

***Christ the King Lutheran Church
Gladwin, Michigan***



September 2, 2018

Pentecost 15

Services of Worship

Saturday 5:00 p.m. & Sunday 10:00 a.m.

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Mission "Our faith in Christ makes us beacons to the world around us."

Vision "To be a community where love grows, and faith and life meet."

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Quiet Time Before Worship *Please turn off cell phones during worship. As you enter the Sanctuary, we ask that you observe this as a time for silent prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God.*

Welcome to our church! Here God meets with us in Word and Sacrament. Here our sins are forgiven and we are restored in God's grace.

Visitors-Communion Those who have been baptized are welcome to commune with us believing in the real presence of Jesus in the bread and the wine. Children, who have completed a First Communion class are also welcome to the table. Younger children are invited to the table for a blessing. Those who need grape juice, will find it in the center circle of each tray. Gluten free wafers are available.

Allergies Are Serious Please avoid using heavy colognes and perfumes while attending worship.

Make Yourself Known During the offering please sign the Attendance Register and pass it on in your pew. When it has reached the end of the pew, return the pad and note the names of your fellow worshippers. Please wear your name tag. If you need a name tag, let the office know.

Nursery A staffed nursery is available to you during the Sunday 10:00 am service. It is located at the end of the hall.

Restrooms Rest rooms are located down the hall by the water fountain. They are fully handicap accessible.

MINISTRY OF SERVICE

Saturday 5 pm - Lay Assistant & Reader: Don Masselli, Cantor: Don Masselli, Organist: Joanne Varner, Usher: Chuck Varner, Altar Care: Mary Griffore, Greeter: Sandra Vining

Sunday 10:00 am - Lay Assistant: Lynda Crawford, Lay Reader: Pena Larson, Cantor: Lynda Crawford, Organist: Bob Frei, Ushers: Geoff Hobin & Mary Marcum, Altar Care: Mary Marcum & Holly Smith, Acolytes: Emma Edick & Chase Ehmcke, Counters: Rick McCoy, Gloria Boyt, Sharon & Geoff Hobin, Coffee Hour: Potluck



The altar flowers are provided by the Marcums for Mary's birthday.

Candle oil for September is provided by Ruth Wright for all of her blessings.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SUNDAY

There are sign up sheets in the narthex for help with a variety of projects for GWOH. We will be working at a Habitat house in Beaverton doing yard work, taking down a fence and building a deck. Jim Graham will head up this project. Also, we will be assembling school kits for Lutheran World Relief with Kathy Beardslee leading us. The Quilters will be assembling and tying quilts that will go to a Veteran's home. No sewing is required. Questions, talk to Jane Hartner. Another way to help is the Adopt A Highway program under the leadership of Rick McCoy. Please consider staying after worship and helping with one of these projects in the community.

ALL COMMITTEE MEETING DAY

On Sunday, Sept. 23 all of the groups and committees of CtK will meet at the same time. There will be a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. and have our meetings at 7 p.m. The groups will be working on their 2019 budgets. Many of our committees overlap and this will be an opportunity for conversation between all of the groups.

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH

Saturday, September 1

5 pm Worship

Sunday, September 2

10 am Worship

Monday, September 3

Labor Day

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 4

9 am Quilting

2:30 pm Memory & Aging Program

5:30 pm Grief & Loss Support Group

Wednesday, September 5

8 am Breakfast With Pastor

Thursday, September 6

5:30 pm Art Guild

Friday, September 7

4 pm Experimental Saints

7 pm A.A.

Saturday, September 8

10 am Visitation

11 am Memorial Service for Dale Ballard

5 pm Worship

Sunday, September 9

10 am Worship

God's Work. Our Hands

Sunday

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sept. 23 All Committees

Meet Together

Sept. 30 Budgets Due

Oct. 16 Exec. Council

Budget Meeting

Nov. 11 Annual Budget/

Election Meeting

SIGN UP TO BE A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

Sunday school for the kids will begin on Sept. 9 at 9 a.m. Teachers are needed. It is fun and easy to teach. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex. If you have any questions, please talk to Lynda Crawford.

“MEMORY AND AGING: WHAT IS NORMAL?”

Join us on Sept. 4 from 2:30-4 pm for a program on aging presented by Meghan Dahl, LMSW, Behavioral Health Therapist from MidMichigan Physicians Group-Psychiatry. As we age, we may become aware of having certain “senior moments” of memory lapses. When is it simple forgetfulness, and when is it something more? Is there a “normal” cognitive capacity for older adults? How can we bolster our minds to prevent memory decline, and what resources are available. Please join us for this free program and refreshments. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex.

CELEBRATION COFFEE HOUR

On the third Sunday of the month, we will celebrate birthdays and anniversaries at our coffee hour. Join us!

SIX-WEEK GRIEF AND LOSS SUPPORT CLASS

Hospice of Gladwin Area is sponsoring this class on Tuesdays starting Sept. 4 from 6-7:30 pm. The classes will be held at CtK. Contact HGA to register or for more info 989-426-4464.

WAYS TO GIVE

1. Go to www.ctkinggladwin.org and click the online payment button. 2. Text to give by adding Planning Center to your phone contact list with the phone number 84321. When giving, go to Planning Center, click on the link that appears, enter your banking info and then text your amount and send. (Standard messaging data rates may apply.) 3. You can also do a bill pay from your bank by going to your bank/credit union web site and signing up or call them and they can assist you. 4. Continue using your envelopes. Please contact Sharon Hobin with any questions 989-709-6466.

DIRECT YOUR DOLLARS

We are still collecting receipts from Family Fare for the Direct Your Dollars program. We just picked up our first check for \$1,000 to go to youth program. We are going to try it again. Thanks for your receipts!

Opening Litany

- A Who are we?
C We are the body of Christ
A A body of hands and feet, eyes and ears, elbows and knees, and Christ is our head.
C We are God’s family.
A A family of parents and children, sisters and brothers, all adopted in the waters of baptism.
C We are a Community of the Spirit.
A A community of servants and leaders, healers and helpers, saints and sinners, all called by the same Spirit.
C Called to be a community where love grows and faith and life meet.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude (Prayer Requests Collected)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P Blessed be the + holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.
C Amen.
A Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.
Silence for reflection and self-examination.
A Source of all life,
C we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.
P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, + God’s love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God’s people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.
C Amen.

OPENING HYMN “Let Justice Flow Like Streams” ELW # 717

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.

Kyrie

“Kyrie Eleison”

ELW pg 184

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you

C and also with you.

P Let us pray

C O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THANK OFFERING

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOD'S WORD

FIRST READING: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

⁸The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.

⁹My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands
behind our wall,
gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.

¹⁰My beloved speaks and says to me:

“Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;

¹¹for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.

¹²The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.

¹³The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.”

R The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

¹My heart is stirring with a noble song; let me recite what I have fashioned |
for the king; my tongue shall be the pen of a | skillful writer.

WE GO TO SERVE

BLESSING *(Please Stand)*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” ELW # 774

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Sound the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

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THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you. (share the greeting of peace)

OFFERING (please be seated and pass the attendance pads)

OFFERTORY (*Please stand*)

“Thine The Amen” (vs. 1) **ELW # 826**

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

C God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.

COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

ELW pg 144

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.

PREFACE

SANCTUS: **“You Are Holy”** (2X)

ELW # 525

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION (*Please be seated*)

COMMUNION CANTICLE: **“For Everyone Born”** **Screen**

COMMUNION HYMNS:

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

ELW # 733

“Just As I Am, Without One Plea”

ELW # 592

²**You are the noblest among the people; grace flows from your lips, because God has blessed you forever.**

⁶Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever, a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.

⁷**You love righteousness and hate iniquity; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your companions.**

⁸All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

⁹**Kings’ daughters stand among the ladies of the court; on your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.**

SECOND READING: James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

R The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Open Your Ears” ELW # 519

(*Please stand*)

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

C Glory to You, Oh Lord

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said

to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;

⁷in vain do they worship me,

teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of
you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can
defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come:
fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit,
licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from
within, and they defile a person.”

P The Gospel of the Lord **C Praise to you, O Christ.**
(Please Be Seated)

SERMON: Pastor Emily Olsen

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Be Thou My Vision” ELW # 793
(Please Stand)

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS

A Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the
church, those in need, and all of God’s beloved creation.

A brief silence.

A Gracious God, we pray for all those who labor to bear your word
into the world by welcoming the stranger, healing the sick, and
caring for the orphan. Embolden your church to take up the cross
against the powers of oppression and death. Gracious God,

C Your mercy is great.

A Creative God, we pray for the earth. Keep watch over those who
rescue endangered species and repair scorched landscapes.
Make us good stewards of creation. Gracious God,

C Your mercy is great.

A Sovereign God, we pray for the nations of the world, for
governments, leaders, and citizens. Watch over refugees and
immigrants. Inspire us to welcome them with glad hearts when
they arrive on our shores and in our neighborhoods. Gracious
God,

C Your mercy is great.

A Loving God, you call us to serve our neighbors. Bless our
vocations as we fill the cups of the thirsty, the plates of the hungry,
and the hearts of the lonely. Make our presence your presence for
all who sorrow. Gracious God,

C Your mercy is great.

A Welcoming God, at tables around the world, through story and
meal, strangers become guests and guests become friends.
Embolden this congregation to always extend the wide-armed
welcome you extend to us. Gracious God,

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A We pray for our prayer partner Faith Lutheran Church in Sidney
and Rev. John Autio and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod/
PA and Bishop Kurt Kusserow. Traditions in the church can help
guide and enrich our faith and worship, and they can sometimes
present boundaries and stumbling blocks. Pray our traditions and
religious practices are dynamic, meaningful and reflect our
theology, Scripture, ministry contexts and prayerful discernment of
what God is revealing to us today. Gracious God,

C Your mercy is great.

A With thanksgiving, we remember the cloud of witnesses whose
lives inspire us to loving service. Gracious God,

C Your mercy is great.

P Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom
we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ,
our Redeemer.

C Amen.