

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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 First Lesson: 2 Chronicles 6:12, 14, 17-21, 24-31; 7:11-16

Sermon: Rev. Karl F. Eckhoff

“What If We Prayed?” 2 Chronicles 6:12, 14, 17-21, 24-31; 7:11-16

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; Vera Zentko, Tommie Washington, 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: \$4403.00; MTD: \$71,017.36. Improvement Fund: \$0.00; MTD: \$1,095.00. Attendance: 131

THIS IS THE 45th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given by Christel and Matt VandeVoorde to the glory of God and in celebration of Bryana VandeVoorde’s 25th birthday on October 1st.

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 - Matt. 21:43 – “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits.” The Pharisees were not bearing fruit. They were faithful to the letter of the Law in keeping the Sabbath, tithing, and all the rest, but they neglected the heart of God’s will. The grace of God belongs at the center. Our giving and all our other good works flow forth from receiving God’s grace and living in that grace on a daily basis.

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.

LWML WOULD LIKE TO THANK everyone for their overwhelming generosity for the food and mite collections last Sunday. Also thank you to Pastor Eckhoff for his constant support and his kind words as we celebrated LWML Sunday.

MANY THANKS to everyone who sent cards and well-wishes for our 57th Anniversary. We appreciate them very much! Karol and Dwayne Allen

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 (Oct. 5-11)

MON 10/5:

TUE 10/6:

WED 10/7: Adult Choir 7:00 PM

THU 10/8: Quilting NOON

FRI 10/9:

SAT 10/10:

SUN 10/11: Holy Communion 8:00 AM

Holy Communion 9:30 AM

Holy Communion 11:00 AM

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 4, 2020

AS WE GATHER

The focus at this time of year is on the harvest. October 12 is Thanksgiving Day in Canada; the US will celebrate on November 26. For the people of God, the entire year is a time of harvest. God has showered His gifts on His people and has made them ready for His eternal harvest. With hymnwriter Henry Alford we pray: "Even so, Lord, quickly come To Thy final harvest home; Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin" (LSB 892:4). As we worship may we joyfully "Raise the song of harvest home" (LSB 892:1).

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

HYMN "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" [LSB 892 v. 1, 2]

1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: O God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow His guidance, and our reluctance to bear the cross. We acknowledge that we are by nature sinful and unclean and know in our hearts that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

Pastor: Forgive us for all that is amiss in our lives, as we continually break Your commands. Forgive us that we have not always been fruitful plantings in Your vineyard.

People: Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

Pastor: Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: May the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.

People: Amen.

WORD

READING 2 Chronicles 6:12, 14, 17-21, 24-31; 7:11-16

APOSTLES' CREED

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

SACRAMENT

PROPER PREFACE

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" [LSB 851]

1 Lord of Glory, You have bought us
With Your life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil
With Your own unsparing hand.

2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You
Gladly, freely of Your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by You, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

3 Wondrous honor You have given
To our humblest charity
In Your own mysterious sentence,
"You have done it all to Me."
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That You deign for alms to sue,
Saying by Your poor and needy,
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?

4 Lord of glory, You have bought us
With Your life-blood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust You boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on You;
But, oh, best of all Your graces,
With Your love our love renew.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

HYMN "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken" [TLH 423 v. 1, 3, 4]

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow You.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
You on earth once suffered, too.
Perish ev'ry fond ambition,
All I've ever hoped or known;
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heav'n are still my own.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure!
Come, disaster, scorn, and pain!
In Your service pain is pleasure;
With Your favor loss is gain.
I have called You Abba, Father!
You my all in all shall be.
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;
All must work for good to me.

Haste, my soul, from grace to glory,
Armed by faith and winged by prayer.
All but heav'n is transitory;
God's own hand shall guide you there.
Soon shall end this earthly story;
Swift shall pass the pilgrim days,
Hope soon change to heav'nly glory,
Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

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