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

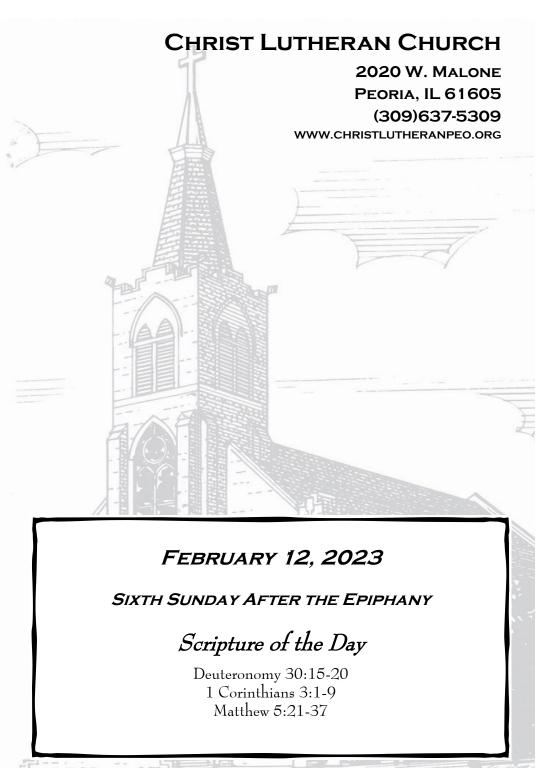
### **HOSPITALIZED:**

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Jayme Knapp, Brandon Neiman, Mike Clayton, Shawn Foote, Pat Kretzmann (Rebecca Best's mother), Jan Long, George Von Behren, Tina Hill (friend of Linda Von Behren), Roberta Muzzarelli (Jim Grebe's mother-in-law), Jeff Lowe, Michael VandeVoorde, Ann & Ron Schwindenhammer (brother and sister-inlaw of Mike Schwindenhammer), Connie Trunk, Rudy Bozec (brother of Linda Von Behren), Amelia Martin (granddaughter of Debbie Lawrence), Doug Closen (son of Debbie Lawrence), Neil Johnson (brother of Debbie Lawrence), Jim and Susan Gulley, Laurie Burkley, Dolly Auer (friend of Wayne Siebels), Diane Hollis (friend of Wayne Siebels), Eleanor Roth, for those in the military, for our Church Boards and their members, CLS staff and students, for Christians being persecuted worldwide. THE BOARD OF ELDERS REMINDS YOU that if you have someone you would like to be remembered in The Prayer of the Church during worship on Sundays, send an email to laura.baize@christlutheranpeo.org or call the church office (637-5309). Names on the prayer list will be updated each week and removed after approximately 4 weeks, unless the office is otherwise notified. We will renew prayers when requested.

### THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (FEB 13-FEB 19)

MON 2/13:	Bell Choir	6:30 PM
TUE 2/14:	Church Council	6:00 PM
WED 2/15:	Chapel	1:30 PM
	Adult Choir	6:30 PM
THU 2/16:		
FRI 2/17:	CLS Remote Learning Day	
	CLS Remote Learning Day 73rd Annual Basketball Tournament thru Feb. 19th	
SAT 2/18:		
SUN 2/19:	Holy Communion	9:00 AM
	LWML Bake Sale	
	Sunday School	10:15 AM
	Bible Classes	

2023 BOARD OF ELDERS		
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# Vol. 77 February 12, 2023 No. 12 The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

**WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS!** When it comes to matters of the Christian faith and life, we never know it all or remember God's Word consistently. God's Word doesn't change, but it would change us. New challenges, new situations in life call for new insight and continuous instruction in God's living Word, and therein we would daily discover the wisdom of God revealed by His Spirit. To God be the glory. Great things He has done.

**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.

<u>VISION STATEMENT:</u> 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**: Tommie Washington

**ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION**: Tommie Washington, Alan White, Bryant Carter

**GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICES TODAY:** Mary Washington

<u>ACOLYTES FOR TODAY</u>: Amelia Lamberti, Serenity Winchell; <u>ACO-LYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY</u>: K'Tee Winchell, Ethan Best

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for **The Transfiguration of Our Lord** - The First Lesson: Exodus 24:8-18; The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3:1-9, and The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37.

THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2023 has been posted and has plenty of openings for you to sign up to provide flowers for services throughout the year. If you have any questions, please contact Christel VandeVoorde at 267-3053.

**LAST WEEK:** Tithes and Offerings: 3,844.00; MTD: \$31,317.51. Improvement Fund: \$95.00; MTD: \$420.00. Attendance: 174.

### THIS IS THE 12th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

<u>STEWARDSHIP CORNER</u> - 1 Corinthians 3:7 – "So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth." Isn't that the truth! And it's not just true about preachers like Paul, but about all of us throughout the Christian life. God can do such wonderful things with our feeble efforts. This is so very true of our gifts to the Lord's work in the church. From His generous giving to us, we learn to give generously. The Lord then blesses this response to His grace in turn. He uses our very giving to bless us in the church where we hear of His gracious generosity to us. And the cycle repeats, and the Lord gives growth!

YOUR OFFERING STATEMENTS ARE STILL AVAILABLE today. Please check them carefully-I have several who have reported errors on their statements. If you find an error, you can call or email me with the items missing and I can fix your statement quickly and email it to you. ALSO, DIRECTORIES WILL BE AVAILABLE in the next couple of weeks, so please be sure to update the information you want printed in the directory. Thanks! ~Laura

**PEORIA AREA LUTHERANS FOR LIFE** is excited to announce the results of a funding effort we began early in 2022. We asked for support from members of area Lutheran churches to help provide funding for the newly-opened Living Alternatives pregnancy resource center on Peoria's south side. Many generous donors stepped forward to help us raise funds that could be matched by the LCMS Million Dollar Life Match program. Donors were asked to make their contributions to Bethel Lutheran Church. With Bethel's assistance, we applied for the matching grant. The funds we raised amounted to \$7144. We received a match of \$3500. We are presenting a check for \$10,644 to Living Alternatives. We will be in close communication with them as they decide how to put these funds to work in their efforts to help mothers and fathers choose life for their babies. Thank you to all who contributed to this project. May God richly bless you for standing for LIFE and generously sharing your resources. ~Bob Weaner, Peoria Area Lutherans for Life - president

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON TODAY** is "God's Forgiveness is Endless," a lesson on the 5th Petition of the Lord's Prayer. There are craft packets available today at the back entrance to the church. Remember, packets with the Sunday School crafts and activities are also emailed the Friday before the lesson, along with the bulletins!

### ORDER OF SERVICE

Divine Service, Setting Two, p. 167

## **Opening Hymn**

"Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord" [LSB 497]

### Invocation

### Confession and Absolution

### The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 30:15-20, p. 172

## The Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 3:1-9, p. 953

### **Adult Bell Choir**

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:21-37, p. 810

#### Nicene Creed

## Sermon Hymn

""Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing" [LSB 584]

#### Rev. Karl F. Eckhoff

"Together We Shine Brighter Still"
1 Corinthians 2

### Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

**Words of Institution** 

## **Communion Hymns**

"The Church's One Foundation"
[LSB 644]
"Jesus Comes Today With

Healing" [LSB 620]
"At the Lamb's High Feast We
Sing" [LSB 633]

Post Communion Collect

#### Benediction

## Closina Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" [LSB 649]

Organist—Connie Bremer