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Pentecost 10

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a dark blue Bible. The Bible has gold lettering that reads "HOLY BIBLE". A small gold cross is attached to the top of the Bible. The background is blurred with warm, golden light.

One thing is needed...

Luke 10:42

✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 119:1-16 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

**Greeting and prayer:** (Pastor)

**Opening Hymn: 584 *Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing***

LSB 584

## Invocation

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

**P** In the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

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

**P** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**C** **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1:5, 7-9)

**P** Let us pray...

**C** **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer:**

**We confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**

**P** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the joy and peace of forgiveness, let us praise to the Lord...

**“O Word of God Incarnate”** LSB 523 v. 1

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'I O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high, O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky: We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page, A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.'

I O Word of God in - car-nate, O Wis - dom from on high,  
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We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,  
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## Prayer of the Day

**P** We pray:

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and always hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## First Reading

### *Psalm 119 (Selected Verses - RESPONSIVE) (NKJV)*

**P** Blessed are the undefiled in the way, Who walk in the law of the LORD!

**C** **Blessed are those who keep His testimonies,  
Who seek Him with the whole heart!**

**P** They also do no iniquity; They walk in His ways.

**C** **You have commanded us To keep Your precepts diligently.  
Oh, that my ways were directed To keep Your statutes!**

**P** Then I would not be ashamed, When I look into all Your commandments.

**C** **I will praise You with uprightness of heart,  
When I learn Your righteous judgments.**

**P** I will keep Your statutes; Oh, do not forsake me utterly!

**C** **How can a young man cleanse his way?  
By taking heed according to Your word.**

**P** With my whole heart I have sought You;

**C** **Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments!**

**P** Your word I have hidden in my heart,

**C** **That I might not sin against You!**

**P** Blessed are You, O LORD! Teach me Your statutes!

**C** **I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies, As much as in all riches.**

**P** I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways.

**C** **I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.**

**P** Deal bountifully with Your servant,

**C** **That I may live and keep Your word.**

## **Second Reading**

**2 Timothy 3:10-17 (EHV)**

**P** The Second reading is from 2 Timothy 3:10-17.

**C** **Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!**

<sup>10</sup> But you have faithfully followed my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfast endurance, <sup>11</sup> my persecutions, my sufferings—the kind that happened to me in Antioch, Iconium, and Lystra, the kind of persecutions I endured—and the Lord rescued me from all of them. <sup>12</sup> Indeed, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, <sup>13</sup> while evil people and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

<sup>14</sup> As for you, continue in the things you have learned and about which you have become convinced. You know from whom you learned them <sup>15</sup> and that from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God breathed and is useful for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be complete, well equipped for every good work.

**P** Here ends our Scripture readings.

**“O Word of God Incarnate”** LSB 523 v. 3

3 O make Your Church, dear Sav-ior, A lamp of bur-nished gold  
To bear be-fore the na-tions Your true light as of old!  
O teach Your wan-d'ring pil-grims By this their path to trace  
Till, clouds and dark-ness end-ed, They see You face to face!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O Word of God Incarnate". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a "3" indicating a triplet. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

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**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.**

**Sermon Text: Luke 10:38-42 (EHV)**

<sup>38</sup>As they went on their way, Jesus came into a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who was sitting at the Lord's feet and was listening to his word. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with all her serving. She came over and said, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her to help me." <sup>41</sup>The Lord answered and told her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup>but one thing is needed. In fact, Mary has chosen that better part, which will not be taken away from her."

**Sermon Theme: One Thing is Needed**

**1. Do You Know What It Is?**

**2. Do You Know What to Do With It?**

✝ God's Word is the **one thing needed** because...

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Application: In what ways can you, with the Holy Spirit's help, make the "**one thing needed**" more of a priority in your life and your family's life?

## 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  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;  
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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## **Sermon Hymn: 536** (all verses) ***One Thing's Needful***

LSB 536

**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

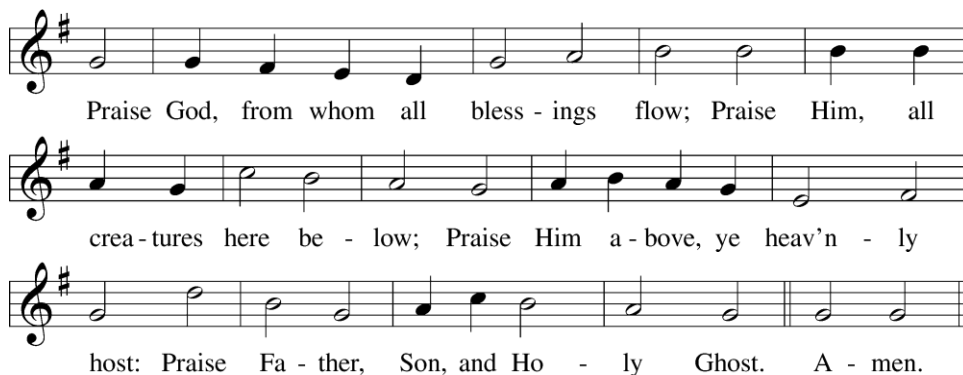
- ☒ Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For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

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

- ☐ 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.

## The Doxology

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**Closing Hymn: 921 On What Has Now Been Sown** *(please stand for last verse)* LSB 921

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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:  
8/17/25

**Choir – 8am**  
**Worship – 9am**

This week:

Monday – **Back to School Night – 6pm-7pm**  
Wednesday – **First Day of School (K5-8<sup>th</sup> Grade) / Opening Service – 8:30am**  
(All are invited to attend)  
**Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30pm** (Zoom & In-Person)  
Thursday – **Church Council Meeting – 6pm**

Church Cleaning: Team #1 (8/16-8/22); Team #2 (8/23-8/29)



Next Sunday: **Choir – 8am**  
8/24/25 **Worship – 9am**

**In Your Mailbox** – *Daily Rest* Daily Devotional (Sept. – Nov.)

**THANK YOU!** – A huge thank you to all who helped with the basement flood recovery at the parsonage last Sunday. There was approximately 3 inches of water in the parsonage basement during the flooding late last Saturday night. All the carpet and pad had to be removed and many items had to be moved out of the basement. We were able to dry out the basement quite quickly thanks to the many volunteers. Thankfully, it appears that no items of significant value were lost and the appliances and HVAC unit were not damaged by the flooding. An assessor from Church Mutual Insurance will be coming tomorrow (Monday) morning.

**NOTE:** If you lent a fan for use in drying out the parsonage basement this week you can retrieve it from pastor's office.

We continue to pray for all of our members and all of the people of our area who suffered flooded basements and property damage in the flooding. Please reach out if you are still in need of help. Your brothers and sisters in Christ here at Messiah are there for you and willing to lend a hand.

**First Day of School (K5-8<sup>th</sup> Grade) / Opening Service – Wed. 8/20 @ 8:30am** –

Messiah Lutheran School begins another new school year for our Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade with our opening worship service this **Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am**. All are invited to attend. (**Note:** K4 begins on Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>). We praise God for the blessing of Christian Education and pray that our teachers, students, and staff have a blessed school year!

**Sunday School Teachers Needed! – Teachers' Meeting Sun. 8/31 – Sunday School Starts 9/7**

We are in need of teachers for our upcoming Sunday School year beginning on **Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested in teaching, or co-teaching—or even if you are only available as an occasional substitute, please speak with Jered Barthels our new Sunday School Superintendant (715-864-8283 cell; [barthelsjared@icloud.com](mailto:barthelsjared@icloud.com)), or with Pastor Luke. We will be having our first Sunday School teachers' meeting after the worship service on **Sunday, August 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:15am**.

**New Church Officers and Boards** – Following our elections and board meetings our Messiah new Messiah Church Officers and Boards are as follows:

**Trustees** – Caleb Gerbitz (Chairman); Joel Gerbitz (Treasurer); Philip Reim (Secretary)

**Elders** – Ted Quade (Chairman); Eric Williams (Usher Captain); Angelo Rentas (Secretary)

**Education** – Ben Blue (Chairman); Jered Barthels (Sunday School); Jason Bailey (Secretary)

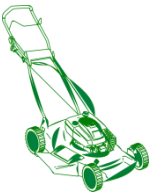
**Property** – Fred Goodrie (Chairman); Jordan Albrecht (Property Manager); Adam Brown (Secretary)

### **No Ushering Out at the End of Worship Services (August – October) –**

From the Voters' Meeting minutes: "A recommendation was made by the Board of Elders to suspend ushering after services until the next quarterly meeting, as suggested by several members during annual visits. A motion was called, seconded, and carried to approve the recommendation to suspend post-service ushering for three months." The voters will revisit this and vote on it at our October meeting (10/19). We welcome you to share your feedback with our Elders and/or Pastor Luke over the next few months.

**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>



**Lawn Mowing Sign-Up Sheet** – We are in need of volunteers each week to help with the lawn mowing on the church property. Please sign the sheet on the cupboard in the church hallway. If you'd like more information please speak with James Schaser, Board of Property Chairman. Please join us in helping keep our property beautiful this summer, to the glory of the Lord!

**Pastoral "Get to Know Each Other" Visits / Pastor Luke's Contact Info** – I hope to finish up my "face to face" visits with each of our members soon. These include a short devotion and some time to get to know each other. Pastor's Contact Info:

Email: [LBernthal@messiahhc.org](mailto:LBernthal@messiahhc.org) ☩ Cell: **402-389-2147** ☩ Church Office: **414-427-9337**

**"ManUp" Men's Retreat – Sept. 25th-28th** – ManUp allows the opportunity to strengthen and encourage men 18 and older in their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend includes Bible Study, Fellowship, Leadership Training, Team and Relationship Building and Worship, as well as many awesome outdoor activities. This years Team Building activity will be epic! The retreat will be held **September 25 - 28, 2025** at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI about an hour south of La Crosse. You can also find out more information, see pictures of the park, and register for ManUp online at [www.manup.clclutheran.org](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org). The cost is only \$75 for the weekend and includes lodging, meals, and activities.

Generous CLC donors have offered grants for men 25 and younger to attend for only \$25. Registration deadline is August 31st, 2025 (The ManUp! Retreat registration fee doubles after August 31<sup>st</sup>. Register today!)

Info/Registration: [manup.clclutheran.org](http://manup.clclutheran.org)

Register by: **September 1, 2025**

\$75 includes bed and all meals

\$150 *after* September 1st



**Midwest Women's Retreat** - Immanuel Mankato invites women of area congregations to a one day retreat on **Saturday, October 25th from 9am-4pm**. The theme for the retreat is "Finding our True Identity as a Reflection of Christ's Image." Presentations will include our Identity in Christ, our Identity Reflected to the world, and Confidence in our Identity. Childcare will be available. To register go to <https://tinyurl.com/3jp5ax8y>. The cost is \$20 if you register before September 24 and is free for young girls under 19. Contact Jen Theneman (507-340-1640 [jtheneman@live.com](mailto:jtheneman@live.com)) with any questions.

**CLC Call News** – Mr. Peter Reim has **returned** the vacancy call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI, has **accepted** the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA.

**INSTALLATIONS** On Sunday, August 17, 2025 Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Mankato, MN will install Mr. Rick Mariner as Principal, Mr. Michael Wheaton as Assistant Principal with a 1-year call, Mrs. Debra Mayhew as 1-2 Grade Teacher with a 1-year call, Pastor Emeritus Paul Nolting as a part-time Religion Teacher, Mr. Bob Heller as Teacher/Teacher's Aide, and Mrs. Jackie Friedrichs as Music Teacher.

**RETIREMENT** Pastor Paul Tiefel, Jr of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI, has announced his **retirement** as of September 6-7, 2025.

**ANNIVERSARY** St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA, will observe Pastor Mark Gullerud's 50th year since his ordination on August 17, 2025.

**DEDICATION** Mt. Zion Lutheran Church (Detroit, MI) will dedicate their new church property on Sunday, September 14, at 4:00pm.

Bible Readings:	
8/17	Deut. 4:15-31 Psalm 48 John 19:1-16
8/18	Deut. 4:32-49 Psalm 49 John 19:16-27
8/19	Deut. 5:1-21 Psalm 50 John 19:28-42
8/20	Deut. 5:22-6:3 Psalm 51 John 20:1-18
8/21	Deut. 6:4-25 Psalm 52 John 20:19-31
8/22	Deut. 7 Psalm 53 John 21:1-19
8/23	Deut. 8 Psalm 54 John 21:20-25



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August Ushers	Cleaning Team 8/23-8/29
Joshua Rodebaugh Andrew Albrecht Ken Abrahamson	<u>Team 2</u> D/K Mueller BJ Nelson K. Nelson J/B Mueller D. Griffen J. Schaser
<b>August Slideshow</b> Caleb Gerbitz	

Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings:	\$4,545.00	\$38,668.76
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,642.65	\$51,855.90
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$4,097.65)	(\$13,187.14)
Sunday School:	\$1.00	\$5.90
ILC Building Fund:	\$25.00	\$380.00
MSAF:	\$25.00	\$175.00

**Attendance Last Sun. (8/10): 98**

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