



**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:** Praise Band Service Folder

**The Epistle Lesson:** Romans 12:9-21

**The Holy Gospel:** Matthew 16:21-28

**Sermon:** Rev. Karl F. Eckhoff ..... Romans 12:9-21

**HOSPITALIZED:** *Proctor-* Tommie Washington

**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 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.*

**LAST WEEK:** Tithes and Offerings: \$5,003.00; MTD: \$34,929.36. Improvement Fund: \$285.00; MTD: \$425.00. Attendance: 125.

**THIS IS THE 40<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR.**

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY** are given by Dwayne and Karol Allen, to the glory of God and in thankfulness for all God's gifts.

**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).

**CLYF MINI GOLF & PIZZA OUTING** - CLYF is having a mini-golf and pizza outing on September 11<sup>th</sup> 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. 16:26 – “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life?” He who dies with the most toys ... is dead. But the one who trusts in the Lord, even though he dies, yet shall he live. We live out our trust in the Lord by faithfully fulfilling the roles God has given us to play in the home, church, and society as loving, generous people. Those who don't know the Lord are afraid to be generous because they think that what they give away is lost to them. But we who know the Lord know that the things of this world become true blessings when they are used for God's Kingdom.

**CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>.** 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 13<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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](http://www.schmidtkestuff.com). You can contact him directly at [schmidtkestuff@gmail.com](mailto: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. 4<sup>th</sup> 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 today, 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 30-SEP 6)**

**MON 8/31:**

**TUE 9/1:**

**WED 9/2:**

**THU 9/3:** Quilting ..... NOON

**FRI 9/4:**

**SAT 9/5:**

**SUN 9/6:** Holy Communion..... 8:00 AM

Holy Communion..... 9:30 AM

Holy Communion.....11:00 AM

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

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-9

The Second Lesson: Romans 13:1-10

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:1-20

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## Overcome Evil with Good

August 30, 2020

### AS WE GATHER

In the quiet refuge of this sanctuary, it may be easy to forget that we live in a world that has been marred by sin, cursed by death, and filled with wickedness. Although we confront it every day, this very present evil will not overcome us. God's desire is for us to be saved and delivered by His Son, Jesus, so that we are enabled to love, to live, and to overcome evil with good. As we worship, we receive the same Jesus who once overcame evil by carrying His cross to suffer for our salvation. Trouncing over all the evil we will ever face, our risen Savior lives to love, to bless, and to deliver us as His people.

**HYMN** "Your Grace Is Enough"

### INVOCATION

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

**People:** Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

Pastor: Let us therefore come before His throne of grace with humble and sincere hearts to lay our burdens down.

Silent prayer for personal confession

Pastor: Gracious Lord,

**People:** we come before You, laying the burden of our sin at the foot of Your cross. We openly acknowledge our failure to follow Your plans for our lives. We have stumbled and fallen in our service to You. We have placed our agenda ahead of Yours. We have been shallow in our love toward You and toward those You have placed in our path. We cry out for mercy, trusting in Your promise to forgive us through the love of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastor: God has heard your cry for mercy and fulfills His promise to save and deliver you! Lavishing His grace upon you in Jesus, He enables you to love and forgive as He has first loved and forgiven you. 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. Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the evil of sin and death at the cross for our redemption. Grant to us the goodness of our Savior so that we are not overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good; 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 12:9–21 (With genuine love, overcome evil with good.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 16:21–28 (Jesus calls His disciples to take up their cross and follow Him.)

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.

## **APOSTLES' CREED 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.

For all disciples of Jesus Christ, both here at Christ Lutheran and throughout the world, that we not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Bless us, Jesus, as we follow You.**

Pastor: For the fulfillment of the Great Commission, that wherever the good news of salvation in Christ is proclaimed, hearts turn to the Lord and live, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Bless us, Jesus, as we tell of You.**

Pastor: For all servant leaders in the church and in the world, that their work for our blessing show forth the goodness of Christ to the world He died to save, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Bless us, Jesus, as we serve You.**

Pastor: For the blessing of all who hunger and thirst, for all who are weary and heavy-laden, and for all who are without house or income, that they seek the restoration the Lord's good hand provides, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Bless us, Jesus, as we are cared for by You.**

Pastor: For all who willingly put themselves in the path of evil for the sake of other people's good, including military members, law enforcement officers, and emergency workers, that they be protected by the Lord's mighty hand, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Bless us, Jesus, as we are protected by You.**

Pastor: For all who ail in heart, mind, and body, [especially . . .], that they be touched by the healing hand of our Savior and filled with the presence of His comforting Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Bless us, Jesus, as we are healed by You.**

Pastor: For these and all other concerns we have, that coming before the throne of grace we find mercy to help us in our time of need, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Bless us, Jesus, as we trust You to hear and answer our prayers. Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **PAX DOMINI**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

"Amazing Love"

"Glorious Day"

### **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through the gracious gift of Your Son's body and blood. Now that we have received our Savior's goodness, help us to face the evil of our world in the strength and blessing of Him who died for us all; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

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 "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"**