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Christian Education Sunday



"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.



You shall teach them diligently to your children..."

Deuteronomy 6:6-7

✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 145 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

**Greeting and prayer:** (Pastor)

**Opening Hymn: 866 *Lord Jesus Christ, the Children's Friend***

LSB 866

## Order of Worship

Adapted from LSB Setting 4 – p. 203ff

### Invocation

*We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore we stand in awe of You.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and to call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

### Confession and Absolution

*We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and gives them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C Amen.**

**Kyrie** *Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our earthly life.*

LSB 204



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**Gloria in Excelsis** *Latin for "Glory to God in the highest."*

LSB 204



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation ("Greeting") and Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** We pray:

Heavenly Father, mercifully bless the Christian education of Your children in our church that they may grow up in Your fear to the praise of Your holy name. Bless our Christian Day School and all other settings in which our children are brought closer to You. Restrain the activities of the evil one who would seek to undermine these efforts to provide for the spiritual growth of Your children. Help us to regard these children and our educational ministries as gifts from You. Encourage the members of our congregation to support those who teach and those who learn. Give joy to all who serve as teachers, and give them the privilege of seeing the fruits of their labors. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## First Reading

*Psalm 78:1-8, 72 (ESV) (Responsive)*

**P** Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;

**C** **incline your ears to the words of my mouth!**

**P** I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,

**C** **things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us.**

**P** We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation

**C** **the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders  
that he has done.**

**P** He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel,

**C** **which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children,**

**P** that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn,

**C** **and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in  
God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments;**

**P** and that they should not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation,  
**C a generation whose heart was not steadfast, whose spirit was not faithful to God.**

**P** With upright heart he shepherded them  
**C and guided them with his skillful hand.**

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

## *1 Corinthians 1:20-25 (EHV)*

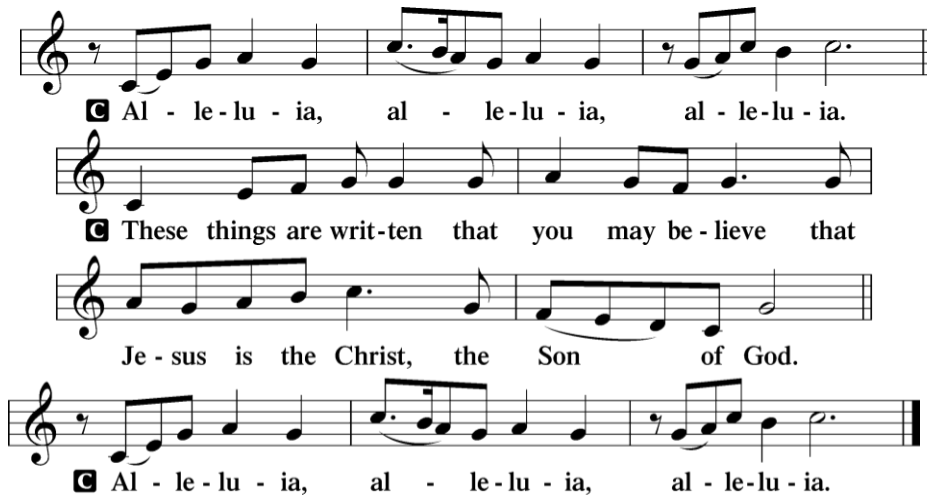
**P** The second reading is from 1 Corinthians 1:20-25.  
**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>20</sup> Where is the wise man? Where is the expert in the Jewish law? Where is the probing thinker of the present age? Has God not shown that the wisdom of this world is foolish? <sup>21</sup> Indeed, since the world through its wisdom did not know God, God in his wisdom decided to save those who believe, through the foolishness of the preached message. <sup>22</sup> Yes, Jews ask for signs, Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified—which is offensive to Jews and foolishness to Greeks, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> We preach Christ crucified, because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Alleluia and Verse

*When God speaks to us in His Word it is natural for us to respond. We sing "Allelujah!"—meaning, "Praise the Lord!"*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Apostles' Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

*W.S. p. 15*

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Hymn of the Day: 867 *Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds*

*LSB 867*

## **Sermon Text: Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (NKJV)**

"Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the Lord your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess, <sup>2</sup>that you may fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. <sup>3</sup>Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you—'a land flowing with milk and honey.'

<sup>4</sup>"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! <sup>5</sup>You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

<sup>6</sup>"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. <sup>8</sup>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

## **Sermon Theme: Christian Education Begins in the Christian Home**

† Preaching Today: Pastor Mark Bernthal – Messiah, Eau Claire, WI

### **Offertory**

LSB 956

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new  
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way  
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

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## **Sermon Hymn: 862 *Oh, Blest the House***

LSB 862

**Offering** *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

**Prayer of the Church** *We bring our prayers to God.*

### **Lord's Prayer**

**☩ Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### **Children's Choir: "Blessing"**

O may the peace of God be with you evermore,  
And may the pow'r of His great love your soul again restore,  
And may you feel His hand upon you day by day  
To strengthen and sustain you along your way.

O may He be your guide as long as life shall last,  
And in the time of trial, may His strong arm hold you fast,  
And may you always know His never ending care,  
And may His gracious Spirit be with you ev'rywhere.



The one eternal God is King o'er all the earth,  
He made the universe so vast and gave to Man his birth;  
But though He reigns supreme, His love surrounds us all,  
And from His throne He tends His own: His creatures great and small,

So may the peace of God be with you evermore,  
And may the pow'r of His great love your soul again restore,  
And may you always know His never ending care,  
And may His gracious Spirit be with you ev'rywhere.

**Benediction** *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

**[P]** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



**Closing Hymn: 922 *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* (please stand for last verse)**

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## **Announcements**



**Welcome!** We welcome all our visitors this morning.  
Please sign our guest book and come worship with us again soon.

Today:  
5/18/25

*Christian Education Sunday*

**Choir Practice – 8am**

**Worship – 9am** (Guest Preacher: Pastor Mark Bernthal, Messiah, Eau Claire, WI)

**Fellowship Hour / Breakfast Foods in Activity Room – 10:15am**

**Spring Piano Recital at New Perspective (Franklin) -1pm**

This Week: Tuesday – **Fun Night Carnival – Messiah Lutheran School – 6pm**  
Wednesday – **Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30pm** (Zoom & In-Person)  
Thursday – **Closing Service for School Year – 11:30am** (Congregation is invited)  
**Last Day of School Year at MLS – Noon dismissal**  
Saturday – **Graduation at Immanuel, Eau Claire, WI – 10am**

Church Cleaning: Team #8 (5/17-5/23); Team #9 (5/24-5/30)

Next Sunday: **Choir – 8am**  
5/25/24 **Worship – 9am**  
**Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am**  
**Sunday School Teachers Meeting – 11:15am**



**Reminder:** Our members are encouraged to keep the last two pews reserved for families with small children. Thank you!

**Thank you!** – to Pastor Mark Bernthal for bringing us the Word of God today! Pastor Bernthal is Pastor Luke's father and serves as chaplain at Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI.

**Fellowship Hour after Worship** - Following our worship service today there will be a fellowship hour with breakfast foods in the Activity Room provided by the school families.

**Messiah Lutheran School Fun Night Carnival! – Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm –**



The congregation is invited to Messiah Lutheran School's Fun Night Carnival on **Tues. May 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm**. School families will be hosting carnival style games (church members are also invited to host a game if you'd like!) Please let Mr. Tiefel know which game you plan to host to help us avoid duplicates, or if you'd like to volunteer to help with the evening's festivities, please let Mr. Tiefel know. We're monitoring the weather, but all games are currently planned to be held indoors.

**Spring Piano Recital at New Perspective – TODAY Sunday, 5/18 @ 1pm** – Messiah piano students will be having their piano recital at New Perspective Senior Living in Franklin today at 1pm. The congregation is invited to attend.

**Confirmation Sunday – June 1<sup>st</sup> – Examination @ 9am / Worship @ 10am** – Our Confirmation Sunday will be June 1<sup>st</sup> with the Examination of the Confirmands being held in the sanctuary at **9am**. The congregation is invited to attend. The Confirmation Worship Service will be held afterwards at **10am**. We praise God for the faith that He has given and grown in our confirmands!

**Concluding Activities at Immanuel, Eau Claire** – This Friday, May 23, will be the final day of classes at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary. In giving the LORD God glory for the various achievements by students and student groups, Class Day will be held at 2:30pm. The band will play during this event. At 7:00pm there will be a concert of sacred music sung by the Concert Choir and Tour Choir at Messiah Lutheran Church. (Please note that both Class Day and the choir concert are beginning 30 minutes earlier than usual.) On Saturday, May 24, the concluding graduation worship service will take place at 10am at the ILC Fieldhouse. We pray that the students will take what they have learned from the Word of God and treasure the Gospel by expressing their gratitude to the LORD Immanuel in their daily walk with Him.

**VBS – July 7-11 – 9am – 11:30am –**

Registration is now open for our Vacation Bible School from July 7-11 for children age 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Our theme this year will be “Missionaries of Christ.”



The sign-up sheets for student registrations is on the bulletin board in the entryway. Hope to see your child there, and remember to invite your friends and neighbors as well!

**VBS Teachers and Volunteers Needed!** – We are in need of teachers and volunteers for our VBS. Volunteers are needed for teaching, music, crafts, recess, and general help. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the church entry if you’d like to help out. Even if you can’t help out for the whole week, we’d love to have you join us for even just a day. Thank you for your prayerful consideration! Please speak with Ben Blue or Pastor Luke if you have any questions.

**Wednesday Evening Bible Study @ 6:30pm** – Please make plans to join us either in-person or online via Zoom for our Wednesday Evening Bible Class. We are studying selected Psalms. To join online please click on Pastor Luke’s Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8729663333>

**Pastoral “Get to Know Each Other” Visits / Pastor Luke’s Contact Info** – I am continuing to make “face to face” visits with our members. These include a short devotion and some time to get to know each other. Pastor’s Contact Info:

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**CLC News** - Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has **returned** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Pastor Frank Gantt of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Loganville, GA has **received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Last weekend (5/10), the Lord in His grace and mercy, called to His side the soul of our sister Mary Schierenbeck (wife of Pastor Em. Dave Scheirenbeck, who served briefly here at Messiah). Mary’s victory service was held yesterday at 11am and can be viewed on Berea’s YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/live/mncxG7tjzr8?feature=shared>

**Bible Readings:**

5/18	Lev. 11:1-28 Psalm 119:97-104 1 Cor. 1:1-17
5/19	Lev. 11:29-47 Psalm 119:105-112 1 Cor. 1:18-31
5/20	Lev. 12 Psalm 119:113-120 1 Cor. 2
5/21	Lev. 13:1-28 Psalm 119:121-128 1 Cor. 3
5/22	Lev. 13:29-59 Psalm 119:129-136 1 Cor. 4
5/23	Lev. 14:1-32 Psalm 119:137-144 1 Cor. 5
5/24	Lev. 14:33-57 Psalm 119:145-152 1 Cor. 6



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Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings:	\$7,902.55	\$366,189.00
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,571.29	\$385,708.05
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$668.74)	(\$19,519.05)
Missions:	\$50.00	\$2,655.00
Kinship:	\$30.00	\$3,731.96
ILCSAF:	\$30.00	\$1,310.00
MSAF:	\$25.00	\$1,120.00
<b>Attendance Last Sun. (5/11): 133</b>		

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