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Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

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Hymns & Liturgy: Worship Folder

The First Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

The Epistle Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13

Organist: Mrs. Connie Bremer

Bell Choir: "The Lord's My Shepherd"

Sermon: Rev. Karl F. Eckhoff

"Together with Him Forever" 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

HOSPITALIZED: OSF – Tom Zaia

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 96th 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 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: \$8,801.00; Improvement Fund: \$280.00. Attendance: 93.

THIS IS THE 50th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER – Matthew 25:4 – "... but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps." Why did they take flasks of oil with them? Because they listened to the bridegroom's words and believed what He told them. Our actions always start with and flow from our beliefs. What do your actions in the realm of financial stewardship say about what you believe?

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.

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!

LWML "COOKIE SALE": A "Cookie Sale" (NOT a "Cookie WALK") will be held on Saturday, December 12, 9:00-Noon. This will be a sale of prepackaged one-pound containers of cookies and/or candy. Cost will be \$5.00 per pound container. Save the date! More details to follow!

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY the ladies of the LWML will be collecting men's hygiene items for the General Wayne A. Downing Home for Veterans located on the south side of Peoria. Your donations are greatly appreciated and will be delivered to the Home tomorrow. As we celebrate Veteran's Day this week, may we all say "Thank You" to all the veterans in our congregation for your service to our country!

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.

CLYF WILL BE GOING to Midwest Food Bank on the 19th from 6-8 PM. Drop-off is at Midwest Food Bank 9005 N. Industrial Rd., Peoria. There are only 20 spots available, so check with Christel if you have any questions (267-3053).

CLYF IS SELLING Tanner's Apple Cider Donuts from 11/1-11/23. They are \$12/dozen. Money is due with the order. You can pick them up at the church on December 1st from 1-4 PM.

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

1ST ANNUAL PULLED PORK FUNDRAISER!! You can help the school purchase a new laminator by placing an order and spreading the word that November 19th from 2:00-5:30 PM, Pastor's famous pulled pork will be available, along with bun, baked beans, coleslaw and dessert, all for \$10. All meals are to-go as there will be no indoor seating. You can fill out the form available in the annex or call the school (637-1512) to order!

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AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost:

- The First Lesson: Zephaniah 1:7-16
- The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
- The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (NOV 9-NOV 15)

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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 27
November 8, 2020

HYMN "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying" [LSB 516 v. 1, 3]

1 "Wake, awake, for night is flying,"
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices;
"Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!
Allelujah!
With bridal care
Yourselves prepare
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."

3 Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee,
Let saints and angels sing before Thee
With harp and cymbals' clearest tone.
Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, joining with the choir immortal,
We gather round Thy radiant throne.
No eye has seen the light,
No ear has heard the might
Of Thy glory;
Therefore will we
Eternally
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver us!

People: O Lord, make haste to help us!

Pastor: May all who seek the Lord rejoice and be glad in Him!

People: May we say evermore, "God is great!"

Pastor: For Christ is coming soon.

People: Soon, He will descend from the heavens.

Pastor: Soon, He will raise the dead.

People: And we will always be with the Lord.

Pastor: He is our help and our deliverer.

People: O Lord, do not delay!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Indeed, Christ is coming soon to raise the dead and bring us into everlasting life with Him. Yet there are times when we have lived as if Christ's return was not important and not imminent. Yet, our heavenly Father invites us to return to Him and ask for His forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we confess that we have ignored You and our neighbors in need. We have sinned in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have failed by our inactivity. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, O Lord, that we might be encouraged by Your presence and forgiven of our sin.

Pastor: God hears your confession and has promised to always be with you. Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. We are forgiven. We look for the return of Jesus.

WORD

EPISTLE 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 (We will always be with the Lord.)

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 25:1–13 (The parable of the ten virgins.)

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

APOSTLES' CREED

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" [LSB 461]

1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.

2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

3 He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

4 He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;

He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly Friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives;
I know that my Redeemer lives!

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have graced us with Your presence in this Sacrament, and we pray that You would continually make Your presence known as we await the return of Your Son; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

HYMN "Fight the Good Fight" [LSB 664 v. 1, 2, 4]

1 Fight the good fight with all your might;
Christ is your strength, and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Your joy and crown eternally.

2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
Lift up your eyes, and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;
He changes not who holds you dear;
Only believe, and you will see
That Christ is all eternally.