

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS!

Satan and his threats are real, but God does not leave us defenseless. Paul calls us to put on the full armor of God, given in Holy Baptism. Clothed in Christ and His strength, we are able to stand against Satan, confident that even though he is a real threat, we need not fear!

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: 665; 655; 664; 656; 707; 917 v. 1, 4
Liturgy: Printed Service Folder
The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9page 148
The Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20page 979
The Holy Gospel: Mark 7:14-23page 843
Organist: Miss Julie Koch
Sermon: Rev. Karl Eckhoff
Strong in the Lord..... Ephesians 6:10-20

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

ELDERS PRAYING WITH PASTOR: - Tommie Washington
ASSISTING WITH HOLY COMMUNION: Tommie Washington

GREETING YOU THIS MORNING before the service today are Bill and Judy Nelson.

ACOLYTES: Hunter Peeler and Harlon Foote

NEXT SUNDAY: Avery Rosenbohm and Donterious Young

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

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$5,311.00; MTD: \$29,478.00; Improvement Fund: \$70.00; MTD: \$570.00. Attendance: 164. Sunday School Attendance: N-2nd 4, 3rd-7th 7, 8th-HS 4, Adults 54, Visitors 2, Total 71.

THIS IS THE 35th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given today by RaeAnn Laylock to the glory of God and in celebration of Cruze Komnick's 6th birthday. *Flowers last week placed on the altar last Sunday by Dave and Janis Lyons to the glory of God and in honor of the 8th anniversary of Terry and Laurie Hibbs.*

HOSPITALIZED: *OSF:* Charlie Best and Donna Gogele

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Jayme Knapp, Mike Clayton, Barb Dreher, Shawn Foote, Phyllis Wendland, Gerald Wendland, Patty Smith, Don Sparks, Bill Wieland, Jr., Charlie Best, Abigail Young, Eddy Jones, Al Garman, Donna Gogele, Rachael Otten, Sandra McGarity, Pat Kretzmann, Shirley Swanson, Charlie Best, 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).

MEALTIME MINGLE - Interested in getting to know those "new" members sitting next you Sunday Morning? The Parish Ministry and Outreach Board is encouraging everyone to sign up to fellowship with some of those new faces three times during the remainder of 2018. Form a group or sign up and get matched with others. Each group will decide when and where they meet. Sign-up sheets are located in the annex.

ENJOY A GOURMET BRUNCH AND HELP OTHERS! - Lutheran Hillside Village is hosting its 6th annual Benevolent Care Brunch Extraordinaire on Sat., Sept. 22 from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Guests will be treated to your choice of delicious gourmet entrées prepared by our executive chef, Mark Shoopman, and his talented team. The cost is \$50 per person (\$25 is tax deductible.) Proceeds will benefit the Lutheran Hillside Village Benevolent Fund to support care center (nursing) residents who outlive their resources. Reservation forms will be available in August. Please call Lutheran Hillside Village Foundation; Phil King (309.683.1298) or Laurie Hahn (309.683.1263) for a form. Please consider inviting your family and friends. This is the foundation's biggest fundraiser of the year. We need your help to make it a success! *If you are interested in scheduling a tour of the village on the day of the event, please call Stephanie Marchand (309.692.4600) by Sept. 14.* Thank you for your continued support of Lutheran Hillside Village.

CELEBRATING OUR PAST AND PRESERVING OUR FUTURE! Are you interested in helping to purchase an appliance for our new Parish Hall kitchen? There is a display board in the Parish Hall showing all the appliances needed to fill our soon to be remodeled kitchen. Each item has a variety of stickers attached to it adding up to the cost of that item. If you can help in any way or wish to contribute the full amount for a particular appliance, simply pull the appropriate tab and place it in one of the 125th Anniversary envelopes with your gift. Thank you for your continued support of our ongoing projects to update our buildings in celebration of our upcoming 125th anniversary. Also, remember our fund will be matched by \$500 each month it increases by \$500.

ALICIA SPARKS WITH USBORNE BOOKS will be in the Christ Lutheran School library September 11-13 from 12:30 – 3:30 PM to take orders. Everyone is welcome to come check out books and start your Christmas shopping early! The more books we sell, the more free books we get for the library! Thanks for your support! - *Kay Foote, school librarian*

CLS IS ALWAYS ON THE HUNT FOR VEGGIES! We are happy to accept any extra vegetables you may have for our staff's salad bar! Please drop them at the school so we can spoil our staff and they will thank you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Come support the school at Buffalo Wild Wings in East Peoria on September 24th from 5:00 – 9:00 PM. Flyers for this event will be available in the coming weeks through the church and school offices.

SINGERS!!! High School age to 100+! We need you to join our Adult Choir. We meet on Wednesdays in the Church Sanctuary to rehearse and will be singing in worship services once or twice each month September through May. Our first rehearsal this season will be Wednesday, September 12. Please enter through the Vestry doors. We're looking forward to a wonderful season of serving the Lord through music. If you have any questions, please call Lin Von Behren at 309-360-0058.

TECHNOLOGY 101: Unlock the secrets to your cell phone, tablet, or computer to make them easy to use! Learn more about texting, emailing, apps, and Google programs. This is your chance to learn in an encouraging environment with no question too basic and no judgement. Come learn together on Saturday, September 29 from 9-10:30 AM at Christ Lutheran School with Mrs. Becky Mooney Rowe, technology teacher at Trinity Lutheran School. The class will be held in the Christ Lutheran School library. Please bring your personal device or devices to the class. Please RSVP by calling the school office (637-1512) or Mr. Mooney (648-1549)

LCMS NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING - Signups for the gathering begin in the next few weeks. It's time to see who is interested in attending. A meeting is planned for Sunday, September 9, after worship. If you are a youth 8-12 grade or an adult interested in serving as a chaperone, this meeting is for you.

LIFELIGHT IS COMING! Please consider joining a small group as we study the first 7 Chapters of Paul's Letter to the Romans. Classes begin September 16th, with studies at the church on Sunday at the Schneiders at 6:30 PM, and Wednesday at 8:30 AM at the church, and a 7:00 PM class at the Rewinkels beginning October 4th.

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

The First Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7a
 The Second Lesson: James 2:1-10, 14-18
 The Holy Gospel: Mark 7:24-30, 31-37

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (SEP 3 – SEP 9)

MON 9/3: Labor Day/No School
TUE 9/4: Parish Ed.....6:00 PM
 Trustees.....6:00 PM
WED 9/5: Youth Board @ Peacocks5:00 PM
THU 9/6: Quilting.....NOON
 Day School1:00 PM
 Stewardship & Finance.....6:00 PM
FRI 9/7:
SAT 9/8:
SUN 9/9: Holy Communion9:00 AM
 Sunday School and Bible Classes.....10:30 AM

2018 ELDERS' RESPONSIBILITY LIST	
Albert-Rayford – Cleveland	Ralph Teske
Closen – Fredericks	Tommie Washington
Frederking – Kirkwood	Dario Lamberti
Kisler – Mills	Tom Zaia
Minassian – Roth	Mike Fritch
Rudebeck – Tosch	Mike Lelm
Traenkenschuh – Zentko	Gary Heinz