



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 Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 54:1-8

Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36

Sermon: Rev. Karl F. Eckhoff

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: \$7,328.00; MTD: \$23,456.10 Improvement Fund: \$55.00; MTD: \$590.00 Attendance: 132.

THIS IS THE 48th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given by Jeff and Christine Grebe to the glory of God and in celebration of their 29th wedding anniversary on Oct. 26th, and also in memory of Donna Schmidt by her family.

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 - **John 8:36** – “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” Today we celebrate Reformation Day! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel, but he also called himself “the apostle of good works.” For only in being set free by the Gospel can we do good works. Jesus has set us free, and His blood covers over our sins. We stand before God as His beloved children, and we are invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

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.

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 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!

JUST A REMINDER! – the LWML monthly mite collection will be taken at all three church services next Sunday. Your contributions benefit many mission projects and we thank you for your contributions and support.

PLEASE BE SURE to fill out the Long Range Plan Survey that was sent out via email. The survey link is also posted on the church Facebook page. The committee appreciates your responses! If you have any questions, please contact Jana Grebe.

THE NOVEMBER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING date is fast approaching. There will be no in-person meeting, but be sure to watch your email and regular mail for information (board summaries and ballot) coming the end of next week, so you can be sure to place your vote! If you need more information, please contact Laura Baize or Susan Gulley.

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THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (OCT 26-NOV 1)

<u>MON 10/26</u>	Bell Choir.....	6:45 PM
<u>TUE 10/27:</u>		
<u>WED 10/28:</u>	Adult Choir	7:00 PM
<u>THU 10/29:</u>	Quilting	NOON
<u>FRI 10/30:</u>		
<u>SAT 10/31:</u>	Pumpkins on Parade.....	4:30 PM-6 PM
<u>SUN 11/1:</u>	Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Holy Communion	9:30 AM
	Holy Communion	11:00 AM

REFORMATION DAY

Observed: October 25, 2020

SONG "A Mighty Fortress"

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, our refuge and strength, always present in trouble, silence our fears when Your good creation seems out of control and evil appears to run rampant. Like the dawning of a new day, dispel the darkness of our hearts and renew confident faith in Your constant presence and gracious protection; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 54:1-8

HOLY GOSPEL John 8:31-36

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth 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

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION SONG

"Ancient Words"

"Lead Me to the Cross"

DISMISSAL/POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

SONG "In Christ Alone"

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