

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS!

The prophet Jeremiah faithfully proclaimed God’s Word to an increasingly unfaithful people. Their anger and attempts to silence Jeremiah blindsided him. Jesus was rejected by His people too. In those times when we are blindsided by negative reactions to God’s will for the world, our Savior empathizes with us and sustains us by the Holy Spirit.

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> 605; 557; 563; 750; 743; 739
<u>Liturgy:</u> Divine Service, setting 1 p. 151
<u>The First Lesson:</u> Jeremiah 11:18-20page 640
<u>The Epistle Lesson:</u> James 3:13-14:10page 1012
<u>The Holy Gospel:</u> Mark 9:30-37page 845
<u>Organist:</u> Miss Julie Koch
<u>Adult Choir:</u> <i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i>
<u>Sermon:</u> Rev. Karl Eckhoff
<i>Commended to the LordJeremiah 11:18-20</i>

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, Mike Fritch, Reg Lee

GREETING YOU THIS MORNING before the service today are Nancy Knoll and Judy Lockenour.

ACOLYTES: Serayna Kline and Imari Kline
NEXT SUNDAY: Elizabeth Stenger and Donterious Young

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

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$5,710.07; MTD: \$24,537.07. Improvement Fund: \$65.00; MTD: \$290.00. Attendance: 174. Sunday School Attendance: N-2nd 6, 3rd-7th 9, 8th-HS 6, Adults 46, Visitors 2, Total 69.

THIS IS THE 38th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given today by Jeff and Kathy Otten to the glory of God and in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary today.

HOSPITALIZED: *OSF:* Donna Schmidt
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, Diane Hume, 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).

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 Lem, 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).

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!

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.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL, the children will complete their study of how God worked in Joseph’s life. “Joseph Forgives” and reveals himself to his brothers, telling them that though they meant evil, God used their acts for good. Our Lord Jesus Christ reveals Himself to us and forgives us in His Holy Word and Sacraments. Families could discuss, “How was God with Joseph, blessing him through all that happened, the good and the bad? How has God turned bad or evil things in your life or world into blessings for your good?”

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Come support the school at Buffalo Wild Wings in East Peoria on tomorrow, September 24th from 5:00 – 9:00 PM. Flyers for this event are in today’s bulletin and also are available through the church and school offices.

OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE will continue indefinitely. This can always be re-evaluated, but for now worship will continue at 9:00 AM with Sunday School and Bible Class following at 10:30 AM.

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. Practices are on Mondays at 6:45pm in the music room.

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)

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

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH will host a Women's Retreat on September 29th from 8:30 AM – 3:15 PM. The theme is "Girlfriends Gathered". The cost is \$35. This includes lunch and all materials. Registration deadline is September 25th. There are brochures outside the church office in the file box.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER – Two cowboys were riding the range one day, watching over a herd of buffalo. One cowboy said to the other, "These buffalo are the dirtiest, smelliest, ugliest creatures on earth." Whereupon, the other cowboy turned to him and said, "I thought out here, we weren't supposed to hear a discouraging word." Because of our sinful nature, we often speak discouraging words. The Apostle Paul wrote, "Do all things without grumbling or questioning, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation..." (Philippians 2:14). May God help us all shine as His lights in this dark world.

THIS MORNING WE ARE DEDICATING our newly created beverage bar and updated technology in and around the Parish Hall. These gifts were made possible in the memory of Raymond and Giacomina Samp by their family. We praise God for the blessings bestowed by this family for our fellowship opportunities in honor of their loved ones. Please join us immediately after the service this morning for a special breakfast and opportunity to thank the family in person.

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

- The First Lesson: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29
- The Second Lesson: James 5:(1-12) 13-20
- The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (SEP 24 – SEP 30)

- MON 9/24:** CLS Night @ Buffalo Wild Wings..... 5-9 PM
- TUE 9/25:**
- WED 9/26:** Lifelight 8:30 AM
- THU 9/27:**
- FRI 9/28:** Senior Club @ Rhodells 12:30 M
- SAT 9/29:** Tech 101 @ CLS library 9:00 AM
- SUN 9/30:** Christian Ed Sunday service 9:00 AM
- 5th Sunday Fellowship 10:30 AM
- Lifelight @ Schneiders6:00 PM

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