

The Fifth Sunday after Easter

WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED

GUESTS! When the Gentiles began showing up, the Church was left with a question. Were they those whom the Father had also elected, or were they intruders? It was an answer God had already given. The Gentiles shared in the gift of forgiveness and the promise of the resurrection to everlasting life.

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.

<u>Hymns:</u> 483, 828, 829, 837, 835, 477
<u>Liturgy:</u> Divine Service, Setting One p. 151
<u>The First Lesson:</u> Acts 11:1-18page 919
<u>The Epistle Lesson:</u> Revelation 21:1-7.....page 1041
<u>The Holy Gospel:</u> John 16:12-22page 902
<u>Organist:</u> Mrs. Judy Eckhoff
<u>Sermon:</u> Rev. Karl F. Eckhoff
<i>"Apostle Tested, Spirit Approved"</i>Acts 11:1-18

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

ELDERS PRAYING WITH PASTOR: - Mike Fritch

ASSISTING WITH HOLY COMMUNION: Tommie Washington, Mike Fritch, Reg Lee

GREETING YOU THIS MORNING are Suzanne Heinz and Kathy Otten.

ACOLYTES: Madeline Mooney and Bella Blair
NEXT SUNDAY: Ethan Kizer and Lucas Whalen

USHERS FOR MAY: Team #2 (Samuel-Hannah and Team #4 (Simeon-Anna).

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$6,358.65; MTD: \$16,780.65. Improvement Fund: \$15.00; MTD: \$205.00. Attendance: 191. Sunday School Attendance: N-2nd 11, 3rd-7th 3, 8th-HS 4, Adults 44, Visitors 3. Total 65.

THIS IS THE 20th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

HOSPITALIZED:
CONTINUED PRAYERS: Jayme Knapp, Mike Clayton, Barb Dreher, Shawn Foote, Abigail Young, Eddy Jones, Rachael Otten, Pat Kretzmann, Diane Hume, Christel VandeVoorde, Claire Schinkel, Joel Ommen, Raetta Von Behren, 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).

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given by Mitzie Ehlen to the glory of God and in celebration of her 75th birthday on May 10th and in memory of Joe's 80th birthday on May 22nd.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER – James 1:17 – *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”* The thought James captures here is repeated in the Bible time and again. Everything good we have is from God. He loves to give. He loves to bless. He loves to show us generosity, and He desires that we grow into His image and reflect His love. That is

why God wants us to give to the ministry of His Church. God can do anything He wants to without our help. But He commands us to give so that we will grow in our imitation of His own generosity.

CHURCH DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS – Robin McLaughlin's home number is (309)839-0417; her cell number is (309)868-1239. Carolyn Koch's new address is 404 S. Stillwater Dr., Apt. 204, Chillicothe, IL 61523.

IN JUNE, PASTOR JAY FRAZELL would have celebrated 50 years as a called minister. In his memory, we will be taking up a special collection on Sunday, June 9, to be used according to his wishes in the Frazell Missionary Fund. He established the fund in 2013 to honor his parents.

CHRIST LUTHERAN'S PRE-SCHOOL is in need of volunteers. Can you give 2-4 hours a day? Can you help a few days a week? If you can help, please call the school at 637-1512 or talk to Mr. Mooney today after service.

THERE WILL BE A ROCK PAINTING CLASS on May 22nd at 6:00 PM in the Community Room. Rhonda Morrow and Christel VandeVoorde are hosting a fun night of fellowship and crafting! They will provide the supplies. They are asking for a minimum donation of \$5 to help defray costs. Money left over after expenses will go to CLYF for National Youth Gathering. Contact Christel at 267-3053 if you are interested.

THERE WILL BE TWO SPECIAL MEETINGS in May: the semi-annual congregational meeting on May 19 and a special meeting on May 26 to consider sale of property on Livingston. Both meetings will follow the 9 a.m. service. There will be no adult Bible classes on the 19th, but children will still have Sunday School. Classes will be held as normal on the 26th. Please plan on attending these meetings!

DID YOU KNOW - During World War II, five young men from our church enlisted on the same day--Clare Binder, Ted Hoeltje, George Malchow, Bill Swanson, and Lloyd Von Behren--and they were sworn in by Clara Knoll (Wiesehan), who was clerk at the recruiting office.

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.

CLYF EVENTS – May 22nd at 6 PM– Rock painting with Christel VandeVoorde and Rhonda Morrow; June 30th at 11 AM – 7 PM, CLYF will go rock climbing and zip lining. We will meet in the CLC parking lot at 10:50 AM. You need to RSVP with Joe Rudebeck, Christel VandeVoorde or Pastor Eckhoff; July 7th at 10 AM - 12 PM, there will be car wash after service. Proceeds go the National Youth Gathering; July 11- 15th – LCMS National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN; July 27th at 9 AM – 3 PM, CLYF and their parents are asked to help with Our Savior Lutheran’s CLS Clean Up mission project. Cleaning supplies and lunch will be provided.

WORSHIP ANEW celebrates the new life all people have in Jesus with a 30-minute broadcast service. Christ’s love is shared through weekly scripture readings, favorite church hymns, prayers, and a pastor’s message that reveals God’s grace and truth.

“HEARTS WILL REJOICE!” - Sermon Text: John 16:20
Today’s message is given by Rev. Shayne Jonker. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy.” You will have sorrow because this is a fallen world. But your sorrow will turn into joy because Jesus has taken your sorrow into Himself on the cross and to the grave. But He is risen, victorious over sin, death and the devil, and yes even your sorrow.

SAVE THE DATE...the **LUNCH BUNCH** (formerly known as The Senior Club) is having a special program on Barcelona, España....Friday, May 24th at 12:30. Please come and bring a friend to see some of the pictures taken on a recent trip to Spain!!

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 16:9-15
The Second Lesson: Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27
The Holy Gospel: John 5:1-9

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (MAY 20 – MAY 26)

MON 5/20:
TUE 5/21:
WED 5/22: Rock Painting Class.....6 PM
THU 5/23: Quilting..... NOON
FRI 5/24: Lunch Bunch.....12:30 PM
SAT 5/25: Jesus at the Movies2:00 PM
SUN 5/26: Holy Communion 9:00 AM
Congregational Mtg after worship
Sunday School and Bible Classes..... 10:30 AM

2019 ELDERS’ RESPONSIBILITY LIST

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