

The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS!

During this Epiphany season, we are reminded that God’s Word ultimately comes to us in and through Jesus Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks, and a demon is cast out; Peter’s mother-law-is healed. Jesus, the Word made flesh, fulfills what God promised to Jeremiah and invites us to bring hope and healing to others.

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.

Hymns: 544 vv. 1-3; 533; 525; 534; 836; 544 vv. 1-3
Liturgy: Divine Service setting 1 .....page 151
The First Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10(17—19).....page 627
The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13 .....page 959
The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:31-44.....page 860
Organist: Miss Julie Koch
Sermon: Rev. Karl Eckhoff
“With Authority” .....Luke 4:31-44

CHECK OUT THE CHRIST LUTHERAN FACEBOOK PAGE AND “LIKE” US TO STAY INVOLVED AND INFORMED.

ELDERS PRAYING WITH PASTOR: - Kirk Wessler

ASSISTING WITH HOLY COMMUNION: Kirk Wessler, Tommie Washington, Ralph Teske

GREETING YOU THIS MORNING are Bonnie Farrell and Darlene Marvel.

ACOLYTES: Avery and Oliver Rosenbohm
NEXT SUNDAY: Levi and Laney Hall

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY: Team #1 (Aaron-Miriam and Team #3 (Zechariah-Elizabeth).

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$6,265.00; MTD: \$25,058.11. Improvement Fund: \$135.00, MTD: \$422.00. Attendance: 160. Sunday School Attendance: N-2nd 4, 3rd-7th 6, 8th-HS 0, Adults 45, Visitors 0, Total 55.

THIS IS THE 5th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

HOSPITALIZED: OSF - Donna Schmidt, Methodist - Phyllis Wendland

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Jayme Knapp, Mike Clayton, Barb Dreher, Shawn Foote, Phyllis Wendland, Gerald Wendland, Don Sparks, Abigail Young, Eddy Jones, Al Garman, Rachael Otten, Sandra McGarity, Pat Kretzmann, Diane Hume, Donald Anderson, for those in the military, for our Church Boards and their members, for Christians being persecuted worldwide. THE BOARD OF ELDERS REMINDS YOU that if you wish to have your prayer request added to the Christ Lutheran Prayer Chain, please contact either the church office (637-5309 or laura@berkshier.net) or our Lay Minister, Reg Lee (678-4764 or fbrd2002@comcast.net).

LUTHERAN WATCH IS COMING! WATCH #43 will be held March 1-3, 2019 at the Spalding Renewal Center. Registration forms are available in the church office. Cost is \$100 for the weekend, and assistance is available should you need it. For more information, you can contact Barb O’Dell at (309)635-7962 or Pastor.

GET THOSE APPETITES READY!! - The 47th Annual Pancake Supper will be March 23. Prices remain at \$7 adults, \$4 students. Proceeds go toward the music programs at Christ Lutheran...adult choir, adult bell choir & praise band.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER – Jesus reiterates the Old Testament command, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind and with all your soul and with all your might” (Deuteronomy 6:5), and He adds, “This is the great and first commandment” (Matthew 22:37-38). There is no greater joy than experiencing a close relationship with Christ. Unfortunately, our sinful selfishness prevents us from experiencing that close relationship with Jesus, but He breaks into our lives with His love. By the power of the Holy Spirit, He forgives our sins and creates a relationship with us. Because of Jesus, God calls us His children, and we call Him Father. This oneness is not only our joy, but our strength as well. Whom or what we love and follow determines how faithful we are as His stewards.

LWML... the first LWML meeting of the new year will be held on Saturday, February 9th at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room. We are “Lutheran Women in Mission” and invite any ladies of the congregation to join us!

IT’S TIME FOR LIFELIGHT! – We will study the second half of the book of Romans. Classes will be held beginning the week of February 17th with a Sunday night class at 6 PM at the Schneiders’ in Bartonville, a Wednesday class at 8:30 AM at the church, and a Thursday night class at 7 PM at the Rewinkels’ in north Peoria. Please sign up ASAP so materials can be ordered and handed out in time for the first lesson!

I AM BLESSED to have a loving church family. Thank you for thoughts and prayers during Don's illness and his passing. And the delicious funeral lunch. ~Charlotte Sparks

THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS, we utilized our pantry goods along with 25 grocery bags full of items from Redeemer to help our school gift food to 25 families. We are now in need of replenishing our pantry for our ongoing needs. We appreciate any nonperishable food items, such as canned vegetables, canned meats, ready to eat chili, ravioli, soups, boxed pastas, cereal, baby food or formula, diapers and paper products. Thank you for your continued support of those in need.

**DID YOU KNOW** – In the 1930's and 40's the High School and College age members with many adults were very active at Christ Lutheran. It was not unusual for at least 15 members to take a hike on Sunday afternoon from church to Rocky Glen. Bible studies were also held on a regular basis. Submitted by Larry Von Behren

**DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION** from our past that you would like to share? The anniversary committee is looking for your stories and memories. They can be from anytime in our past, recent or long ago. Please write them down and give to Rae Ann or email them to layloraeann@yahoo.com. Then watch the bulletin each week for your entry.

**NEW DIRECTORY COMING SOON** We would like to publish a new church directory by the end of next month. There are many of you who have discontinued using a landline phone or have changed your email addresses. Please give updated address, phone numbers and emails for the directory on attendance cards. Digital copies will be emailed, and printed copies will be available on request.

**THE TWO-DAY INSPIRE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** is being held March 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Peoria, IL. Our featured speaker is Renee Bondi who will share her story of God's faithfulness after a life-changing moment left her a quadriplegic, along with comedian Jeremy Nunes who will entertain us with his clean and witty humor. Register online at [redeemerlutheran.com/conference](http://redeemerlutheran.com/conference) or by mailing the brochure which can be found outside the church office. We look forward to sharing this time with you!

**IF YOU AREN'T ON THE ONE CALL LIST**, this is a good time to sign up! You will be notified via phone call, text or email then information is sent out regarding events or cancelled services. Forms are available outside the church office or you can call the church office (637-5309) and leave a message, or email Laura at [laura@berkshier.net](mailto:laura@berkshier.net) with your information. Service cancellations are also posted on the church's Facebook page.

**THANKS TO ALL** for your kindness shown during the recent death of my husband, William (Joe) Ehlen. God's peace.

~Mitzie Ehlen

**AS YOU LOOK FORWARD** to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany:

The First Lesson: Isaiah 6: 1-8(9-13)  
The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 14:12b-20  
The Holy Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

**THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (FEB 4 – FEB 10)**

- MON 2/4:** Elders .....6:00 PM  
Bell Choir .....6:45 PM
- TUE 2/5:** Youth .....5:00 PM  
Trustees.....6:30 PM
- WED 2/6:** Chapel..... 10:00 AM  
Confirmation .....6:00 PM  
Parish Ministry .....6:00 PM  
Adult Choir .....7:00 PM
- THU 2/7:** Day School ..... 1:30 PM  
Stewardship/Finance.....6:00 PM
- FRI 2/8:**
- SAT 2/9:** LWML ..... 10:00 AM
- SUN 2/10:** Holy Communion ..... 9:00 AM  
Sunday School and Bible Classes ..... 10:30 AM  
CLYF Bake Sale

<b>2019 ELDERS' RESPONSIBILITY LIST</b>	
Albert-Rayford – Cleveland .....	Ralph Teske
Closen – Fredericks .....	Tommie Washington
Frederking – Kirkwood .....	Kirk Wessler
Kisler – Mills.....	Terry Mooney, Jr.
Minassian – Roth.....	Mike Fritch
Rudebeck – Tosch .....	Joshua Eckhoff
Traenkenschuh – Zentko .....	Gary Heinz