



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 12:1-8

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Pianist: Mr. David Best

Sermon: Rev. Karl F. Eckhoff

“What’s Your Story?” Romans 12:1-8

HOSPITALIZED:

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Rev. Rodger Abatie, Rev. Louis Knief, Jayme Knapp, Jason Knapp, Brandon Neiman, Linda Wood, Mike Clayton, Shawn Foote, Abigail Young, Eddy Jones, Pat Kretzmann (Rebecca Best’s mother), Rev. Wayne Ahrens (son-in-law of Pastor and Hilda Knief), Donna Hawbecker, Bud Neptun, Bonnie Hester, Larry Hartness, Jan Long, Shirley Swanson, Steve Von Behren, Carol Walton (friend of Marilyn Berkshier and Laura Baize), for the family of Judy Campen, who passed away last Tuesday; for Louie Heuermann, who is having surgery this Tuesday, 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: \$9,248.36; MTD: \$26,926.36. Improvement Fund: \$25.00; MTD: \$140.00. Attendance: 139.

THIS IS THE 39th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given by the family of Walt and RaeAnn Laylock, to the glory of God and in celebration of RaeAnn’s birthday and also in celebration of Walt and RaeAnn’s 43rd wedding anniversary.

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.

CLYF MINI GOLF & PIZZA OUTING - CLYF is having a mini-golf and pizza outing on September 11th from 7-9 PM. Drop-off and pick-up are at Roc Mini Golf, 220 Farmdale Rd., East Peoria. It’s \$6 to golf and the pizza is provided. RSVP to Christel at 267-3053.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Matt. 16:27 – “For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done.” St Paul talks about rewards on the Last Day in 1 Corinthians 3, and Jesus says more about this “repaying” in Matt. 19:27-30. Bottom line: Your good works can’t buy you heaven, but in Christ your good works do matter. They are pleasing to your Heavenly Father, and they will be rewarded. In other words, our sacrifices for the Lord’s Kingdom are not in vain, and they are not unnoticed by your Father. This should encourage you in your faithfulness.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 13th. Gifts will be used to support our CID students who are attending an LCMS seminary or university to become a pastor, teacher or other full-time church worker. Please plan to make a generous gift now or on September 13th. Gifts may be designated “CID Scholarship Fund” to be used for the 2020-2021 school year or be designated “CID Endowment Fund” to provide gifts every year for this ongoing need. Checks may be routed through your church’s offering plate or sent

to the Central Illinois District LC-MS, 1850 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626. If you are considering a major gift, or would like to include scholarships for CID seminarians or church worker students in your estate planning or through a life insurance policy, please contact CID Planned Gift Counselor, Rev. Charles Olander, at (217) 416-8842 or c-olander@msn.com for assistance. Thank you.

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.

“A “THANK YOU” for Pastor Eckhoff for his hospital visit, communion and prayers. Thanks to the members of the church for their cards and prayers. Also, a big “Thank You” to Darlene Marvel for her concern and calls.” – Donna Hawbecker

PASTOR JOHN SCHMIDTKE has written a collection of essays about his experiences in urban ministry entitled *A Place Not Forgotten*, that is now available on his new website, www.schmidtkestuff.com. You can contact him directly at schmidtkestuff@gmail.com to order a copy for \$15 with free shipping. Quantity pricing is also available through his website.

DIRECTORY CORRECTION – Josh Eckhoff’s new address is 315 S. 4th St., South Pekin, IL 61564

A SPECIAL RECEPTION CELEBRATING the retirements of our CLS teacher, Connie Bremer, our church choir director, Lin Von Behren, and the ordination anniversaries of Pastor Eckhoff (August 12, 1990 - 30 years) and Pastor Knief (June 24, 1960 – 60 years) will be held next Sunday, August 30th, between services outside in the side parking lot. Come join us as we congratulate them and enjoy cupcakes and ice cream! If you have any questions, please check with Al Schneider.

2020 BOARD OF ELDERS

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THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (AUG 24-AUG 30)

MON 8/24:

TUE 8/25:

WED 8/26:

THU 8/27: Quilting NOON

FRI 8/28:

SAT 8/29:

SUN 8/30: Holy Communion..... 8:00 AM

Holy Communion..... 9:30 AM

Holy Communion.....11:00 AM

A Special Outdoor Reception for retirees and anniversaries will be held between service times

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

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 15:15-21

The Second Lesson: Romans 12:9-21

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 2020

AS WE GATHER

Martin Luther once observed, "Whoever comes to faith can only say that the Holy Spirit comes when and where and to whom He pleases at the time He pleases. He comes when and where He pleases and also gives a person as many gifts as He pleases" (WLS § 2057). As people in whom the Spirit dwells, we have the joy of discovering special gifts of God in one another and in ourselves as well. May that mutual discovering and celebrating be truly God pleasing in every way!

HYMN "Shout to the North and the South"

Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious king
You are strong when you feel weak
In your brokenness complete

Chorus:

Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Saviour to all
Lord of heaven and earth

Rise up women of the truth
Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing power
Of our awesome king of love *Chorus*

We've been through fire
We've been through rain
We've been refined by the
power of his name
We've fallen deeper in love with you
You've burned the truth on our lips

Rise up church with broken wings
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high
By his grace again we'll fly. *Chorus*

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 now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

People: **Gracious God, with contrition and repentance, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants. We indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all of our sins, and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives, lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.**

Pastor: God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, 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. Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess Him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

EPISTLE Romans 12:1-8 (We are one Body in Christ.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 16:13–20 (Jesus is confessed as the Christ, the Son of the living God, by Peter.)

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

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SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. We pray for the Church, that God's people live confidently and share joyfully the message of salvation in word and deed. And we pray for this gathering of God's holy people, that we be blessed with all grace and evidence the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Lord, in Your mercy

People: hear our prayer

Pastor: We pray for our families and for those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship, and for all who are part of the household of faith. Also we pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut in, those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill, and all those whose needs are known and unknown to us. Lord, in Your mercy

People: Hear our prayer

Pastor: Merciful God, we thank You for all those faithful people whose words and actions have guided us in the past, especially remembering those no longer with us on earth, who now share in Your eternal presence. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, direct us to walk Your servant way throughout our lives until that day when we stand in Your glorious presence in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer

LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "All Depends on Our Possessing" [LSB 732]

1 All depends on our possessing
God's abundant grace and blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken
By their God are not forsaken
And will keep a dauntless heart.

2 He who to this day has fed me
And to many joys has led me
Is and ever shall be mine.
He who ever gently schools me,
He who daily guides and rules me
Will remain my help divine.

3 Many spend their lives in fretting
Over trifles and in getting
Things that have no solid ground.
I shall strive to win a treasure
That will bring me lasting pleasure
And that now is seldom found.

4 When with sorrow I am stricken,
Hope anew my heart will quicken;
All my longing shall be stilled.
To His loving-kindness tender
Soul and body I surrender,
For on God alone I build.

5 Well He knows what best to grant me;
All the longing hopes that haunt me,
Joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt His wisdom never;
As God wills, so be it ever;
I commit to Him my way.

6 If my days on earth He lengthen,
God my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in Him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding,
Like a stream away is gliding;
Safe I anchor in His grace.

DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Grant, O Lord, that this Sacrament we have now received strengthen us in faith and in loving service to one another. As we have shared in the hospitality of Your Table, give us faith to live each day as Your people who are given to hospitality, charity, and service in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" [LSB 761]

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure:
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2 Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.