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Christ,  
THE SON OF THE  
LIVING  
GOD."  
Matthew 16:16, ESV**

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# ✠ Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost ✠

August 27, 2017

## Pre-Service Meditation – Psalm 138

<sup>1</sup> I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; <sup>2</sup> I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. <sup>3</sup> On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased. <sup>4</sup> All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth, <sup>5</sup> and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. <sup>6</sup> For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar. <sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me. <sup>8</sup> The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

## Hymn #467 (1-3, 6-7) – Built on the Rock the Church doth Stand

### Invocation – p. 5

*[We invoke (call upon) the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit]*

### Confession & Absolution – pp. 5-6

*[We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness]*

### Introit – Ps. 2:6–7; Ps. 117; antiphon: Ps. 115:18

*[Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.]*

- P** But we will bless the Lord  
**C** from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!  
**P** As for me, I have set my King  
**C** on Zion, my holy hill.  
**P** I will tell of the decree:  
**C** The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.”  
**P** Praise the Lord, all nations!  
**C** Extol him, all peoples!

**P** For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
**C** and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!  
**P** But we will bless the Lord  
**C** from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!

### **Gloria Patri – p. 6**

*[Latin for “Glory to the Father” ~ We glorify the Triune God]*

### **The Kyrie – p. 7**

*[Greek for “O Lord” ~ We approach our Lord with a cry for help and mercy]*

### **Gloria in Excelsis (Hymn #238 v. 1)**

*[Latin for “Glory in the Highest” ~ A hymn glorifying and praising our God]*

All glory be to God alone, Forevermore the Highest One,  
Who doth our sinful race befriend And grace and peace to us extend.  
Among mankind may His good will All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

### **The Collect for the Day – p. 9**

*[The main thoughts for the day are “collected” together in this prayer]*

### **Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 51:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> “Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. <sup>2</sup> Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. <sup>3</sup> For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. <sup>4</sup> “Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup> My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. <sup>6</sup> Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

### **The Gradual – Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.; Ephesians 2:19b–20**

*[A liturgical response of Scripture verses.]*

**P** Fear the Lord, you his saints,  
**C** for those who fear him lack nothing!

- P** Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
**C** **but the Lord delivers him out of them all.**  
**P** Alleluia. You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,  
**C** **built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone. Alleluia.**

### **Triple Hallelujah – p. 10**

*[Hebrew for “Praise the Lord” - We Praise God for giving us His Word.]*

### **Epistle Reading – Romans 11:33-12:8**

<sup>33</sup> Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!  
<sup>34</sup> “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” <sup>35</sup> “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” <sup>36</sup> For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. <sup>12:1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. <sup>3</sup> For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup> For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. <sup>6</sup> Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup> if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup> the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

### **Confession of Faith - Apostle’s Creed p. 12**

*[We boldly confess what we believe]*

### **Hymn #381 – I Know My Faith is Founded**

### **Sermon Text – Matthew 16:13-20**

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”  
<sup>14</sup> And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and

others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”<sup>15</sup> He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”<sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.”<sup>18</sup> And 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.<sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”<sup>20</sup> Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

## **Sermon – Who Do You Say that Jesus Is?**

- I. The Wrong Answer Leads to Death
- II. The Right Answer Brings Eternal Life

### **Offertory – p. 12**

*[In this prayer we offer God our hearts, asking Him for the best of all gifts: the Holy Spirit]*

### **Offering of Thankful Hearts**

*[With thankful hearts, we offer our gifts to God]*

### **General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer**

*[We offer our petitions and thanks to God]*

### **Hymn #370 – My Hope is Built on Nothing Less**

### **Prayer for the Church – p. 14**

*[We ask God to bless what we have heard and learned today]*

### **The Benediction – p. 14**

*[We receive God's blessing for another week]*

### **Hymn #473 (1-2, 4-5) – The Church's One Foundation**

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## ✠ Announcements ✠

**Parking Lot Fund** – In a recent special voters’ meeting, the voters decided to begin a fund to be used for repairing the parking lot. If you would like to contribute to the fund, simply indicate “parking lot” in the memo line of your check.

**Partners in Ministry Program** - The 2016 CLC Convention approved the Partners in Ministry Program which is designed to link active CLC called servants who have obligations to repay ILC Student Aid Fund loans with sponsors who agree to provide matching funds for payments on those loans. The donor and recipient would remain anonymous to each other. This program is now ready for implementation. There are about a dozen eligible account holders who have been contacted directly to see if they are interested in participating and who would need to fill out an application annually. While donors may get involved with this at any time, it would be helpful to have the initial slate of donors in place by September 1 (extended deadline). Those interested in being donors or those who have questions may contact the ILC Business Manager, Jim Sandeen, 715-836-6622/jimsandeen@gmail.com.

**CLC Call News** - The Rev. John Schierenbeck (em.) has returned the call from Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, to serve as part-time interim pastor. ◊ Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, has issued a 1-year interim call to several local, part-time teachers in order to staff its classroom for grades 3-4. The ladies who have accepted this call are Barbara Gurgel, Lynette Roehl, Kelly Beekman, and Valerie Hammett, who had returned the full-time call. ◊ Eric Libby has returned the call to teach 11/12 Religion at Immanuel Lutheran High School, Mankato, MN for the fall semester of 2017; the congregation has now called the Rev. Douglas Libby to the same position, and he has accepted.

Fruits of Faith: 8/20/17

Worship Attendance: 39

Bethel Home: \$1032.00

Parking Lot: \$1200.00

