



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 Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 45:1-7

Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

Bell Choir (8 AM service): “Alleluia” and “A Mighty Fortress”

Organist: Mrs. Connie Bremer

Sermon: Rev. Keith Bueltmann

“*Divine Direction Dependency*” Isaiah 45:1-7

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, Ronald Hunt (friends 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, 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) 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: \$8,717.00; MTD: \$16,218.10 Improvement Fund: \$125.00; MTD: \$535.00 Attendance: 125.

THIS IS THE 47th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God and in memory of Dan Knoll and Henry and Carrie Wenzel by Nancy Knoll.

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Matt. 22:21 – “... Then he said to them, ‘Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ ” So what is Jesus saying? Doesn’t everything belong to God? Yes, and God has a place for everything. Some of what He gives us goes to Caesar. Some must come back to the work of His Church. And some goes to support the families He has given us. All belongs to God, and He has work for us to do with what He has given us in the home, in the Church, and in society.

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 on the table outside the sanctuary. They are to be returned today or 25th.

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 1st, 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 30th. Join us from 6-9 PM and please bring a side dish to share!

CLYF FOOD DRIVE – The youth will be volunteering at Midwest Food Bank on Nov. 19th and they would like to be able to take a donation from the church when they go. They will be collecting donations beginning this Sunday, the 18th, thru November 15th. You can check the flyer at the back entrance for suggested items they are needing the most. If you have any questions, please contact Alicia Sparks or Christel VandeVoorde.

REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS – In honor of Veteran’s Day, November 11th, the ladies of LWML will be collecting men’s hygiene items (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, razors, etc.) as well as socks, L or XL T-shirts, and stocking hats for the General Wayne A. Downing Home for Veterans on Jefferson Street. *Donation boxes will be available at the rear annex door on November 1st and 8th.* All donations are greatly appreciated and will be delivered to the veterans on November 9th!

PLEASE BE SURE to fill out the Long Range Plan Survey that is being sent out via email and One Call. The committee appreciates your responses! If you have any questions, please contact Jana Grebe.

2020 BOARD OF ELDERS

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THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (OCT 19-OCT 25)

<u>MON 10/19</u> Bell Choir.....	6:45 PM
<u>TUE 10/20:</u>	
<u>WED 10/21:</u> Adult Choir	7:00 PM
<u>THU 10/22:</u> Quilting	NOON
<u>FRI 10/23:</u>	
<u>SAT 10/24:</u>	
<u>SUN 10/25:</u> Holy Communion	8:00 AM
Holy Communion	9:30 AM
Holy Communion	11:00 AM

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 18, 2020

PREPARATION

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

BELL CHOIR (8 AM service) *Alleluia*

HYMN "Before You, Lord, We Bow" [St. 1-3: LSB 966]

1 Before You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above
And rules the world below, Boundless in pow'r and love.
Our thanks we bring In joy and praise,
Our hearts we raise To You, our King!

2 The nation You have blest May well Your love declare,
From foes and fears at rest, Protected by Your care.
For this bright day, For this fair land--
Gifts of Your hand--Our thanks we pay.

3 May ev'ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green,
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen!
May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise
And join to raise A grateful song.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

People: according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

People: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Pastor: As we come and bow before the Lord to confess our sins, we admit that we have bowed down to other gods of this world and gods of our own choosing.

People: We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.

Pastor: We have failed to rely on You in all times. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, and against others in what we have done and left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart

People: and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.

Pastor: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

People: let the field exult, and everything in it!

Pastor: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

People: before the Lord, for He comes,

Pastor: for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in His faithfulness.

People: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, God is a merciful and loving Father, of whom “there is no other, besides Him there is no God.” He has chosen you in the Gospel, which has come not only in word but with full conviction in power and in the Holy Spirit. Jesus died on the cross to redeem You. Through Him, in His stead, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 45:1–7 (The Lord uses Cyrus as an instrument of deliverance.)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

BELL CHOIR (8 AM service) *A Mighty Fortress*

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 22:15–22 (Jesus tested by the Pharisees about paying taxes to Caesar)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second 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

People: I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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. We offer to You, Lord, the sacrifice of our prayer and praise. You have blessed us with the gift of life in Your Son, Jesus Christ. You provide for all our needs, even when we are unaware. Accept our humble thanksgiving, and empower us to demonstrate our thanks in words, actions, and dedicated service to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We acknowledge that You are the Lord, and there is no other. Strengthen us to resist temptations to serve other gods, whether things of this world, others, or ourselves. Open our eyes to see Your presence in all of our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Our Savior Jesus Christ, has reminded us to render to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to You what is Yours. As You have established all authority over us, we pray for our leaders in this world, nation, state, and community. Give them wisdom and courage to act with justice and mercy for all lives, including the unborn and aged, the vulnerable and needful. Bless also those who serve our Church as elected and called officials, and the leaders within our own congregation, that all actions bring glory to You. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We lift up all those in need, the hungry and homeless, the mourning and grieving, and all who seek healing, [especially . . .]. Give peace, hope, and healing according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Bless all who commune at this altar today, that through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus, they be strengthened in Your forgiveness, enabled to withstand temptations of the devil, and empowered to lovingly serve neighbors in Your name.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

SACRAMENT

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"O Jesus, King Most Wonderful" [LSB 554]

1 O Jesus, King most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned!
O Source of peace ineffable, In whom all joys are found:

2 When once You visit darkened hearts, Then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanity departs, Then kindles love divine.

3 O Jesus, light of all below, The fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire:

4 May ev'ry heart confess Your name, Forever You adore,
And, seeking You, itself inflame To seek You more and more!

5 Oh, may our tongues forever bless, May we love You alone
And ever in our lives express The image of Your own!

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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

Pastor: 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. Numbers 6:24–26

People: Amen.

HYMN “Spread the Reign of God the Lord” [LSB 830 v. 1, 5, 6]

1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spoken, written, mighty Word;
Ev'rywhere His creatures call To His heav'nly banquet hall.

5 Enter, mighty Word, the field; Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind, Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all See Your light and heed Your call.