



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 Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:18-27

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Pianist: Mrs. Connie Bremer

Sermon: Rev. Keith Buelmann

“Suffering vs. Hope”Romans 8:18-27

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: \$8,969.00; MTD: \$16,642.00. Improvement Fund: \$105.00; MTD: \$415.00. Attendance: 116.

THIS IS THE 34th 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.

ONLINE SERVICES will resume on July 26th. You can find links to Pastor’s previous online service videos, plus previous week’s service packets in the Resources portion of the church website, www.christlutheranpeo.org. Services will also be posted on the church Facebook page.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Rom. 8:18 – “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the Kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly has an application to our support for the Gospel. If we keep our focus on “the glory to be revealed,” we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

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.

CLYF WILL HAVE A POOL PARTY this Thursday, July 23, from 3-6 PM at the Dixsons' house, 3003 W. Malone St. The Dixsons are providing a meat dish; youth are asked to bring a side to share, their swimsuit and towel. RSVP to Christel 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.

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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost:

- The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 7:6-9
- The Second Lesson: Romans 8:28-39
- The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

July 19, 2020 – The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

HYMN – “Almighty God, Your Word is Cast”

1 Almighty God, Your Word is cast
Like seed into the ground;
Now let the dew of heav'n descend
And righteous fruits abound.

2 Let not the sly satanic foe
This holy seed remove,
But give it root in ev'ry heart
To bring forth fruits of love.

3 Let not the world's deceitful cares
The rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold
The fruits of peace and joy.

4 So when the precious seed is sown,
Life-giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive
Its saving pow'r may know.

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 Romans 8:18–27

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

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 "How Firm a Foundation"

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

4 "When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

5 "Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne."

DISMISSAL

BENEDICTION

HYMN "The Lord, My God, Be Praised"

1 The Lord, my God, be praised,
My light, my life from heaven;
My maker, who to me
Has soul and body given;
My Father, who will shield
And keep me day by day
And make each moment yield
New blessings on my way.

2 The Lord, my God, be praised,
My trust, my life from heaven,
The Father's own dear Son,
Whose life for me was given,
Who for my sin atoned
With His most precious blood
And gives to me by faith
The highest heav'nly good.

3 The Lord, my God, be praised,
My hope, my life from heaven,
The Spirit, whom the Son
In love to me has given.
His grace revives my heart
And gives my spirit pow'r,
Help, comfort, and support
In sorrow's gloomy hour.

4 The Lord, my God, be praised,
My God, the ever-living,
To whom the heav'nly host
Their laud and praise are giving.
The Lord, my God, be praised,
In whose great name I boast,
God Father, God the Son,
And God the Holy Ghost.