In preparation for reception of the Lord's Supper (*Holy Communion*), it is important that we review and understand what the Bible teaches regarding this sacrament:

The Bible teaches that Jesus gives us His very body and blood along with bread and wine in Holy Communion<sup>1</sup>, and that these are means by which He forgives our sins<sup>2</sup>, and strengthens us for daily living, and draws us into closer fellowship with Him and other believers. The Bible also teaches us to examine ourselves prior to receiving the meal<sup>3</sup>. For those receiving Holy Communion, examine yourself with these questions:

**Do I believe that I am a sinner and I am sorry for my sins?**

**Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior?**

**Do I believe that Christ's true body and blood are present in this holy meal for my forgiveness?**

**Do I truly intend with the help of God to correct my sinful life?**

According to Christ's Word in the Holy Scriptures, and in confession with the true Christian faith, at Christ Lutheran we observe the practice of closed communion. We believe that all who commune must confess the same holy faith, as Holy Scripture teaches. Since one's church affiliation indicates an individual's confession of faith, we ask that only those who have been instructed in the above teaching **and** are confirmed members of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod commune. If you have not been instructed in this teaching on Holy Communion, are in doubt, or hold a different confession of faith<sup>4</sup>, you are still welcome to come forward and cross your arms to indicate that you would like a blessing.

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<sup>1</sup>Matthew 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:14-20, 1 Corinthians 11:23

<sup>2</sup>Matthew 26:28; 1 John 1:7; 1 Peter 1:18-19

<sup>3</sup>1 Corinthians 11:28-32

<sup>4</sup>1 Corinthians 10:17; 1 Corinthians 11:26

# DIVINE SERVICE III

## PRESERVICE MUSIC

*The congregation may use this time for prayer and meditation.*

## OPENING HYMN

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

#915

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

**INTROIT: NOLI AEMULARI IN MALIGNANTIBUS**

*Psalm 37:5-7; Ant. Psalm 37:4*



Delight yourself | in the LORD,\*  
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

**Commit your way | to the LORD;\***  
**trust in him, and | he will act.**

He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,\*  
and your justice as the | noonday.

**Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for him;\***  
**fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who**  
**carries out evil de- | vices!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Delight yourself | in the LORD,\*  
and he will give you the desires | of your heart.

**KYRIE**

*Mark 10:47*

*The congregation is invited to sing in parts:*

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward

men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only - begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, † O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

**P** O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.



*Please be seated*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Jeremiah 11:18-20*

The LORD made it known to me and I knew;  
then you showed me their deeds.  
But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter.  
I did not know it was against me  
they devised schemes, saying,  
“Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
that his name be remembered no more.”  
But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously,  
who tests the heart and the mind,  
let me see your vengeance upon them,  
for to you have I committed my cause.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL**

*Psalm 34:9, 19*



**Fear the LORD, | you his saints,\*  
for those who fear him lack | nothing!  
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,\*  
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.**

**EPISTLE READING**

*James 3:13-4:10*

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

## ALLELUIA



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 9:30-37*

☐ The Holy ✠ Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise.” But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.” And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

**OFFICE HYMN**

**Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ**

**#565**

**SERMON**

*Wisdom from Above*

*Please stand*

## NICENE CREED

**C** I believe in one God, (Rom 10:10; Deut 6:4)

**the Father Almighty,** (Mt 6:9; Ex 6:3)

**maker of heaven and earth** (Gen 1:1; Jn 1:1)

**and of all things visible and invisible.** (Col 1:16)

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,** (Rom 10:9)

**the only-begotten Son of God,** (Jn 3:16; Mt 16:16)

**begotten of His Father before all worlds,** (Jn 1:2)

**God of God, Light of Light,** (Jn 17:22; Jn 8:12; Jn 1:1)

**very God of very God, (Col 2:9) begotten, not made,** (Jn 1:2)

**being of one substance with the Father,** (Jn 10:30)

**by whom all things were made;** (Heb 1:2; Jn 1:3)

**who for us men and for our salvation** (1 Tim 2:4; Rom 3:23)

**came down from heaven** (Jn 6:41; Lk 15:20)

**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary** (Lk 1:34-35)

**and was made man;** (Jn 1:14)

**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.** (Mk 15:25; Jn 19:16-18)

**He suffered and was buried.** (Jn 19:1-3; Lk 23:53)

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures** (1 Cor 15:4; Lk 24:6)

**and ascended into heaven** (Acts 1:9)

**and sits at the right hand of the Father.** (Acts 7:55)

**And He will come again with glory** (Mt 26:64)

**to judge both the living and the dead,** (Acts 10:42; Mt 3:12)

**whose kingdom will have no end.** (2 Pt 1:11)

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,** (Jn 14:26; Gen 1:2; Acts 2:38)

**the Lord and giver of life,** (Gen 1:2; Jn 3:6)

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,** (Jn 15:26)

**who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,** (Mt 3:16-17)

**who spoke by the prophets.** (Eze 11:5)

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,** (1 Pt 2:5; Eph 2:19-22)

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,** (Eph 4:5)

**and I look for the resurrection of the dead** (1 Cor 15:35-49; 1 Thess 4:13-18)

**and the life ✠ of the world to come.** (Mk 10:29-30; Mt 10:40-42)

**Amen.** (Ps 106:48)

*Us men* means all people.

*Christian:* the ancient text reads “catholic,” meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*For comfort, health and recovery:* **Sharon Holleman, Arlene Kleinschmidt, Sam McGaugh, William Page, Janea Parker, Linda Stoecman;**

*For those who are ill or distressed:* **Stan Acey, Jenalee Adams, Layne Bagley, Rose Bagley, Shirley Bagley, W.L. Bagley, Sarah Bowman, Mimi Bradley, Richard Bradley, Deloris Brent, Martha Brown, Nathan Brown, Tina Burke, Wayne Burke, Paula Burkhalter, Bobby Carroll, Arthur Collins, James E. Cookston, Joan Cowards, Belinda Cowards-Gonzales, Robert (Andy) Evers, Michele Rae Fowler, Randy Fowler, Parker Haines, Dan Hansen, Paul Hansen, Tim Hansen, Valerie Henderson, Sharon Holleman, Beth Jarratt, Elaine Johnson, Joslyn Jones, Steve Kennedy, Arlene Kleinschmidt, John Koster, Sandra Landers, Katelyn Lawing, Peggy Lucky, Paul McCullough, Jerry McIntyre, Jerry McMahan, Edlia Miller, Elaine Monaghan, Lindberg Moore, Don Ochs, Mildred Odom, Deborah-Annette Ried, Jon Sandberg, Noah Schultz, Johnnie Pearl Smiley, Bob Smith, Sherri Smith, Deborah Springer, Leonard Watson, Dana Weaver, Cynthia Widlitze, Carol Wright, Jimmy Wright, Marshall Wright, Barbara Zeigler;**

*For college and graduate students:* **Sara Fields, Jonathan Kettler, Roselynn Nelson, Will Nelson;**

*For military servants and their families:* **Greg Adams, Gabriel Escude, James (Glen) Hansford, Holden Hathcock, Christopher Martin, William Nelson, Steven Tatum, John Weidner Jr.;**

*For foreign missionaries: especially those serving in Spain;*

*This week's prayer family:* **Joshua & Rachel Landrum** and their loved ones.

*Please be seated*

## **OFFERING**

*Please stand*

# OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12

*The congregation is invited to sing in parts:*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



✠ bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

☐ *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



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.



## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

**P** The peace ✠ of the Lord be with you always.



**G** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI

John 1:29

*The congregation is invited to sing in parts.*

Musical notation for Agnus Dei, consisting of two systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The first system includes the lyrics: "O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the". The second system includes the lyrics: "world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that".


**G** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Please be seated*

**DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT**

*All who are members in good standing of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod and have introduced themselves to the pastor are welcome to partake of the Holy Communion at Christ Lutheran. If you have not spoken to the pastor, but would like to receive the Lord's blessing, you may still come to the rail and kneel, crossing one arm over the other in the shape of an 'X'. This symbolizes that one is marked by the cross and Triune name of Almighty God.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

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|--|-------------|
| <b>Just as I Am, without One Plea</b>    | <b>#570</b> |
| <b>I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table</b>    | <b>#618</b> |
| <b>Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness</b> | <b>#636</b> |

*Please stand following distribution of communion*

# NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -

The first system of musical notation for the 'Nunc Dimittis' hymn. It consists of a treble and bass staff in the key of D major (two sharps). The treble staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,

The second system of musical notation. The treble staff continues the melody with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

The third system of musical notation. The treble staff features a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy

The fourth system of musical notation. The treble staff has a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The bass staff continues the accompaniment.

peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

The fifth and final system of musical notation. The treble staff concludes with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The bass staff concludes the accompaniment.

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

### THANKSGIVING

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**A** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** A - men.

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

## Abide, O Dearest Jesus

**#919**

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**Acolyte:** Miles Agent

**Interpreter:** Denee Smith

**Greeters:** Rush & Allison Agent

**Elder:** Eric Held

**Cantor:** Keith Martin

**Altar Guild:** Sabrina Goodlett

**Thank you to Reverend Pfaff** for teaching Sunday School and celebrating the Divine Service with us today!

**Koinonia Next Sunday:** Koinonia is coming! Join us for a night of food and fellowship at the Held Home next Sunday at 5:00 p.m. We will continue our book *Saving Leonardo* by Nancy Percy, chapter three. See you there!

**Ladies' Night Out: *Mangiate!*** It's time for an excursion to Italy! Join us for Ladies' Night Out this month at Amerigo's Italian Restaurant in Flowood. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, September 29, at 6:00 p.m.**, and please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or RSVP to MariLynn Fuhrer (marestuff517@yahoo.com) by Sunday, September 26. See you there!

**Readings for next Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, the observance of the Feast of St. Michael & All Angels:** Introit Ps. 103:20-22; Psalm 91; Daniel 10:10-14, 12:1-3; Revelation 12:7-12; Matthew 18:1-11.

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*This week at Christ Lutheran Church: September 6 – September 12*

**Thursday** 9:30 a.m. LifeLight: Galatians, Philippians, Colossians

**Friday** 6:30 a.m. Bible & Breaky

**Sunday** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages

10:30 a.m. **Divine Service – Feast of St. Michael & All Angels**

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