



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 10:4–17

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22–33

Pianist: Miss Aimee Traenkenschuh

Sermon: Rev. Karl F. Eckhoff

HOSPITALIZED: OSF- Judy Campen

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Rev. Rodger Abatie, Rev. Louis Knief, Jayme Knapp, Mike Clayton,, 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 the 96th birthday of Catherine Evans on August 2nd, for the 99th birthday of Irene Hoeltje August 13th, for James and Whitney Bremer, married yesterday; 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.*

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$10,633.00. Improvement Fund: July 19th: \$75.00. Attendance: 118.

THIS IS THE 37th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 99th birthday of Irene Hoeltje on August 13th by her children, Robin Hofmann, Dale Hofmann and Linda Couri.

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 are available on the church website, www.christlutheranpeo.org. Services will also be posted on the church Facebook page. Bulletins and abbreviated service folders will continue to be emailed for those who cannot attend services in person.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Matt. 14:30 – “**But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’**” The world really is a scary place – natural disasters, disease, terrorism, and a hundred other things. But where do we place our hope, our trust, and our vision? Where do we look for aid and comfort? When Peter’s eyes were on the Lord, he had confidence. When he turned to look at his problems and took his eyes off the Lord, he fell apart. Sometimes God’s call to support the work of His Church with our offerings makes us nervous. But put your eyes back on your Lord, trust Him, follow His Word, and all will be well.

OFFERING STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE. 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.

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

The First Lesson: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

The Second Lesson: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 9, 2020

AS WE GATHER

The Gospel stories of Jesus often have a familiarity to us that may diminish what the sacred writer wants us to understand. Simply put, there has never been any individual on this earth like Jesus. He has divine power that can heal the sick, revive the dead, and multiply bread and fish to feed multitudes. And He can even walk on water. Nobody else has ever done that. Only Jesus. As we worship today, let us rediscover in Jesus our one and only Savior.

PREPARATION

HYMN "The Lord, My God, Be Praised" v. 1, 4 [LSB 794]

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.

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.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.

People: We confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of His creation and have not shared His bounty with others at all times. We have been heedless in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have wished for that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. We pray God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. God of love, in His ministry, Your Son, Jesus, showed His mastery over all the forces of nature, including those of great power. Help us to keep our eyes fixed on Him and to trust His guidance in all

things as we pass through this world, confident in His care; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

EPISTLE Romans 10:4–17 (Faith comes from hearing the Gospel.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 14:22–33 (Jesus walks on the water on the Sea of Galilee.)

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

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Earth and All Stars" [LSB 817]

Earth and all stars, Loud rushing planets
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Hail, wind, and rain, Loud blowing snowstorm
Sing to the Lord a new song!

Chorus: God has done marvelous things.
I too sing praises with a new song!

Trumpet and pipes! Loud clashing cymbals!
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud humming cellos!
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Chorus*

Engines and steel! Loud pounding hammers
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams, Loud building workers
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Chorus*

Classrooms and labs, Loud boiling test tubes
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Athlete and band, Loud cheering people
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Chorus*

Knowledge and truth, Loud sounding wisdom
Sing to the Lord a new song!
Daughter and son, Loud praying members
Sing to the Lord a new song! *Chorus*

**DISMISSAL
BENEDICTION**

CLOSING HYMN "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" v. 1, 4 [LSB 791]

1 All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forthtell;
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

4 For why? the Lord our God is good:
His mercy is for ever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood
And shall from age to age endure.