

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS!**

The crowds in today’s Gospel proclaim with astonishment, “He has done all things well” (Mark 7:37). The people are right: Jesus can do only good because He is God, and God is good! In His healing, preaching, and teaching, He does all things well. Even right up to the end

**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.

<b><u>Hymns:</u></b> 431; 528 v. 1, 2, 7; 849; 545; 636; 839; 842
<b><u>Liturgy:</u></b> Special Order of Service.
<b><u>The First Lesson:</u></b> Isaiah 35:4-7a .....page 595
<b><u>The Epistle Lesson:</u></b> James 2:1-10, 14-18 .....page 1011
<b><u>The Holy Gospel:</u></b> Mark 7:24-37 .....page 843
<b><u>Organist:</u></b> Mrs. Connie Bremer
<b><u>Sermon:</u></b> Rev. Karl Eckhoff
<i>Who or How?..... Mark 7:24-37</i>

**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** before the service today are Wilma and Debra Kay Ogden.

**ACOLYTES:** Avery Rosenbohm and Donterious Young

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Vincent and Anthony Silotto

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

**LAST WEEK:** Tithes and Offerings: \$9,894.00; Improvement Fund: \$135.00 Attendance: 172 Sunday School Attendance: N-2<sup>nd</sup> 7, 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 9, 8<sup>th</sup>-HS 5 , Adults 46 , Visitors 3 , Total 70 .

**THIS IS THE 36<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR**

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY** are given today by Laura Baize to the glory of God and in celebration of Madalynne Markovich’s 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**HOSPITALIZED:**

**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, 98<sup>th</sup> birthday of Lucy Tosch on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, for Barb & Carl Strum 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, Thursday September 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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!** Kitchen remodel update!

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Thanks to all your generous gifts to fund the needed appliances for our Parish Hall kitchen, they are all paid for! Now as we approach our starting date for the remodel, we are still in need of your help to finish funding it. Approximately \$17,000 of the \$55,000 is still needed. If you are planning to make a donation to this project, your help now would be greatly appreciated. Remember this kitchen is used everyday for our daycare/preschool as well as our daily church life. The remodel will give us an entirely more efficient layout and accommodations to meet everyone’s needs. All new cabinets, counter tops, plumbing, lighting, flooring, sinks and appliances will give us a wonderful space for fellowship. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the Anniversary committee, Suzanne Heinz, Vicki Whitehead, Mike Lelm, Chad Whitehead, Larry Von Behren and Rae Ann Laylock.

**FIELD TRIP FOR SENIOR CLUB** – all are invited to come

join us as we take Senior Cub Potluck on our Third Annual trip to John S Rhodell Brewery. Friday September 28 at 12:30 we will gather at 100 Walnut Street (in the old Murray Building). Entrance from either Washington Street or Water Street to the parking lot entrance. Wrap sandwiches will be provided beverages are available for purchase (either alcoholic or non-alcoholic).

**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 **NEXT SUNDAY**, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup>.

**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!

**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 **THIS** 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)

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

**ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR!** Come on, admit it-you’ve always been curious about the handbells and how they work. Now is the time to find out!! The Adult Handbell Choir is getting ready to start rehearsals, and we would love to have you join us! Anyone in high school through age 123 is welcome to join us, and no previous music experience is needed. If you’re interested or have any questions, please get in touch with David Best at 369-0082, or [dabest@clspeoria.org](mailto:dabest@clspeoria.org). Practices are on Mondays at 6:45pm in the music room, and we will begin tomorrow evening.

**ALICIA SPARKS WITH USBORNE BOOKS** will be in the Christ Lutheran School library Sept. 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*

**CLYF ANNUAL SOUP COOKOFF:** – October 14<sup>th</sup> - Join us for a Sunday soup dinner, support our youth and enjoy the fellowship.

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

The First Lesson:       Isaiah 50:4-10  
 The Second Lesson:     James 3:1-12  
 The Holy Gospel:        Mark 9:14-29

**THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (SEP 10 – SEP 16)**

**MON 9/10:** Elders .....6:00 PM  
**TUE 9/11:** Church Council.....6:00 PM  
**WED 9/12:** Adult Choir .....7:00 PM  
**THU 9/13:** Anniversary Committee ..... 11:30 AM  
**FRI 9/14:**  
**SAT 9/15:**  
**SUN 9/16:** Holy Communion .....9:00 AM  
 Sunday School and Bible Classes..... 10:30 AM  
 LWML Bake Sale

**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 Lemm
Traenkenschuh – Zentko .....	Gary Heinz