



ONE IN CHRIST

Week of October 17— 23, 2022

Pastor's Word



Luke 18:9-14

⁹He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

Debie Thomas, from the blog *Journey with Jesus*

“In this week’s Gospel reading, Jesus doesn’t shy away from the big, bad “S” word. He insists on it. He insists on the practice of acknowledging and naming our core sinfulness. He insists on the healing, cleansing, justifying power of honest confession.

“Why? Because honest confession relieves a burdensome secret. It tells the truth, which is that I am a beautiful mess — made in God’s divine image, but mired in a human brokenness that wars against its own salvation. To use the word “sinner” in my prayer life is to insist on something more profound and more clarifying than, “I make mistakes,” or “I’ve got issues.” To use the word *sinner* is to refuse the arrogant us/them divide of the Pharisee, and instead acknowledge that I, too, am utterly lost and bereft, but for the astonishing grace of God”

Questions for Reflection

When you read this Gospel text, what does it tell you about the purpose of prayer? How has prayer brought you healing? How has prayer helped you to become more the beautiful human being God created you to be, more connected to God and others?

Let us pray . . .

Living God, you have made this day bright the promise of your presence as you crown each moment with hope. Let your Holy Spirit pray in us now, that in all our tasks—at home, at work, at school, and in our community—we may express the joy you have in us. Be our peace in Jesus’s name. Amen!



WORSHIP

Sunday, October 23, 10:00 am Worship

Access Online Bulletin

Join us for Worship in the Sanctuary. Childcare available in the nursery from 9 -11:30am.

OR

You may also attend virtually using the Zoom link or call the number noted in the bulletin to join us!

Masks are optional to enter the building, and will be available at entrances if needed. If you feel unwell, please care for yourself and others by staying home, and we will be happy to see you when you return. Thank you for your commitment to caring for one another!

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/278217453?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/278217453?pwd=azE2dkNHVE9WSzdaeDM5Yzh4RGRvdz09)

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Meeting ID: 278 217 453

Password: 971744



Save the Date for the Women's Advent Tea on December 3rd at 2pm.

RSVPs will start in November. Ladies, please consider volunteering to help with this fun Advent tradition. Email Sarah Ringkor sringkor@gmail.com or text 314-452-7129. Thank you!



Stewardship & Offerings

We can continue to fund our church and the important work we're doing with a few easy clicks:

1. Visit [our donation website](#) directly or go to www.christwq.org and scroll down to the 'Give Now' button.
2. You may make a one time or recurring gift. There are NO FEES to withdraw directly from your bank account. Fees do apply for debit/credit card transactions.
3. Optional: set up a profile to be able to change your recurring gifts at any time or view your giving history.

If you prefer to make your offering by check or cash, there are mailing envelopes included in your offering envelope package.



Sunday School is looking for teaching volunteers. No experience necessary and the curriculum we are using this year does not require any prep prior to Sunday mornings. You just show up in the morning, look over your teacher's instructions, and you are ready to go! If you would like to teach once in a while, we have a place for you. If you would like to just be a helper once in a while, we have a place for you. If you have any questions, Jesse is happy to talk. We are going to be doing a lot of activities outside since the theme is going to be on

"Caring for God's Creation." We will also be breaking kids up into smaller groups by ages for part of the Sunday School hour as well.

TECH TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have any interest in joining the Tech team to help set up Sunday Zoom worship we are in need of additional volunteers. Training will be provided and the average time commitment is approximately one Sunday worship a month. Please contact Pastor Meagan if interested.



Vigil For Black Lives

Every Friday from 6:00-6:30, congregations on Lockwood join together to stand for black lives, in our community and beyond. We take a short half an hour each week to be visible on Lockwood with signs of solidarity with our black siblings. It is a small way for us to make it known that we stand against racism in all the ways it impacts all of us. Please join us!



Save the date -Fall Workday

Please join us for a fall cleanup workday on Saturday 10/22/22 from 9:00-11:00am. We will be doing yard work, leaf pick-up and winter preparations for one of the homes supported by Humanitri. They are an agency that provides housing and services to assist families in moving from homelessness to stable housing. Christ Lutheran is partnering with Humanitri to provide financial and practical support to assist them in their mission. Please see the attached sign up genius and let us know if you will be joining us!

If you need any additional information, please feel free to contact either Sarah Mudd or Sherry Mitchler.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094CAAA92DA20-humanitri>

Bible Study

The Tuesday morning Bible Study group meets at 10:30 in the Parish Hall. Following summer break, **they will resume weekly meetings on September 27**. The group has recently enjoyed reading and discussing many of the minor prophets in the Hebrew Bible, and they expect to continue that in the Fall.



Adult forum resumes at a new time but in a familiar place. We will now meet at 9:00 during the educational hour but still in the Fellowship Hall with the coffeepot nearby.

October 23 Dr. Mark Ruff, Professor of History at Saint Louis University will tell us how the importance of the Reformation has been understood during the past 500 years.

October 30 Pastor Meagan McLaughlin will present a report on the latest Church wide gathering and lead a discussion of how the Reformation continues into the future.

November 6 Alena Horn—Head, Hands and Heart: Reflections on the Relevance of Christian Anarchism to Us Today. Here's Alena's abstract:

In this talk I will consider what Christian Anarchism can contribute to our understanding of our call to serve Christ in an increasingly polarized and unequal country. Even as the relatively extremist positions espoused by Leo Tolstoy in the classic Christian Anarchist tract, *The Kingdom of God is within You*, may seem impractical and idealistic, I show that Tolstoy's writings, as well as the life's work of Christian Anarchists like social activist Dorothy Day are relevant to us today in that they remind us to put Christ above the Culture, to turn towards the Gospel and away from the automatic reflexes of the right-left divide.

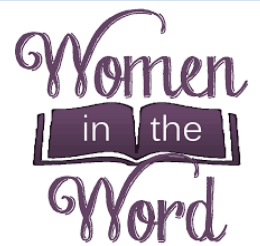
Choir Practice

Join us every Wednesday for Choir practice at 7:30pm in the Sanctuary! Contact Diane Drollinger if interested in joining the Choir.



Women's Group

The women of Christ Lutheran are invited to join our meetings taking place the second Thursday of each month at 7pm. More details to come!
Any questions? Reach out to Becca Jordan at beccajedwards@gmail.com.



Sunday Cool at 6 Flags!

Sunday Cool kids are invited to [6 Flags St. Louis](#) this Sunday 10/23. We will leave from church after service and lunch in the fellowship hall and we'll leave the park at 5:00 p.m. Please let Katie Ciorba or Pastor Meagan know by Wednesday if your child(ren) is/are attending to ensure that we have enough drivers/chaperones. Please buy a ticket for your child or send them with their annual pass, but please don't let the expense hinder attendance (contact Pastor Meagan for more information). Please complete the Medical and Attendance Consent Form below.



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Medical and Attendance Consent Form

Name: _____ DOB: _____ Gender: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Parents' or Guardians' Names: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell phone #: _____

Other #s for parents: _____

Other Adult: _____ Phone #: _____

Physician: _____ Hospital: _____

Physician's office #: _____ Exchange #: _____

Insurance: _____

Employer: _____ Employee: _____

Group #: _____ Member's #: _____

Medical Info: _____

Med Allergies: _____

Food Allergies: _____

Rx Medications: _____

OTC medicines: _____

Medications allowed to be given: _____

Any Additional Information: _____

I, undersigned, hereby authorize my child to attend **6 Flags St. Louis** with Christ Lutheran, allow my child to be transported by an adult volunteer, and authorize any adult representative of Christ Lutheran Church who is acting in a leadership role to consent to and authorize the administration and performance of all treatments that may be considered advisable or necessary in the judgment of attending physicians, in the event that the above named participant should be admitted to any hospital, or be in need any medical treatment. This authorization shall continue for such time as the participant is involved in the youth activity, or during travel to and from the event. I understand that the care and safety of my child will be primary at all youth events and that all attempts will be made to contact parents or guardians first if an emergency or accident should happen. I will not hold Christ Lutheran Church responsible for any accidents or injuries that might happen to the participant. I will notify the Youth Ministry Leaders at Christ Lutheran Church if there are any changes to the above information.

Parents' or Guardians' Signature _____

_____ Date

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please include the following people in your prayer life during this week.

ONGOING HEALTH CONCERNS: Those who are suffering from chronic pain & diseases, Shelly Madden, Linda Armstrong, Gege Brightman, Christine Austin, Kate and Brian Bates (John Hoffmann's sister and brother-in-law), Evan Deck, Helga Hayes, John Hoffmann, Bev & Al Marcus (friend of John Hoffmann), Michael McMullen (Greg McMullen's brother), Christy Monson (Step-daughter of Carolyn Lange), Donna Munger, Betsy Nielson (Nancy Lissant's sister), Doris & Harry Rahlfs (Karen Wood's parents), Joyce Traxler (Friend of Susan DeBusk), Shirley Wolf, and Wayne Wellman (Susanne Reimer-Fey's brother).



IN BLESSED MEMORY: For all of those who have died and all of those who grieve, that they may know the presence of God who grieves with us.

IN MILITARY SERVICE: Josh Duncan, Chris Hudson, Jesse Proctor, Scott Warr.

CLC Suggestion Box

Have an idea for how Christ Lutheran Church can make your experience better? Submit an anonymous note at <http://freesuggestionbox.com/pub/stwuunh> and we will do our best to help!



SAVE THE DATE

Want to Get Involved?

- 1) Attend, and bring a friend!
- 2) Contribute food goods and/or make a financial offering to the Firewood for Elders program
- 3) **Take a role in the evening**
 - A. Read
 - B. Sing with the choir
 - C. Greet Worshipers and hand out bulletins
 - D. Bring a sweet or savory treat to share
 - E. Help with cleaning up the space after the event

Contact Pastor Meagan 314-962-6012 or
pastor@christwg.org
 with questions or to sign up to help!

GIVE THANKS
Community
Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday, November 22
at 6:00 pm
 at Christ Lutheran (Selma & Lockwood)

We invite you to bring food staples & willing hearts.



Supporting indigenous ministries

SONGS TO SAVE DEMOCRACY

A Concert Celebrating Democracy and the Right to VOTE

The Sheldon Concert Hall

October 24, 2022

7:30 p.m.

featuring

The 442s

with special guests

Jazz pianist Peter Martin

Vocalist Anita Jackson

Including the world premiere of
 new songs by Adam Maness,
 Peter Martin & Paul Reuter



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 Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice, ACLU of Missouri, Webster Groves Presbyterian Church

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

LET'S CELEBRATE OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS!

Congratulations and Best Wishes! Christ Lutheran family wants to celebrate you!

ANNIVERSARIES:

10/1 Jim & Sally Wachtman
10/4 Ted Christner & Claudia Trautmann
10/11 Tim & Kelley Truss
10/15 Philip & Kate Hoerchler
10/17 Matt & Sarah Bender
10/22 Curtis & Hannah Borden
10/27 Tom & Megan Holmes
10/27 Dianne Deck & Thomas Palazzolo
10/28 Martin & Melissa Allen
10/29 Steve & Sherry Mitchler

Our apologies if we missed anybody! Please let us know if we did.

BIRTHDAYS:

10/01 Annika Bartek
10/03 Ted Christner
10/06 Ayanna Askew-Sunkara
10/09 James Bennett
10/09 Maleyah Hassler
10/10 Leah Eftink
10/11 Linda Armstrong
10/11 Isabella Blaser
10/13 Scarlet and Zachary McMullen
10/14 Sybil Meadows
10/15 Mae Lenhart
10/17 Robert O'Brien
10/17 Karen Wood
10/18 Mark Lewis
10/23 Tim Truss
10/23 Henry Hoyer
10/25 Jim Wachtman
10/29 Jadee Lauer
10/30 Peter Jordan
10/30 John Uy



October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 5p Animal blessing and potluck in Church yard.
2 9:00a Adult forum, Sunday School 10:00a Worship	3 12p Sr. Fellowship at Laclede Groves 4pm Fitness group	4 10:30a Bible study	5 7:30p Choir Practice	6 4p Fitness group	7	8
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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M.**

**RESIDENT PASTOR: MEAGAN
MCLAUGHLIN OFFICE
HOURS: MON-WED, FRI 8:30-
4:30
APPTS BY
ARRANGEMENT**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT:
JESSICA GUNTHER**

**DIRECTOR OF SENIOR
ADULT MINISTRIES AND
FAITH COMMUNITY NURSE:
CAROLYN CROWE**

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MIKE WAGNER/STEPHANIE
LENHART**

Christ Lutheran Church Mission Statement

**Deepening people's connection to Christ,
Bringing meaning to daily life, and
Making a difference in our community.**