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*Boldly living
Christ's extreme love;
Building Faith
and Community*

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THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (SEP 6 – SEP 12)

MON 9/6:	Elders	6:00 PM
	Bell Choir	6:30 PM
TUE 9/7:	Trustees.....	6:30 PM
WED 9/8:	Adult Choir.....	6:30 PM
THU 9/9:	Quilting	NOON
	Parish Ministry.....	6:00 PM
	Stew/Finance	7:00 PM
FRI 9/10:		
SAT 9/11:		
SUN 9/12:	Holy Communion	9:00 AM
	Sunday School and Bible Classes.....	10:30 AM

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SEPTEMBER 5, 2021
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Scripture of the Day

Isaiah 35:4-7

James 1:1-18

Mark 7:31-37

WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS!

Our faith in Jesus is to be marked by our reflection of His love and service. While we are not able to do all the things Jesus can do, we are called to reflect His faithful work as we serve in our vocations by loving our neighbors.

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:**ELDERS ASSISTING WITH HOLY COMMUNION:**

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICES TODAY: Suzanne Heinz

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this week are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Cruze Komnick's 9th birthday on September 8th, and Trace and Cassie McIntosh's 15th Wedding anniversary on September 9th.

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the *16th Sunday after Pentecost*: **The First Lesson**: Isaiah 50:4-10, **The Second Lesson**: James 3:1-12, 14-18; and **The Holy Gospel**: Mark 9:14-29.

THE PARISH MINISTRY BOARD has Sunday School craft packets available. Today's lesson is "The Greatest Power—God".

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$4,277.04; MTD: \$35,766.04. Improvement Fund: \$0.00, MTD: \$410.00. Attendance: 181. No Sunday School attendance dues to 5th Sunday Fellowship.

THIS IS THE 41st SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER—James 2:2 – “For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in ...” God shows no partiality. Rich and poor alike are called into the Kingdom. And both rich and poor alike have something to contribute to the Kingdom in accordance with the callings God has given them in their lives. This is why both the Old and New Testaments talk about proportional giving – that is giving a proportion of our income to the Lord's work. This makes it possible for rich and poor alike to have the honor of supporting God's work.

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.

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

HERE AND THERE - Minimizing distractions – Please turn off all cell phones and pagers. **Bible Bags** are available for families with young children on the rack in the Narthex. Take one, use it, and put it back on the rack. **Children's bulletins from CPH** are available from the Ushers.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the LWGP General Membership meeting on Friday, October 8th from 9:00—11:00 AM at Salem Lutheran Church, 1700 W. War Memorial Drive.

ARE YOU FRUSTRATED at the way your tax dollars are spent in Springfield? Would you like to see more of it returning to the Peoria area; even offsetting the cost of education at Christ Lutheran School? You can, with Empower Illinois. To learn more attend a free informational meeting at Christ Lutheran Church during the Sunday School/Bible Class Hour, 10:30am, Sunday, October 3.

ORDER OF SERVICE**Opening Hymn**

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”
[LSB 842]

Confession and Absolution**The First Lesson**

Isaiah 35:4-7, p. 595

The Epistle Lesson

James 2:1-18, p. 1011

The Holy Gospel

Mark 7:31-37, p. 843

Apostles' Creed**Sermon Hymn**

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service” [LSB 848]

Sermon – Rev. Karl F. Eckhoff

“Impossible, Possible”
James 2:1-18

Prayer of the Church**The Lord's Prayer****Words of Institution****Communion Hymns**

“Salvation Unto Us Has Come” [LSB 555]
“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared” [LSB 622]
“Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace” [LSB 844]

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

“Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing” [LSB 924]

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 5, 2021

AS WE GATHER

Our faith in Jesus is to be marked by our reflection of His love and service. While we are not able to do all the things Jesus can do, we are called to reflect His faithful work as we serve in our vocations by loving our neighbors.

HYMN “Son of God, Eternal Savior” [LSB 842]

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Yes, the Lord reigns over every nation, language, and people. Yet, we have not loved all people as Christ has loved us. The fruits of our faith are not always evident. But our Lord is gracious and merciful, and He offers His forgiveness to all.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we have failed to love others as You love them. We have failed to reflect Your grace to the world in service and sacrifice. We have failed in our actions and in our unwillingness to act. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may follow You in joy. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy sent Jesus Christ into our world to serve and save all people, showing no partiality or favoritism. By His death, He forgives all our sins. By His resurrection, He destroys death forever and offers us eternal life. 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 are set free to love and serve our neighbors. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, Your grace and mercy overflow to all people. Lead us to love our neighbors, regardless of their differences from us, so that all people might know the good news of Your death and resurrection for their eternal life and salvation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 35:4–7a (God will come and restore all things.)

EPISTLE James 2:1–18 (What good is a dead faith?)

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 7: 31–37 (Jesus heals a deaf man in the Decapolis.)

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.

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HYMN OF THE DAY “Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service”
[LSB 848]

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. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all the nations of the world, their leaders and residents, that peace may reign and that the Church would be a faithful witness of Jesus' love and service in every place. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all those who work in the service of others, that their work might be blessed by God and appreciated by others. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all those who mourn the death of loved ones, we pray for comfort in the face of grief, [especially . . .]. Grant that all those who mourn find hope in the resurrection to eternal life with Jesus. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all those who have abandoned the faith, Lord, that they would once again hear Your Word and receive Your good gifts. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all Christians throughout the world, that their faith and good works would overflow as a blessing to many others. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all those with disabilities, Lord, that we might treat them with more thoughtfulness and care, serving them as Your beloved people. Lord of all nations, grant us grace

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: For all who are sick, injured, preparing for surgery, and recovering, [especially . . .], that God would grant them healing according to His good and gracious will. Lord of all nations, grant us grace,

People: to love all people in every place.

Pastor: Lord, into Your hands we place all these things, knowing that You hear us and remain faithful.

People: Amen.

**LORD'S PRAYER
THE WORDS OF OUR LORD
PAX DOMINI**

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

People: **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Salvation unto Us Has Come” [LSB 555]

“Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared” [LSB 622]

“Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace” [LSB 844]

**DISMISSAL
BENEDICTION**

HYMN “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” [LSB 924]

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