

**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**

**WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED**

**GUESTS!** It is said that what a person does with his or her wealth tells a great deal about them. A Christian manages God’s wealth wisely and gives generously. How are you using what God has entrusted to you?

**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> 789, 703, 730, 620, 784, 923
<b><u>Liturgy:</u></b> Corporate Confession and Absolution ..... p. 290
<b><u>The First Lesson:</u></b> Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 .....page 767
<b><u>The Second Lesson:</u></b> Hebrews 3:12-19.....page 1002
<b><u>The Holy Gospel:</u></b> Mark 10:17-22 .....page 846
<b><u>Organist:</u></b> Mrs. Connie Bremer
<b><u>Sermon:</u></b> Rev. Karl Eckhoff
<i>“In the Beginning”</i> .....Luke 16:9-13

**CHECK OUT THE CHRIST LUTHERAN FACEBOOK PAGE AND “LIKE” US TO STAY INVOLVED AND INFORMED.**

**ELDERS PRAYING WITH PASTOR:** - Gary Heinz

**ASSISTING WITH HOLY COMMUNION:**     Tommie Washington, Reg Lee, Al Schneider

**GREETING YOU THIS MORNING** are Martha Guppy and Bonnie Farrell.

**ACOLYTES:** Levi and Laney Hall

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Madeline Mooney and Alayna Rudebeck

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

**LAST WEEK:** Tithes and Offerings: \$8,699.60. Improvement Fund: \$505.00. Attendance: 177. Sunday School Attendance: N-2<sup>nd</sup> 2, 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 5, 8<sup>th</sup>-HS 3, Adults 47, Visitors 0, Total 57.

**THIS IS THE 41<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR**

**HOSPITALIZED:**

**CONTINUED PRAYERS:** Jayme Knapp, Mike Clayton, Barb Dreher, Shawn Foote, Phyllis Wendland, Gerald Wendland, Patty Smith, Don Sparks, Bill Wieland, Jr., Abigail Young, Eddy Jones, Al Garman, Donna Gogele, Rachael Otten, Sandra McGarity, Pat Kretzmann, Shirley Swanson, Diane Hume, Joe Ehlen, Kamron Lightbody, 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 to the glory of God and in celebration of the 11<sup>th</sup> birthday of Ryne McIntosh by his family,

**CLYF ANNUAL SOUP COOKOFF** is happening TODAY!! Join us for a Sunday soup dinner, support our youth and let’s see if Pastor successfully defends his coveted Ladle Award from last year!

**SEVERAL LADIES WILL BE CLEANING** the sanctuary and surrounding areas on Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Anyone wishing to join us may just show up. Please bring your own cleaning supplies. We are usually finished before noon. If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Heinz or RaeAnn Laylock.

**TODAY’S LESSON IN SUNDAY SCHOOL** is “Moses and the Plagues.” Through a series of horrific plagues, God punished the Egyptians for their sinful treatment of His people and freed His people from bondage. Through His horrific suffering and death on the cross, Jesus took the punishment for our sin and freed us from sin’s bondage. Ask your children, “What does it mean to be freed from the slavery of sin? Tell about the plagues and talk about the power of God Almighty.”

**THE 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE** will be sharing 125 years of history with you one week at a time between Dec 9, 2018 and Dec 8, 2019. You can help by providing us with any fun facts or stories you would like us to share. We will place one in the bulletin each week. Any ideas and thoughts can be left in the office for the committee or given to a committee member.

**KITCHEN REMODEL UPDATE!** - The remodel of our Parish Hall kitchen will begin tomorrow, October 15th. For the next 6-8 weeks, as the construction continues, the kitchen will be closed. We are still in need of approximately \$14,000 to meet our total costs. If you have planned to make a donation to this project, it would be appreciated before the end of November. Remember this kitchen is used every day 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 VonBehren and Rae Ann Laylock.

**THE HEART OF ILLINOIS CHORUS**, along with members, Chris Schneider and Laura Baize, will perform their annual fall show, **We Need a Little Christmas... Spirit**, Sunday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM. The performance will be held at Illinois Central College’s Performing Arts Center. Laura’s daughters, Katie and Rissa, will also be performing with their Springfield chorus, Sound Celebration Chorus. Tickets for general public are \$12, seniors (65+) and students are \$10, and kids 10 and under are free. See Chris or Laura for tickets!

**GROUPS FOR MEALTIME MINGLE** are posted on the bulletin board outside the Community Room! It's still not too late to sign up! Groups will decide when and where they will meet, and the idea is to enjoy some fellowship outside of the worship setting and get to know each other! If you'd like to join, call the church office at 637-5309 to sign up!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OCTOBER 31<sup>st</sup>!** It's time for our annual Pumpkins on Parade! Bring your Halloween candy and join in the fun as we pass out RaeAnn's hot dogs and lots of goodies to our neighborhood friends! The fun begins at 5 PM in the church parking lot. If you can't attend and want to help, we need CANDY! We will be putting together bags of candy with church information and a special message, so your donations of candy will be very much appreciated! You can drop off donations in the church office.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!** The fourth Sunday School mission offerings (Oct – Dec) will support Lutheran Heritage Foundation's project, "School for pastors in South Sudan." In South Sudan, the Lutheran Church is growing by leaps and bounds – so much that they don't have nearly enough pastors to serve all their congregations. Our mission offerings will help men be able to go to the Lutheran seminary and become pastors. Our annual Pumpkins on Parade trunk-or-treat will be held from 5-6 PM October 31<sup>st</sup>. Please come down and help hand out candy or feel free to donate candy or money to help purchase hot dogs.

***PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER:*** *Adults:* Dwayne and Karol Allen, Ruth Allen, Dale Eckhoff, Pastor and Judy Eckhoff, RaeAnn Laylock, Darlene Marvel, Bill and Judy Nelson, Jeff and Kathy Otten, Tom Trunk, Tom and Emily Zaia, Catherine Evans, Barbara O'Dell, Tommie Washington, Linda Wenzel, Nan Hume, Al and Chris Schneider, Larry Von Behren, Kay Foote, Ralph Teske, Bonnie Hester. *Pre-School:* Feli Foote; *K-2:* Andrew Simmons; *3-4:* Wyatt Simmons; *5-7:* Harlon Foote.

**THE LUTHERAN WOMEN OF GREATER PEORIA** will host a Wine and Cheese tasting event for adults (21 and over) at Mackinaw Valley Winery on Sunday, October 21 at 2:00 PM. The event will also include a fund-raising auction for the "Church Mouse", entertainment, door prizes and a light supper. Tickets are \$25 with proceeds going to the Lutheran Social Services Children's Community Services program. For ticket information contact Suzanne Heinz.

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

The First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 5:10-20  
 The Second Lesson: Hebrews 4:1-13 (14-16)  
 The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:23-31

**THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (OCT 15 – OCT 21)**

**MON 10/15:** Bell Choir .....6:45 PM  
**TUE 10/16:**  
**WED 10/17:** Lifelight ..... 8:30 AM  
 Chapel..... 10:00 AM  
 Confirmation.....6:00 PM  
 Adult Choir .....7:00 PM  
**THU 10/18:** Anniversary Committee..... 11:30 AM  
 CLS Early Dismissal ..... 11:15 AM  
 Nominating Committee .....6:30 PM  
 Lifelight @ Rewinkels' .....7:00 PM  
**FRI 10/19:** NO SCHOOL-Parent/Teacher Conferences  
**SAT 10/20:**  
**SUN 10/21:** Holy Communion ..... 9:00 AM  
 Sunday School & Bible Classes ..... 10:30 AM  
 Lifelight @ Schneiders .....6:00 PM

<b>2018 ELDERS' RESPONSIBILITY LIST</b>	
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