



**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:** Philippians 4:4-13

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 6:19-34

**Sermon:** Rev. Karl Eckhoff

“What if We Seek God’s Kingdom First”

Matthew 6:19-34.....

**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, June Bembenek, Barb O’Dell who is having surgery on October 13<sup>th</sup>, Natalie Stewart, 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: \$.7501.10 Improvement Fund: \$410.00. Attendance: 124

**THIS IS THE 46<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR.**

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY** are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Ryne McIntosh’s birthday by RaeAnn Laylock.

**ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE** for the school kitchen remodeling project **and also Lutheran Cemetery.** 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).

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER** - Matt. 22:5 – “**But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business.**” The invitation to join God in His feast and in His work is easily ignored. The rest of life seems so much more pressing, and we always think there will be another time when we can catch back up with God. But what joys are we missing when we set aside God’s invitation to join Him in His plans and purposes? What inheritance are we trading for the world’s bowl of pottage?

**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!

**PRAYERFUL INTENTION CARDS** – are available today. They are to be returned on October 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>.

**LUTHERAN CEMETERY** - Fall Clean-Up will be November 1st. Any decorations that remain will be removed by the cemetery staff. We have also received new guidelines for decorations that will begin on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. These can be found on our church website and in the church office.

**ATTENTION YOUTH** – You are invited to the VandeVoorde’s for a Bonfire on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Join us from 6-9— please bring a side dish to share!

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**THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (OCT 12-OCT 18)**

<b><u>MON 10/12</u></b> Bell Choir.....	6:45 PM
<b><u>TUE 10/13:</u></b> Church Council .....	7:00 PM
<b><u>WED 10/14:</u></b> Adult Choir .....	7:00 PM
<b><u>THU 10/15:</u></b> Quilting .....	NOON
<b><u>FRI 10/16:</u></b>	
<b><u>SAT 10/17:</u></b>	
<b><u>SUN 10/18:</u></b> Holy Communion .....	8:00 AM
Holy Communion .....	9:30 AM
Holy Communion .....	11:00 AM

## **NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**October 11, 2020**

### **INVOCATION**

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

**People:** Amen.

### **OPENING SENTENCES**

Pastor: I was glad when they said to me,

**People:** "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Pastor: I will be glad and exult in You;

**People:** I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

Pastor: Our soul waits for the Lord;

**People:** He is our help and our shield.

Pastor: For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

**People:** Let Your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in You.

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

**People:** O God our Father, we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have transgressed Your law and have brought injury to others. We have not always shown forth our faith in every aspect of our lives. We sincerely repent of our sins. Have mercy on us and hear this, our confession, O Lord. Grant us Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit within us, lead us to amend our sinful lives that each day we grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name.

Pastor: The Lord hears our pleas and accepts our prayers. To each of us our Lord promises forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

### **HYMN** "Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear" [LSB 908 v. 1, 3]

1 Lord, open Thou my heart to hear,  
And through Your Word to me draw near;  
Let me Your Word e'er pure retain;  
Let me Your child and heir remain.

3 To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One.  
Shall glory, praise, and honor be  
Now and throughout eternity.

**EPISTLE** Philippians 4:4–13 (Encouragement for joyful Christian living)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 6:19-34**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th 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** Nicene Creed

**SERMON** Matthew 6:19-34 What If We Seek God's Kingdom First

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**PAX DOMINI**

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

**People:** Amen.

**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**

## **BENEDICTION**

**HYMN** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" [LSB 733 v. 1, 2, 6]

1 O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of Thy throne  
Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
And our defense is sure.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while life shall last  
And our eternal home!

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