



**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:** Isaiah 55:10-13

**The Epistle Lesson:** Romans 8:12-17

**The Holy Gospel:** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Pianist:** Miss Aimee Traenkenschuh

**Sermon:** Rev. Keith Buelmann

**“Our Focus”**..... Hebrews 12:1-3

### **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](mailto:laura@berkshier.net)) or our Lay Minister, Al Schneider (697-9475 or [aschneider@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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: \$7,673.00; MTD: \$51,555.25 Improvement Fund: \$310.00; MTD: \$875.00. Attendance: 126.

### **THIS IS THE 33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR.**

**THERE ARE ENVELOPES AVAILABLE** for the school kitchen remodeling project. Should you wish to donate, you’ll find the envelopes on the table in the back of the sanctuary by the offering plate. You can also donate online through the church website, [www.christlutheranpeo.org](http://www.christlutheranpeo.org).

**PASTOR ECKHOFF IS ON VACATION THROUGH NEXT WEEK** and will be back in the office on the 20th, so there will be no online services available. They will resume on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

**OFFERING STATEMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE** this month as soon as everything has been recorded. If you would like to have a copy of your statement emailed or mailed (via USPS) to you, please contact Laura in the church office at 637-5309.

**THERE ARE SEVERAL OPENINGS** to provide flowers for the altar for Sunday services. If you would like to sign up, the flower chart is at the top of the ramp in the annex. You can also contact Christel VandeVoorde at 267-3053.

**THE WATCH STEERING COMMITTEE** is making plans to hold the WATCH weekend November 20-22 if at all possible. In preparation, we would like to have ANY who are interested in being a participant, helping in any way, or having

any information about this event...contact Barbara O'Dell 635-7962. This is a chance to leave the stress of a hectic lifestyle for a few days of fellowship & worship.

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER** - Luke 5:5 – “**And Simon answered, ‘Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.’**” All our toil, all our work, all our efforts mean nothing without the Lord’s guidance. But if we walk in the Word of Jesus, well, look what happened to Simon Peter. The Lord gives grace, and He promises to bless our efforts and bring blessings out of them that we never expected.

**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 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost:

- The First Lesson:       Isaiah 44:6-8
- The Second Lesson:     Romans 8:18-27
- The Holy Gospel:        Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

HYMN – “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

*Verse 1*

When morning gilds the skies,  
My heart, awaking, cries,  
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"  
When evening shadows fall,  
This rings my curfew call:  
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

*Verse 3*

No lovelier antiphon  
In all high heav'n is known  
Than "Jesus Christ be praised!"  
There to the eternal Word  
The eternal psalm is heard:  
"May Jesus Christ be praised!"

INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 12:1–3

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth 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.**

APOSTLES' CREED

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### DISTRIBUTION

#### DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

##### *Verse 1*

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

##### *Verse 2*

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

##### *Verse 3*

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

### DISMISSAL

### BENEDICTION

#### HYMN "Almighty Father Bless the Word"

##### *Verse 1*

Almighty Father, bless the Word  
Which through Your grace we now have heard.  
Oh, may the precious seed take root,  
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

##### *Verse 2*

We praise You for the means of grace  
As homeward now our steps we trace.  
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here  
May all at last in heav'n appear.

##### *Verse 3*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.