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Christ's extreme love;
Building Faith
and Community*

HOSPITALIZED:

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Rev. Louis and Hilda Knief, Joan Schudde, Eleanor Roth, Jayme/ 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, Larry Hartness, Jan Long, Louie Heuermann, Ronald Hunt, Wayne Schneider (friend of Marilyn Berkshier and Laura Baize), Tommie Washington, June Bembenek, Lori Burkley, Johnny Burkley, Carroll Cook (Chelsea Cook's father), Walt Mingus, Mary Ann Smith, Beau Pasquier (son of Thuy Ngo, grandson of Bay Ngo), Chrystal Shephard (friend of JoAnn Reith's daughter), Jackie Floyd, George Von Behren, Terry Hibbs, Tina Hill, friend of Linda Von Behren; Roberta Muzzarelli (Jim Grebe's mother-in-law), Jeff Lowe, Tina Virgil (sister of Eric Gordon), Shirley Binder, Bryana and Michael VandeVoarde, for the 50th wedding anniversary of Mike and Alice Fritch today, 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 Lay Minister, Al Schneider (aschneider@sbcglobal.net/231-6469) or Laura Baize (laura.baize@christlutheranpeo.org/637-5309). **If you would like to be on the prayer chain and receive emails about prayer requests, please email Laura or call the church office.**

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (AUG 30 – SEP 5)

MON 8/30:	Bell Choir	6:30 PM
TUE 8/31:		
WED 9/1:	Adult Choir.....	6:30 PM
THU 9/2:	Quilting.....	NOON
	Day School Board.....	3:45 PM
FRI 9/3:		
SAT 9/4:		
SUN 9/5:	Holy Communion	9:00 AM
	Sunday School and Bible Classes.....	10:30 AM

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the *15th Sunday after Pentecost*: The First Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7, The Second Lesson: James 2:1-10, 14-18; and The Holy Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

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AUGUST 29, 2021
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Scripture of the Day

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Ephesians 6:10-20

Mark 7:14-23

WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS!

NOTE TO OUR GUESTS: Since Holy Communion is a public demonstration of unity in faith, those who commune should express their acceptance of the faith and teaching for which we stand. Our welcome to visitors is heartfelt. Visitors from another Lutheran church or Congregation are asked to please approach our Pastor, if you have not already done so, before attending communion this morning. Also, if you're not a member of an LCMS church but would like a blessing, cross your arms across your chest to receive the blessing. Individual cups are available, in addition to the common cup, as you approach the Altar. **Non-alcoholic white wine** is available in the center of the tray.

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.

ELDER PRAYING WITH PASTOR: Larry Von Behren

ELDERS ASSISTING WITH HOLY COMMUNION: Larry Von Behren, Luke Grebe

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICES TODAY: Linda Wenzel

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this week are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 47th wedding anniversary of Dave and Kathy Traenkenschuh on September 14th.

THERE WILL BE A BRIEF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING immediately following the 9AM service. Please plan on staying.

DEAR CHRIST LUTHERAN FAMILY, What comforting, beautiful messages of love, care, and support have been sent my way these past weeks. Your steadfast prayers (those heart-to-heart talks with our awesome Lord) have been vessels through which His amazing love has been poured out to me. God's peace, strength, presence, and healing during this time of my recovery from a right fractured femoral "neck" is truly a blessing. Thank you, dear ones. I am deeply grateful for His constant faithfulness...and yours, because of His! In His Gentle Care, Joan Schudde

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the Sunday School Rally on Saturday, September 18th! More info to come...

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$7,351.00; MTD: \$31,498.00. Improvement Fund: \$30.00, MTD: \$410.00. Attendance: 188. Sunday School Attendance: N-6th 7; 8th-HS 0, Adults 49, Visitors 3; Total 59.

THIS IS THE 40th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER—Deuteronomy 4:6 – “Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ” There is no wiser, more fulfilling life than a life lived according to the Word of God. We should be encouraged by this when the world tempts us to think that the Word of God is harmful to us. Our Father loves us; so all His Word is meant to bless us. We may have to suffer for upholding the Word of God, as St. John the Baptist did. But the cross the Lord has for us to bear will be far better than any we would create for ourselves.

PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD is attending Sunday School regularly this fall if you want them to participate in the Sunday School program. We are in the planning stages and we need to have an idea of how many children will be participating. If you would like to help with Sunday School, please see Darla Heuermann or Sue Lee.

CHOIRS ARE STARTING THIS WEEK! Anyone from high school age on up is welcome to join either group, and no previous music experience is needed—just a willing heart to serve the Lord through song. Adult Choir meets on Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM in the church sanctuary, and Adult Bell Choir meets on Mondays @ 6:30 PM in the music room. If you're interested or have any questions, please contact David Best at 309.369.0082, or at dabest@clspeoria.org.

ON SAT., SEPT. 4, AT 10:30 AM, there will be a memorial service held in the church for Bonnie (Koch) Malchow. Bonnie was a member at CLC for 50 + years. She sang in the choir from when she was a teenager until she and husband Earl moved to the NW in the 70's. Her grandfather, August Verch, helped build the first (wooden) Christ Lutheran Church. The family invites any members to join in a service of singing and remembrance.

LWML MITE COLLECTION—The CID LWML announced a mission goal for 2021 of \$105,000, with \$78,750 for district grants and the remaining funds for national mission grants. The 2nd CID grant to be funded is the "Food Banks @ St. Louis and Ft. Wayne Seminaries" for a total of \$10,000. The food banks supply food and hygiene products to seminary students and their families. Receiving help through the food banks lessens the worry about financial burdens of everyday life and may even keep a student from having to take a job to help with those expenses. Mite offerings will be collected next Sunday and will help fund the district grants for the coming year. The LWML members appreciate your support!

ORDER OF SERVICE**Opening Hymn**

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"
[LSB 594 v. 1, 2, 4]

Confession and Absolution**The Epistle Lesson**

Ephesians 6:10-20, p. 979

The Holy Gospel

Mark 7:14-23, p. 843

Nicene Creed**Sermon Hymn**

"Fight the Good Fight" [LSB 664]

Sermon – Rev. Karl F. Eckhoff

"The Battle Belongs to the Lord"
Ephesians 6:10-20

Installation of Teachers**Dedication of School Kitchen****Prayer of the Church****The Lord's Prayer****Words of Institution****Communion Hymns**

"Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray" [LSB 663]

"Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared" [LSB 622]

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" [LSB 636]

Post Communion Thanksgiving**Benediction****Closing Hymn**

"Stand Up, Stand for Jesus" [LSB 660, v. 1,3]

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 29, 2021

AS WE GATHER

Today we see the importance of God's Word in our lives. God's Word is what kept the Israelites as they entered the Promised Land. God's Word is the sword of the Spirit, a portion of the armor of God we are given and told to put on. God's Word leads us, protects us, and helps us fight against the evil one.

HYMN "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" [LSB 594 v. 1, 2, 4]

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We are God's people. Through His Word, He has given us wisdom and understanding to follow His ways. Yet, there are times when we have chosen foolishness over wisdom, willful ignorance instead of understanding. Still, even now, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we have ignored Your Word. We have lived according to our own commands rather than Yours. We have chosen the wisdom of the world instead of Your perfect wisdom. Forgive us, create in us new hearts, and renew right spirits within us, so that we may follow where You are leading, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom and grace, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for our sins. Because of Jesus, the joy of our salvation is restored, and no iniquity can remain in dominion over us. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I 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 in Christ. We have been cleansed of our sin. Amen.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Holy Spirit, You inspired the prophets, evangelists, and apostles to write the words of the Scriptures. Help us to cherish Your words so that they might be to our benefit for wisdom and understanding; for You live and reign with the Father and the Son, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

EPISTLE Ephesians 6:10–20 (Put on the whole armor of God.)

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 7:14–23 (What defiles a person?)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh 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

HYMN OF THE DAY “Fight the Good Fight” [LSB 664]

SERMON

INSTALLATION OF TEACHERS

DEDICATION OF THE NEW SCHOOL KITCHEN

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

People: and I will praise Thee without end.

Pastor: For all people who serve in various vocations, that they be given creativity, wisdom, understanding, discernment, and courage to follow where God is leading. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

People: and I will praise Thee without end.

Pastor: For all those who celebrate good news of births and birthdays, anniversaries and Baptisms, success at work or school, and anything else that is worthy of praise, we thank You, Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

People: and I will praise Thee without end.

Pastor: For all those who mourn the death of loved ones, we pray for comfort in the face of grief, [especially . . .]. Help them to grasp firmly our hope in the resurrection and eternal life with You. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

People: and I will praise Thee without end.

Pastor: For all those who govern in this nation and throughout the world, that they lead and serve according to God's wisdom rather than the wisdom of the world. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

People: and I will praise Thee without end.

Pastor: For all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church, that God's Word rules their lives and overflows into the lives of others. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

People: and I will praise Thee without end.

Pastor: For all who fight the assaults of Satan, that they find strength and protection in the whole armor of God. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

People: and I will praise Thee without end.

Pastor: For all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .], that God would grant them healing according to His good and gracious will. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

People: and I will praise Thee without end.

Pastor: Lord, we commend all these things to Your infinite wisdom and guidance, knowing that You hear us.

People: Amen.

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 HYMNS

"Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray" [LSB 663]

"Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared" [LSB 622]

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" [LSB 636]

DISMISSAL

BENEDICTION

HYMN "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" [LSB 660 v. 1, 3]