



VISION STATEMENT: Christ Lutheran Church will continue its Christ-centered, life directed focus, responding to the needs of its members, emphasizing local and worldwide witness, and acting as a catalyst for the improvement of the neighborhood.

Hymns & Liturgy: Service Folder

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 28:5-9

The Epistle Lesson: Romans 7:1-13

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:34-42

Pianist: Mrs. Connie Bremer

Sermon: Rev. Karl F. Eckhoff

HOSPITALIZED:

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Rev. Rodger Abatie, Rev. Louis Knief, Jayme Knapp, Mike Clayton, Barb Dreher, Shawn Foote, Abigail Young, Eddy Jones, Pat Kretzmann (Rebecca Best's mother), Riley Stanley (great granddaughter of Catherine Evans), Rev. Wayne Ahrens (son-in-law of Pastor and Hilda Knief), Donna Hawbecker, Bud Neptun, Jervon Hester, Ron Seibels, Beverly Petrovic, Bonnie Hester, Larry Hartness, Jan Long, Shirley Swanson, Carol Walton (friend of Marilyn Berkshier and Laura Baize), for those in the military, for our Church Boards and their members, for Christians being persecuted worldwide.

THE BOARD OF ELDERS REMINDS YOU that if you wish to have your prayer request added to the Christ Lutheran Prayer Chain, please contact either the church office (309)637-5309 or laura@berkshier.net or our Lay Minister, Al Schneider (697-9475 or aschneider@sbcglobal.net). *If you would like to be on the prayer chain and receive emails about prayer requests, please email Laura or call the church office.*

THE CHURCH SERVICE will be posted on the church website and Facebook page, and will be available on SUNDAY morning instead of Saturday as Pastor did before. If you need a link, that will be sent out after the service is posted via One Call. The service folder that is being sent out will be for that abbreviated service; the Sunday church service is somewhat different.

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$7,587.00; MTD: \$Improvement Fund: \$15.00; MTD: \$475.00. Attendance: 167.

THIS IS THE 31st SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR.

FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR TODAY to the Glory of God and in memory of Lee and Arla Knoll by their children.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS - The Nominating Committee and the Constitutional change to allow for a female principal at CLS were both approved via mailed ballots last week. Thank you to the 143 members who voted.

CLYF IS GOING FISHING!! – CLYF is going fishing TODAY in Maquon, IL on June 28th. Meet in the church parking lot at 11:30 AM with your fishing pole, tackle box, a chair, bug spray, sun block, old shoes, water guns, hat, towel and sunglasses. We will provide lunch. Pick up is in church parking lot at 4 PM. Waivers will need to be signed for anyone attending. If you have any questions, please contact Christel VandeVoorde at 267-3053.

WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS!! More than 6 months ago, some of you were invited to attend the WATCH (We Are The Church) weekend in March. Well, now we know God had other plans... there was no weekend away from our daily cares...instead, we had a whole new upset to our usual routines. The prayers we are asking for now are that we will be able to have the rescheduled WATCH weekend November 20 - 22 & that MANY people will be able to attend. Also, the WATCH steering committee is praying that YOU answer the call to be a participant as well...

CHRIST LUTHERAN SCHOOL will have two openings on our staff for the coming year – a 4th grade teacher and a school secretary/office administrator. We are seeking highly motivated people who enjoy sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with children and adults. For more info, call the school office (309)637-1512.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Luke 15:10 – “Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” Jesus eats with sinners not so that they will remain stuck in their sins, but so that they will come to know His love and repent. To repent means to turn, that is, to turn away from sin and toward Jesus in faith. Whether the sin we struggle with is pride, greed, doubt, etc., the Lord calls us to turn to Him again in faith and away from our sin.

2020 BOARD OF ELDERS

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AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:

- The First Lesson: Zechariah 9:9-12:5-9
- The Second Lesson: Romans 7:14-25a
- The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

PREPARATION

HYMN "Today Your Mercy Calls Us" [LSB 915 v. 1, 4]

1 Today Your mercy calls us
To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass,
Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy
Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us
And make us clean today.

4 O all-embracing Mercy,
O ever-open Door,
What should we do without You
When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us,
To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open,
One ear will hear our prayer.

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Psalm 124:8; 130:3–4

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
People: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Pastor: Because we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition and have sinned in thought, word, and deed, let us employ the faith the Holy Spirit has given us and go to our gracious heavenly Father, asking His forgiveness for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God has given His only Son to bear the punishment of our sins on the cross so that we might know the peace of His presence now and the joys of heaven hereafter. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 28:5–9 (Jeremiah condemns Hananiah for preaching peace while God has exiled most of the people to Babylon.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 10:34–42 (Jesus warns that following Him must take precedence over every relationship.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read.)

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CREED Nicene Creed

People: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the Church around the world and for all people in their various circumstances.

In Jeremiah's day, most of the Israelites were in exile in Babylon. Let us pray for people who are displaced from their homes, communities, and countries.

Heavenly Father, use humanitarian efforts on every level to supply what they lack, until the eyes of world's power brokers are open to see their plight and put people's needs above their own political aspirations. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Prophets regularly "prophesied war, famine, and pestilence." Let us pray for refugees from warfare, those who lack the basic necessities of life, and all who are dealing with long-term ills or sudden emergencies.

Lord Jesus, use compassionate people and agencies to provide food, clothing, and shelter where they are needed; guide emergency and medical professionals as they tend those under their care; and open our eyes to see opportunities in which we may serve. [Specific petitions may be added.] Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Paul wrote that because we belong to one another in the Body of Christ and have died to the law, "we may bear fruit for God." Let us pray for ourselves and the Church wherever it gathers in Christ's name.

O Holy Spirit, strengthen us and our brothers and sisters around the world as we seek to give our lives in loving service to You, reaching out to the lost, strengthening the weak in faith, and rejoicing together as we receive the real good that comes to us through Word and Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: These and any other things You would have us ask, heavenly Father, grant to us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, for we dearly desire to sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, now and forever.
People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Thee Will I Love" [LSB 694]

1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tower;
Thee will I love, my hope, my joy.
Thee will I love with all my power,
With ardor time shall ne'er destroy.
Thee will I love, O Light Divine,
So long as life is mine.

2 Thee will I love, my life, my Savior,
Who art my best and truest friend.
Thee will I love and praise forever,
For never shall Thy kindness end.
Thee will I love with all my heart--
Thou my Redeemer art!

3 I thank Thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven,
Whose radiance hath brought light to me;
I thank Thee, who hast richly given
All that could make me glad and free;
I thank Thee that my soul is healed
By what Thy lips revealed.

4 O keep me watchful, then, and humble;
Permit me nevermore to stray.
Uphold me when my feet would stumble,

And keep me on the narrow way.
Fill all my nature with Thy light,
O Radiance strong and bright!

5 Thee will I love, my crown of gladness;
Thee will I love, my God and Lord,
Amid the darkest depths of sadness,
And not for hope of high reward,
For Thine own sake, O Light divine,
So long as life is mine.

DISMISSAL

BENEDICTION

HYMN "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" [LSB 685 v. 1, 2, 4]

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Flee the world, which would deceive us
And to sin our souls allure.
Ever in His footsteps treading,
Body here, yet soul above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, abide with me;
Savior, lead, I follow Thee.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus,
To His image e'er conform;
Heaven's glory soon will please us,
Sunshine follow on the storm.
Though we sow in tears of sorrow,
We shall reap with heav'nly joy;
And the fears that now annoy
Shall be laughter on the morrow.
Christ, I suffer here with Thee;
There, oh, share Thy joy with me!

4 Let us gladly live with Jesus;
Since He's risen from the dead,
Death and grave must soon release us.
Jesus, Thou art now our Head,
We are truly Thine own members;
Where Thou livest, there live we.
Take and own us constantly,
Faithful Friend, as Thy dear brethren.
Jesus, here I live to Thee,
Also there eternally.