



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 Worship Folder

The Epistle Lesson: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon: Rev. Karl F. Eckhoff

“A Much Needed Pep Talk”Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

HOSPITALIZED: OSF – Judy Lockenour

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; Vera Zentko, Larry Stimeling, 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: \$11,419.00; MTD: \$58,824.36. Improvement Fund: \$215.00; MTD: \$975.00. Attendance: 146

THIS IS THE 43rd SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God and in memory of Charlie and Diane Best by David Best and his family.

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Matthew 20:9 – “And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.” Behold the generosity of God! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God, and His generosity is surely one of the foundations of God’s being

LWML WILL BE COLLECTING non-perishable food items and paper products for the church food pantry today and next Sunday, September 27th, at all three services. Any items will be greatly appreciated but especially needed are: canned ready to eat meals such as ravioli, spaghettios, etc., soups of any kind including chili, macaroni and cheese; dry pasta and spaghetti sauce, cereal for children and adults, canned fruit, toilet paper and paper towels. There will also be a mite collection each Sunday. Thank you for your support!

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.

DUE TO THE PANDEMIC the **Annual Christ Lutheran Dinner & Auction** has been postponed until Saturday April 24th, 2021. We know how much you look forward to our annual dinner and auction and we are pleased to be able to host you in the spring. Please call the school office at 637-1512 for more information or to make a reservation.

DIRECTORY CORRECTION: Chad Whitehead's cell phone number is (309)620-6333.

HAVE YOU BEEN TO THE CHURCH MOUSE LATELY? 600 W. Main St, Peoria near the campus of Bradley University. A sanitizing business was recently hired to perform a thorough cleaning. It's ready for you to come in and browse. Stop by on Thurs or Fri between 10-4 or on Sat between 10-3 PM. A variety of merchandise at low prices! Also, if you have a desire to volunteer or work part-time at The Church Mouse? Volunteer clerks and a warehouse person are needed at this time in order to keep the store open and keep it running efficiently. Please call the current assistant manager, Joan Resler, at (309) 673-2363 for more information.

PEORIA DINING TOUR COUPON BOOKS - 127 local restaurants are included in the 2021 book. For \$30, you will receive a coupon towards *whatever* you are hungry for! Only twenty of the one hundred and twenty-seven establishments are considered "dine in only", so you can visit today! Coupons are valid through Oct 31, 2021. Purchase your book from Sue Heinz. Please make your check payable to the Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria. Thank you for your continued support!

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THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (SEP 21-SEP 27)

MON 9/21:

TUE 9/22:

WED 9/23: Adult Choir

7:00 PM

THU 9/24: Quilting

NOON

FRI 9/25:

SAT 9/26:

SUN 9/27: 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 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost:

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

The Second Lesson: Philippians 2:1-18

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 20, 2020

OPENING SONG

Jesus Paid It All

Words & Music by Alex Nifong, Elvina M. Hall, & John Thomas Grape
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Verse 1

And I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness, watch and pray;
Find in Me thine all in all."

Chorus 1

'Cause Jesus paid it all;
All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain;
He washed it white as snow.

Verse 2

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots,
And melt the heart of stone.

Chorus 1

Verse 3

And when, before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat.

Chorus 2

Jesus paid it all;
All to Him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain;
He washed it white as snow.
Sin had left a crimson stain;
He washed it white as snow.
He washed it white as snow.
He washed it white as snow.

Bridge

Oh, praise the One Who paid my debt,
And raised this life up from the dead! (*repeat, ad lib*)
Jesus!

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 confess our sins to God our Father.

People: I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers

have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin.

Pastor: Is this your sincere confession?

People: I am sorry for all my sins, and I ask for grace that I may do better. Amen.

Pastor: As you believe, so let it be. 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.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May He who began this good work in you bring it to completion at the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

EPISTLE Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30 (Let your manner of life be worthy of the Gospel of Christ.)

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 20:1–16 (The last will be first and the first will be last.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth 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 Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His-only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord God, You have promised to hear the prayers of Your people, and so we come to You this day offering You petitions and supplications for all manner and needs of people.

You have invited us to seek Your face and to call upon You while You are near. Lord, grant to us such confidence in Your grace and favor that we seek Your wisdom, walk in Your ways, and delight in Your gift of salvation with thanksgiving in our hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We delight in dwelling in Your house, O Lord. Bless Your Church and those who minister to us in Your name. Guide them to preach faithfully the whole counsel of Your Word so that we be steadfast in faith in the face of temptation, threat, and trial. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You have placed in our ears Your Word and in our hearts Your Spirit, O Lord. Grant that we learn to follow Your Word and live holy, upright, and honorable lives that reflect Your goodness and show forth the fruit of the Spirit in all we say and do. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You are our light and our salvation and in You we rest our fears. Lord, grant Your aid, comfort, and strength to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Be especially with the sick for whom we pray this day, [especially . . .]. Heal them in accordance with Your will and sustain them through their afflictions until the perfect healing comes in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Your power is greater than all and Your mercy is without limit. Lord, look with compassion upon our world of violence and terror. Bless those who govern here and everywhere that they protect the weak, promote the cause of virtue, administer justice to the criminal, and act with mercy toward those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You have given us a place at Your Son's Table and grace to receive His very body and blood. Lord, grant that we come with repentance and faith to receive all that Christ has accomplished for our salvation in this blessed communion with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: You have shown us generosity greater than we deserve, O Lord. Silence our complaints when we would question Your mercy, and teach us to be satisfied by Your grace in all that we need for this mortal life and find contentment in God's promise of the life to come. Teach us to rejoice over every sinner who repents and for everyone who comes to You in faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: All these and whatsoever other things we need, we ask You to grant us in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Into Your hands, O gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

**LORD'S PRAYER
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD
PAX DOMINI**

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

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Forever Reign

Words & Music by Jason Ingram & Reuben Morgan
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Verse 1

You are good; You are good
When there's nothing good in me.
You are love; You are love
On display for all to see.
You are light; You are light
When the darkness closes in.
You are hope; You are hope.
You have covered all my sin.

Verse 2

You are peace; You are peace
When my fear is crippling.
You are true; You are true,
Even in my wandering.
You are joy; You are joy.
You're the reason that I sing.
You are life; You are life.
In You death has lost its sting.

Chorus

(Oh), I'm running to Your arms.
I'm running to Your arms.
The riches of Your love will always be enough.
Nothing compares to Your embrace.
Light of the world, forever reign.

Verse 3

You are more; You are more
Than my words will ever say.
You are Lord; You are Lord.
All creation will proclaim.
You are here; You are here.
In Your presence I'm made whole.
You are God; You are God.
Of all else I'm letting go.

Chorus

Bridge

My heart will sing no other Name: Jesus, Jesus!
My heart will sing no other Name: Jesus, Jesus!
My heart will sing no other Name: Jesus, Jesus!
My heart will sing no other Name: Jesus, Jesus!

Chorus

Who You Say I Am

Verse 1

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me

I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me Oh His love for me

Chorus 1

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Verse 2

Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Bridge

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am (2X)

Chorus 1

Chorus 2

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Heavenly Father, it is Your gracious will that Your children on earth live together in harmony and peace. Defeat the plans of all those who would stir up envy and strife, and teach us to examine our own hearts that we be free from malice and ill will. Help us by Your grace so that we live lives worthy of the Gospel and live at peace with all people. Fill us with zeal for the work of Your Church and the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which alone can bring that peace which is beyond all understanding; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

Take My Life (And Let it Be)

Words & Music by Chris Tomlin, Frances Ridley Havergal,
Henri Abraham, Cesar Malan & Louie Giglio
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Verse 1

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days Let them flow in cease-less praise.
Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Verse 2

Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use Every power as You choose.

Chorus

Here am I; All of me. Take my life, It's all for Thee.

Verse 3

Take my will and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Your feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

Chorus (2X)

Outro

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

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