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**CONTINUED PRAYERS:** Jennifer Krueger, Joni Bradshaw, Donna Gogele, Jana Grebe, Clyde Lockenour, Patty Haulk (Barb O'Dell's friend), Jen Locke (Barb's friend), Mike Trau, Martin Behnke, Linda Samp, Norm Zentko, Darlene Marvel, Louie Heuermann, Jayme Knapp, Mike Clayton, Pat Kretzmann (Rebecca Best's mother), Jan Long, Tina Hill (friend of Linda Von Behren), Roberta Muzzarelli (Jim Grebe's mother-in-law), Jeff Lowe, Michael VandeVoorde, Ann Schwindenhammer (sister-in-law 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), Diane Hollis (friend of Wayne Siebels), Sheila Sturdivant, Julie Campen, Rod Delicath, 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 [angie.evans@christlutheranpeo.org](mailto:angie.evans@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 (APR 29th - MAY 5th)**

**MON 4/29:** Bell Choir .....6:30PM

**TUE 4/30:**

**WED 5/1:** Chapel ..... 10:00AM  
Adult Choir.....6:30PM

**THU 5/2:** Day School ..... 4:30PM  
Stew/Finance (via zoom)..... 6:00PM

**FRI 5/3:** Ladies Bible Study .....9:30AM

**SAT 5/4:** Parish Ed.....9:00AM

**SUN 5/5:** Holy Communion ..... 9:00AM  
LWML Bake Sale

Sunday School .....10:15AM

Bible Class ..... 10:30AM

**APRIL 28, 2024**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
*Scripture of the Day*  
*Acts 8:26-40, 1John 4:1-11, John 15:1-8*

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

**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:** Tommie Washington

**ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION:** Alan White, Tommie Washington, Reg Lee

**GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICES TODAY:** Karen Ferguson

**ACOLYTES FOR TODAY:** Andrew Simmons, Catherine Rowe

**ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Kayley Smith, Gracie Smith

**AS YOU LOOK FORWARD** to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the **Sixth Sunday of Easter** - The First Lesson: Acts 10:34-48, The Second Lesson: 1 John 5:1-8, and The Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17.

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR TODAY:** is "Scenic Route."

The packets for Route 66 contain fun activities and games to help your kids learn all about the books of the Bible, so be sure to check out the digital version in your church email or pick up a packet at the back door. If the packets are gone, see Laura, Darla, or Sue about getting a hard copy.

**LAST WEEK:** Tithes and Offerings: \$5120.00; MTD: \$30,815.80. Improvement Fund: \$20.00; MTD: \$202.00. Attendance: 123. Sunday School Attendance: N-K 4, 1st-5th 7, & 6th-HS 3, Adults 37, Visitors 5, Total 56.

**THIS IS THE 22nd SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR**

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER: John 15:2** – "Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit." God is interested in the fruit that we bear in good works, and He even prunes us so that we may bring forth more fruit. Trusting in our Lord's work for us, being grafted by grace into His vine, we desire to be more like Him, to grow into His image. That's growth in fruit bearing — and it always comes with some pruning.

**FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR:**

**VIEW AND CHEW** - The last four episodes of season 4 of The Chosen won't be available to show for about six weeks. View and Chew will take a break until those episodes are available.

**ORGAN RESTORATION:** Funds will be needed for deposits and continued payments. \$100,000 is the total needed. We currently have \$55,083.00 in gifts. The first installment has been made. Please prayerfully consider helping with any amount of gift to make our restoration happen.

**LUTHERAN WITNESS:** If you do not already subscribe and would like to receive the Lutheran Witness, let the office know.

**THE CHURCH WEBSITE:** is currently down. The management company, is in the process of moving our site to a new server. Hopefully, it will be up and running soon.

**LWML NEWS:** "Mites for Missions" will be collected at the annex entrance before worship next Sunday. "Thank you" to all the members of our congregation who support our mission efforts throughout the year! DID YOU KNOW that LWML collects hygiene products and old eyeglasses throughout the year for charitable organizations? Donate those complimentary toothbrushes, tubes of toothpaste, shampoo, soaps, etc. Collection boxes are located outside the Community Room. Any questions, contact Suzanne Heinz.

**PEORIA AREA LUTHERANS FOR LIFE** wants to thank the members of the Peoria Area Lutheran Churches who donated to our Pennies for Life collection during January, 2024. Your generosity has resulted in providing us with \$2696.45 that we will use to supply your churches with voter guides and other pro-life materials. We will conduct our annual Life Essay Contest for the Lutheran schools in our area later in the fall, and we will help support many life-supporting organizations in the Tri-county area and beyond. We truly appreciate your help as we seek to serve the Lord of Life in these ways.

**Order of Service****Opening Song**

"Forever Reign"

**Confession and Absolution****The First Reading**

Acts 8:26-40 p. 917

**The Epistle Lesson**

1 John 4:1-11 p. 1023

**The Holy Gospel**

John 15:1-8 p. 901

**Song of the Day**

"Man of Sorrows"

**Apostles' Creed****Sermon**

"He is Faithful"

1 John 4:1-11

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**Prayer of the Church****The Lord's Prayer****Words of Our Lord****Communion Songs**

"There Is A Redeemer"

"Glorious Day"

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

**Thanksgiving****Benediction****Closing Song**

"Because He Lives"

*Praise Band*