



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: Worship Folder

The Epistle Lesson: Romans 13:1-7

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:1-20

Pianist: Miss Aimee Traenkenschuh

Sermon: Rev. Karl F. Eckhoff Romans 13:1-7

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, Louie Heuermann, Carol Walton (friend of Marilyn Berkshier and Laura Baize), Deb Mingus, sister-in-law of Joe and June Bembenek; for the birth of Kaysen Wolfmeyer, daughter of Tim and Kelsie Wolfmeyer, granddaughter of Jim and Debbie Wolfmeyer; 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: \$5,850.00; MTD: \$40,779.36. Improvement Fund: \$45.00; MTD: \$470.00. Attendance: 152.

THIS IS THE 41st SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given by RaeAnn Laylock, to the glory of God and in celebration of the 8th birthday of her grandson, Cruze Komnick, on September 8th, and the 14th wedding anniversary of Trace and Cassie McIntosh on September 9th.

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 this Friday, 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 - Matthew 18:4 – “(Jesus said), ‘Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.’ ” What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly, Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is *childish*. We are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts – with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we'll take His advice!

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.

2020 BOARD OF ELDERS

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THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (SEP 7-SEP 13)

<u>MON 9/7:</u>	LABOR DAY/OFFICES CLOSED/NO SCHOOL	
<u>TUE 9/8:</u>	Church Council	7:00 PM
<u>WED 9/9:</u>	Confirmation	6:00 PM
	Adult Choir	7:00 PM
<u>THU 9/10:</u>	Quilting	NOON
<u>FRI 9/11:</u>	CLYF Golf Outing	7:00 PM
<u>SAT 9/12:</u>		
<u>SUN 9/13:</u>	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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost:

- The First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21
- The Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12
- The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 6, 2020

AS WE GATHER

Our gracious Savior calls us to humility, repentance, and faith this day. As we come before Him to receive forgiveness and new life we assume a posture of repentance. This posture doesn't point to ourselves and our supposed worthiness. It points to Jesus and His sacrifice for us. As the only perfectly humble child of God, Jesus stoops to serve us today and fill us with the forgiveness we desperately need.

HYMN "This Is the Day the Lord Has Made" [LSB 903 v. 1, 3, 5]

1 This is the day the Lord has made;
He calls the hours His own.
Let heav'n rejoice, let earth be glad
And praise surround the throne.

3 Hosanna to the anointed King,
To David's holy Son!
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring
Salvation from Your throne.

5 Hosanna in the highest strains
The Church on earth can raise.
The highest heav'ns, in which He reigns,
Shall give Him nobler praise.

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Lord God, You promise grace and every blessing to all who come before You and repent of their sins. Hear us now as we, Your humble children, bring our prayers before You.

In silent prayer, we confess our sins to the Lord, seeking His cleansing forgiveness.

Pastor: Most merciful Father,

People: we come before You and admit our sinfulness. In our thoughts, words, and actions, we have failed to do what Your Word demands. We have not honored You fully with our lives, nor have we loved one another as You have first loved us. In the name of our loving Savior Jesus Christ, we ask for Your forgiveness. Because our Savior humbled Himself for our sake upon the cross, enable us to receive the remission You promise to Your repentant children. Amen.

Pastor: "Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." God the Father has taken your sins and laid them upon our humble Savior Jesus Christ. Because of Christ's sacrifice, God does not count your sins against you. He has taken them away! He remembers them no more! He preserves and delivers you as His child forever! 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.

EPISTLE Romans 13:1–7

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 18:1–20

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

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior" [LSB 627]

1 Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior,
Turned away God's wrath forever;
By His bitter grief and woe
He saved us from evil foe.

2 As His pledge of love undying,
He, this precious food supplying,
Gives His body with the bread,
And with the wine the blood He shed.

4 Praise the Father, who from heaven
To His own this food has given,
Who, to mend what we have done,
Gave into death His only Son.

5 Firmly hold with faith unshaken
That this food is to be taken
By the sick who are distressed,
By hearts that long for peace and rest.

7 Christ says: "Come, all you that labor,
And receive My grace and favor:
Those who feel no pain or ill
Need no physician's help or skill.

9 If your heart this truth professes
And your mouth your sin confesses,
You will be your Savior's guest,
Be at His banquet truly blest.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son to humbly offer His life for our salvation, we thank You for the forgiveness and renewal

of life You have given us in His body and blood. Send us forth to humbly share with others that which we have here received; 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

HYMN “God Bless Our Native Land” [LSB 965]

1 God bless our native land;
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.

2 So shall our prayers arise
To God above the skies;
On Him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To Thee aloud we cry:
God save the state!