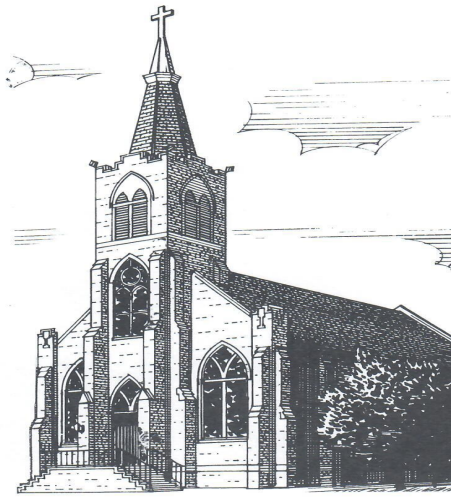




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The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

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.

HOSPITALIZED:

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Vera Zentko (Richard Owens), Eric Funk, Mary Fran Wessler, Sheila Hills, Cindy Coffee (worked in school kitchen), Sue Lee, Summer Failor, Matthew Zentko, Jan Long, Tina Hill, Mark Samp, Grover Van Dyke, Kathy Smith, Mike Schwindenhammer, Sarah Ly Hang, Charlotte Sparks, Donna Gogele, Louie Heuermann, Linda Samp, Jayme Knapp, Mike Clayton, Ann Schwindenhammer (sister-in-law of Mike Schwindenhammer), Rudy Bozec (brother of Linda Von Behren), 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.

ELDER PRAYING WITH PASTOR : Tommie Washington

ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION: Tommie Washington, Jeff Otten, Chad Whitehead

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICE TODAY: Kay Foote

ACOLYTES FOR TODAY: Maddie Markovich, DaRhonda Yates

ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Milo Small, Jazz Small

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The First Lesson: Ezekial 18:1-4, 25-32, The Second Lesson: Philippians 2:1-4(5-13)14-18, The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23-27(28-32).

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON TODAY: Optical Illusions/Stuff Will Make You Happy/Ecclesiastes 5:8-20.

LAST WEEK: Tithes and offerings: \$8,384.00; MTD: \$15,154.00.

Improvement Fund: \$35.00; MTD: \$220.00. Church Attendance: 152, N-K: 3, 1st-4th: 7, 5-HS: 5, Adults: 46, Visitors: 2, Total: 72.

VIEW AND CHEW: Wednesday 11:45am, we continue with Ray Vander Laan's series "That the World May Know". Bring your lunch & bring a friend! Drinks and snacks will be provided. Please call Alan White with questions.

FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR today in praise to God and in loving memory of George and Mildred Reith and Susan VanMoorlehem. Given by JoAnn Reith & Judith Peterson.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS! to Joan Durham. Her 94th birthday is, tomorrow.

WE WELCOME our guest preacher, Rev Ron Miller this morning!

43rd SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER Matthew 20:9 – "And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius." Behold the generosity of God! He gives out of His grace, not what we deserve to receive. Living a godly life means living in imitation of God — and surely one of the foundations of God's being is His generosity.

LWML NEWS: It's Coming! Sunday, October 4th is LWML Sunday! "Mites for Missions" will be collected at the annex door and anyone who gives a donation will receive a handmade pot holder. As usual, homemade baked goods will be available in the Parish Hall after service...and a special SURPRISE! For only a donation, small plates of 'cookies and sweet treats' will also be available for the "Taste of Cookie Walk 2026"! Coasters, pot holders and other items will also be available for sale. Thank you for your ongoing support and join us on October 4th as we celebrate LWML Sunday!

SECURITY AWARENESS TRAINING will take place on Saturday, September 26th, from 9:30-12:30am, in the Community Room. Attendance is limited to 25. Please let the church office know if you plan on attending. Lunch will be provided through a Thrivent Action Team grant.

OCTOBER 25TH is the deadline to turn in pictures of family members who have served the United States armed forces. We are creating a Veteran's Recognition slide show that will be shown during our Veteran's Day Service.

LCMS FOUNDATION

September 20, 2026 The best scenario when creating a Christian estate plan is to work in collaboration. When it comes to estates, many are very motivated by privacy concerns. These privacy concerns can sometimes isolate the individual from others who can offer vital help and support. It is

essential to connect with others you trust, and especially those who share faith in Jesus Christ with you. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor is ready to help. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (SEPT 21st – SEPT 27th)

MON 09/21: Bells.....4:00PM

TUES 09/22:

WED 09/23 Chapel.....10:00AM

View & Chew11:45AM

Choir6:30PM

THU 09/24:

FRI 09/25:

SAT 09/26: Safety Awareness Training.....9:30AM

SUN 09/27: Holy Communion.....9:00AM

Sunday School.....10:15AM

Bible Classes10:30AM

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