

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED

GUESTS! Out of nothing, creation was brought forth. Our faith, like that of the saints of old, rests on the promises of a good God who loves all creation so much that Jesus gave His life for the entire human race and rose again to prove it. Have no fear of “nothing”; for out of nothing comes everything.

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: 728, 735, 750, 748, 555, 798
Liturgy: Divine Service, setting 3 p. 184
The First Lesson: Psalm 33page 463
The Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-16..... page 1007
The Holy Gospel: Luke 12:22-40.....page 871
Organist: Miss Julie Koch
Sermon: Rev. Karl F. Eckhoff
<i>“A Psalm of Reorientation”</i> Psalm 33

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: Terry Mooney, Jr.; Mike Fritch, Kirk Wessler

GREETING YOU THIS MORNING are Beth Bennett and Bonnie Caughey.

ACOLYTES: Elizabeth Stenger and Alayna Rudebeck

NEXT SUNDAY: Hunter and Cameron Peeler

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

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$7,659.90. Improvement Fund: \$75.00. Attendance: 146. Sunday School Attendance: 8th-HS 0, Adults 39, Visitors 2. Total 41.

THIS IS THE 32nd SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

HOSPITALIZED: *Proctor-* Naomi Schaefer; *OSF –* Donna Schmidt

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, Riley Stanley, Donna Hawbecker, Christine Dill, Chuck Whitehead, Jeri Whitcomb, Bud Neptun, the 98th birthday of Irene Hoeltje on Aug. 13th, the 63rd wedding anniversary of Tom and Connie Trunk on August 5th, 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).

AS CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES on the remodel of our Parish Hall restrooms, we are still in need of approximately **\$1,100** to finance them. If you are able to contribute, please make your donation in an anniversary envelope from the pew. The work is estimated to take another 1-2 weeks for completion. Meanwhile, the restrooms in the Annex will be available. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we accomplish our final project to update our church building in celebration of our 125th Anniversary.

“KOURAGE KIDS” is a one-day free grief camp to be held on September 14, 2019, sponsored by UnityPoint Hospice. It is open to any child in the area from age 5-18. It is a day of help, fun and healing for children who have experienced the death of someone close to them. Brochures are available outside the church office, or you may call (309)672-5746 for more information. Group leaders are aware of the importance of each child’s faith and recognize it is an important aspect of their healing.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the first half of the year are available this week in the church annex. Please be sure to stop by and pick yours up to help save us postage.

FYI - LIFELIGHT CLASSES will begin September 22nd! If you would be interested in hosting or leading a class, please contact Darla Heuermann or Sue Lee.

JESUS AT THE MOVIES is NEXT Saturday, the 17th from 2-5 PM. Snacks are provided! Come for a fun movie and a little discussion afterwards!

OUR MEDICAL CLOSET has many items available, along with 2 patient lift devices and a hospital bed. If you know of ANYONE who has need of these items, we would be happy to deliver. if you have a need or have items to share, please contact Barbara O'Dell at 635 7962.

ST. PETER’S CHURCH invites you to join them for a special service on Saturday, August 17th at 5:30 PM. Special music will be provided by Don Bauer. After the service, there will be a BBQ for dinner! Bring your family and friends and join us!

IMPORTANT CLS DATE – These important dates didn’t make the printed August calendar. August 12th is school registration. Times are 7:30 – 9:00 AM and 4:30 – 6:00 PM.

DID YOU KNOW –In the 1930's, the young people's group-The Walther League-were very active. They had Field Day meets with other Walther League groups from other LCMS districts throughout IL. Most years there were at least 30-50 members. They had picnics, hikes and gatherings many times each month. A very large percentage of CL's young folk often met their special sweetheart in those gatherings. Sometimes the gatherings were organized, but every Sunday there was an informal gathering for anyone who showed up. After everyone had gone home from Church services and had their Sunday dinner, it was a standing appointment for the young folks to meet back at the Church on the front steps by the front doors. John Jass was one of the counselors of the group and when several WL'ers showed up they often went on a hike together....to Rocky Glen, Glen Oak Park, Bradley Park or to the area that is now the airport. They all left together and walked to whatever the destination was that day. Sometimes if they went to a park, they would have a baseball game and then walk back home again. The WL was the social life of the young folks. Submitted by Roberta Koch

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER – Jesus said, “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing (John 15:4-5). In Jesus’ illustration, we are the branches, and He is the Vine. As branches on the Vine, we are totally dependent on Christ, the true Vine. We, as branches, are to bear fruit. This fruit will be evident in our lives as a natural outcome of Christ living in us. We minister to the needs of others as Jesus, The Vine, did during His lifetime on earth. We are not saved by the fruit we bear, but we have been created by God and empowered by Him, to bear fruit.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR GRADES PRE-K THRU 6 will begin September 1st. We are in DESPERATE need of helpers! We will need assistance with crafts and in general assisting the leaders with supervision of the children. If you can help, please see Darla Heuermann, Sue Lee, or Laura Baize.

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost:

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 23:16-29
 The Second Lesson: Hebrews 11:17-40; 12:1-3
 The Holy Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (AUG 12 – AUG 18)

MON 8/12: CLS Registration Day.....7:30- 9 AM, 4:30 – 6 PM
TUE 8/13: Church Council.....6:30 PM
WED 8/14: CLS First Day of School
THU 8/15: Anniversary Committee..... 11:30 AM
FRI 8/16:
SAT 8/17: Jesus at the Movies2:00 PM
SUN 8/18: Holy Communion 9:00 AM
 Adult Bible Classes 10:30 AM
 LWML Bake Sale

2019 ELDERS’ RESPONSIBILITY LIST

Albert-Rayford – Cleveland Ralph Teske
 Closen – Fredericks Tommie Washington
 Frederking – Kirkwood Kirk Wessler
 Kisler – Mills..... Terry Mooney, Jr.
 Minassian – RoweMike Fritch
 Rudebeck – Tosch Joshua Eckhoff
 Traenkenschuh – Zentko Gary Heinz