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Christ's extreme love;
Building Faith
and Community

ONLINE GIVING



HOSPITALIZED:
If you, or someone you know, is in the hospital, please let the office know.
CONTINUED PRAYERS: Mary Fran Wessler, Kathy Smith, Mike Schwindenhammer, Chuck Whitehead, Joel Ommen, Rick Schultz, Susan VanMoorlem (Reith), Sarah Ly Hang, Kevin Sommer (Barb O'Dell's step-son), Charlotte Sparks, Donna Gogele, Louie Heuermann, Byron Webb, Joni Bradshaw, Martin Behnke, Linda Samp, Darlene Marvel, Jayme Knapp, Mike Clayton, Roberta Muzzarelli (Jim Grebe's mother-in-law), Ann Schwindenhammer (sister-in-law of Mike Schwindenhammer), Connie Trunk, Rudy Bozec (brother of Linda Von Behren), Neil Johnson (brother of Debbie Lawrence), 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** or call the church office (637-5309). We will renew prayers when requested.

- THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (SEPT 15th - SEPT 21st)**
- MON09/15:** No School - Michelle Teske Golf Outing
Bell Choir4:00PM
- TUES09/16:**
- WED09/17:** Chapel.....10:00AM
View and Chew11:45AM
Choir6:30PM
- THU09/18:**
- FRI 09/19:** Bible Study.....9:30AM
- SAT 09/20:**
- SUN 09/21:** Holy Communion 9:00AM
LWML Bake Sale
Sunday School10:15AM
Bible Classes10:30AM

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Scripture of the Day
Ezekial 34:11-24, 1Timothy 1:12-17,
Luke 15:1-10

The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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: Tommie Washington, Alan White, Reg Lee

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICE TODAY: Wendy Kisler, Keri Boswell

ACOLYTES FOR TODAY: Kayley Smith, Maddie Markovich

ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Carter Dicce, Emerson Dicce

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost- The First Lesson: Amos 8:4-7, The Second Lesson: 1Timothy 2:1-15, The Holy Gospel: Luke 16:1-15.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR TODAY: is "Firefly/Salt and Light". The packets for Bugs, 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. See Laura, Darla, or Sue about getting a hard copy.

LAST WEEK: Tithes and offerings: \$6,579.00; MTD: \$6,579.00, Improvement Fund: \$75.00; MTD: \$75.00. Church Attendance: 123, N-K: 4,1st-5th: 6, 6th-HS: 5, Adults: 47, Visitors: 5, Total: 67.

VIEW AND CHEW - Season 5, Episode 2, of the Chosen will be shown.

Bring your lunch! Invite your friends! Drinks and snacks will be provided. Please call Alan White with questions.

FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR: in glory to God and in celebration of Maddie Markovich's 12th birthday.

FLOWERS ARE ALSO PLACED ON THE ALTAR: in glory to God and in memory of Julie Koch, whose funeral service was held this past Thursday.

THIS IS THE 42st SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Luke 15:2 – “And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, ‘This man receives sinners and eats with them.’” Thanks be to God: Jesus receives us sinners! What the Pharisees can’t understand, we praise with all our being. We give thanks for the grace of God, and we live by that grace. The more of it we receive, the more we will want to conform ourselves to the image of our generous and gracious Lord. Knowing the Lord and trusting Him come first, and the desire to imitate Him can’t help but follow.

THE PARISH ED AND OUTREACH BOARD would like to thank those who contributed to our Milestone Ministry program. We greatly appreciate the generous donations! The funds will be used in purchasing bibles, books and supplies for the First Bible and Preschool Milestone classes."

AS GOD’S FAMILY we have the opportunity to pause at important moments in our journey of faith to celebrate God’s work, remember God’s faithfulness and pass on faith in Jesus Christ from one generation to the next. We call these meaningful, memorable moments in the lives of individuals, families, and our congregation, the Faith Milestones. We believe, by the power of the Holy Spirit, that the family has the greatest influence on a child’s faith. We also believe the church is called to partner with and equip parents/Grandparents to be those primary faith shapers, as intended by God in His Word (Deuteronomy 6). With that in mind, the Parish Education and Outreach Board is offering the First Bible Milestone class for **2nd graders and their parents**, on Sundays, October 5th and 12th from 10:15am – 11:30am. The children will receive a full Bible that parents help “customize” with highlighted verses and a special blessing. They will learn how to use their Bible individually and as a family on a regular basis. Childcare will be provided for those with younger siblings. To register for the class, please complete the registration form which was mailed to parents of 2nd graders and return it to the church office. If you didn't receive a registration form, they are available in the church office. Please contact Aubrey Chase (260)466-5506 or Norma White (309)613-0373 with questions.

THANK YOU: I'd like to thank those who sent cards and prayers for me while I was recovering from recent surgery. Your caring thoughts were very much appreciated. Christine Grebe

ORDER OF SERVICE

Setting 4

Hymn

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” (LSB 901)

Confession and Absolution

Old Testament Reading

Ezekial 34:11-24 p. 722

The Epistle Reading

1Timothy 1:12-15 p. 991

Bells

“Seek Ye First”

The Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-10 p. 874

Apostles’ Creed

Hymn

“Amazing Grace” (LSB 744)

Sermon

“He’s Still Seeking More”

Luke 15:1-20

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Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Distribution Hymns

“Your Only Son, No Sin To Hide” (LSB 550)

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive” (LSB 609)

“What Is This Bread” (LSB 629)

Benediction

Closing Hymn

“Oh, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing” (LSB 528 v 1,3,5,7)

Organist: Judy Eckhoff