



**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:** Psalm 34

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 5:1-12

**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, for the 96<sup>th</sup> birthday of Shirley Swanson, 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: \$4,809.00; MTD: \$28,265.10. Improvement Fund: \$0.00; MTD: \$590.00  
Attendance: 129.

**THIS IS THE 49<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR**

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR:** Flowers are placed on the altar today by Kurt and Greg Schaefer, sons of Wilbur and Naomi Schaefer, in memory of the people and other goodness lost this year.

**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** – **Matthew 5:7** – “**Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.**” This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us – His own love, mercy, kindness, and generosity – flows back out of us. It all starts with His self-giving.

**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 is 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 PM and please bring a side dish to share!

**CLYF FOOD DRIVE** – The youth will be volunteering at Midwest Food Bank on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> and they would like to be able to take a donation from the church when they go. They will be collecting donations thru November 15<sup>th</sup>. 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, the ladies of LWML will continue to collect through next Sunday 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 located on the southside of Peoria. Donation boxes are available at the rear Annex door through next Sunday. All donations are greatly appreciated and will be delivered to the veterans on November 9<sup>th</sup>!

**JUST A REMINDER!** – the LWML monthly mite collection will be taken at all three church services today. 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. If you would like a paper copy, please call the church office (637-5309) and one will be sent to you. The committee appreciates your responses! If you have any questions, please contact Jana Grebe.

**THE NOVEMBER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held via mail this year. Be sure to watch your email and regular mail for information (board summaries and ballot) coming this coming weekend, so you can be sure to place your vote! If you need more information, please contact Laura Baize or Susan Gulley.

**PACKETS FOR THIS WEEK’S** Sunday School lesson are available on the table at the back door of the church. These materials are also emailed to you along with the bulletin and service each week. Please feel free to take one to share with a friend or family member or forward the link from your email! The Sunday School lesson video is posted today on the church’s Facebook page, so be sure to share that post with friends and family, too!

**2020 BOARD OF ELDERS**

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

<b><u>MON 10/26</u></b>	Bell Choir.....	6:45 PM
<b><u>TUE 10/27:</u></b>		
<b><u>WED 10/28:</u></b>	Adult Choir.....	7:00 PM
<b><u>THU 10/29:</u></b>	Quilting.....	NOON

**FRI 10/30:**

**SAT 10/31:** Pumpkins on Parade.....4:30 PM-6 PM

**SUN 11/1:** Holy Communion ..... 8:00 AM

Holy Communion ..... 9:30 AM

Holy Communion ..... 11:00 AM

# ALL SAINTS' DAY

## November 1, 2020

**HYMN** "Take My Life and Let It Be" [LSB 783 v. 1, 2, 6]

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

2 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.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

### INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Confident of salvation, let us confess our sins to our loving, heavenly Father.

**People: We confess that we have not lived as Your children, Father in heaven. In our thinking, speaking, and acting, we have not demonstrated to the people around us the kind of love You have shown us. Forgive us for these our sins. Open our eyes of faith that we may anticipate seeing You in the eternity that awaits us. Then move us toward purity of living that will give You the glory each day until You return.**

Pastor: Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, we are God's children now because of the hope God has poured into us. 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.**

### WORD

#### PSALM - Psalm 34

Pastor: I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**People: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Pastor: Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

**People: I sought the Lord, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Pastor: Those who look to him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

**People: This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him  
and saved him out of all his troubles.**

Pastor: The angel of the Lord encamps  
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

**People: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!  
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

Pastor: Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,  
for those who fear him have no lack!

**People: The young lions suffer want and hunger;**

**but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

Pastor: Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

**People: What man is there who desires life  
and loves many days, that he may see good?**

Pastor: Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.

**People: Turn away from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it.**

Pastor: The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous  
and his ears toward their cry.

**People: The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,  
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.**

Pastor: When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

**People: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted  
and saves the crushed in spirit.**

Pastor: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

**People: He keeps all his bones;  
not one of them is broken.**

Pastor: Affliction will slay the wicked,  
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

**People: The Lord redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 5:1–12

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth 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**

**COMMEMORATION OF THE SAINTS**

**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** "For All the Saints" [LSB 677 v. 1-2, 4-5, 7-8]

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on His way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

## **BENEDICTION**

### **HYMN** "Draw Us to Thee" [LSB 701 v. 1, 4, 5]

1 Draw us to Thee,  
For then shall we  
Walk in Thy steps forever  
And hasten on  
Where Thou art gone  
To be with Thee, dear Savior.

4 Draw us to Thee  
That also we  
Thy heav'nly bliss inherit  
And ever dwell  
Where sin and hell  
No more can vex our spirit.

5 Draw us to Thee  
Unceasingly,  
Into Thy kingdom take us;  
Let us fore'er  
Thy glory share,  
Thy saints and joint heirs make us.