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Pentecost 11

"Put off the
old self
with its
practices,



and put on
the new self,
which is
continually
being
renewed..."

Colossians 3:9-10

✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 34 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

Greeting and prayer: (Pastor)

Opening Hymn: "Before the Throne of God Above"

561 CW21

1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a strong and per - fect
2 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me of the guilt with -
3 Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect, spot - less right - eous -

plea; a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for
in, up - ward I look and see him there who made an end of all my
ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM, the King of glo - ry and of

me. My name is grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
grace. At one with him, I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by his

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heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can
free; for God the just is sat - is - fied to look on
blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
Sav - ior and my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

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.



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:

O Lord, You have called us to enter Your kingdom through the narrow door. Guide us by Your Word and Spirit, and lead us now and always into the feast of Your Son, Jesus Christ. 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

Colossians 3:5-11 (EHV)

Therefore, because you were raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

[P] This is the Word of the Lord.

[C] Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21 (EHV)

[P] The Gospel reading is from Luke 12:13-21.

[C] Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³ Someone from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But Jesus said to him, "Man, who appointed me to be a judge or an arbitrator over you?"

¹⁵ Then he said to them, "Watch out and be on guard against all greed, because a man's life is not measured by how many possessions he has."

¹⁶ He told them a parable: "The land of a certain rich man produced very well. ¹⁷ He was thinking to himself, 'What will I do, because I do not have anywhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸ He said, 'This is what I will do. I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and goods. ¹⁹ And I will tell my soul, "Soul, you have many goods stored up for many years. Take it easy. Eat, drink, and be merry."'

²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your soul will be demanded from you. Now who will get what you have prepared?'

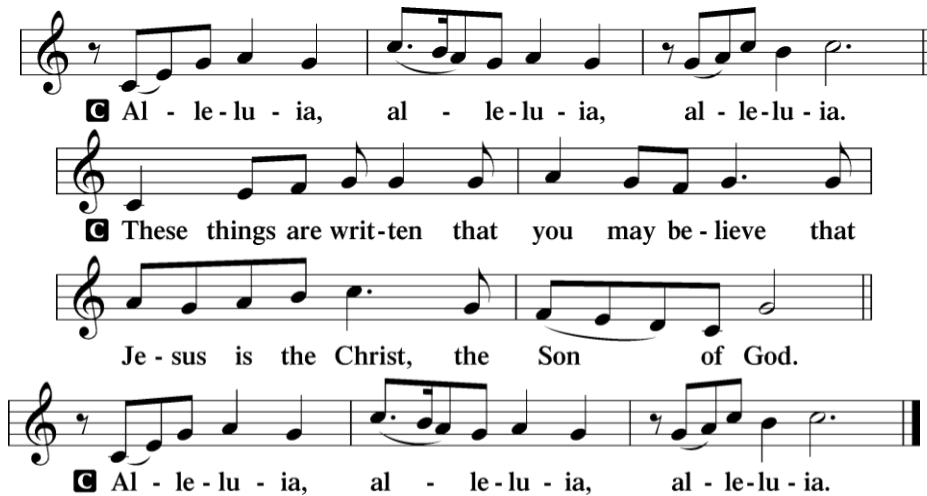
²¹ "That is how it will be for anyone who stores up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

[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

**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: 704 *Renew Me, O Eternal Light*

LSB 704

Sermon Text: Colossians 3:5-11 (EHV)

⁵ So put to death whatever is worldly in you: sexual immorality, uncleanness, lust, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ It is because of these things that the wrath of God is coming on the sons of disobedience. ⁷ You too once walked in these things, when you were living in them.

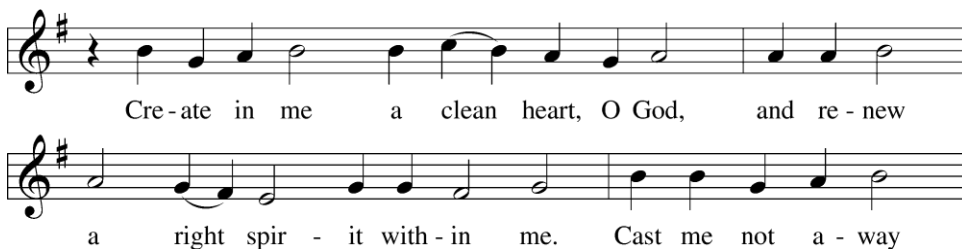
⁸ But now, you too are to rid yourselves of all of these: wrath, anger, malice, slander, and filthy language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to each other since you have put off the old self with its practices, ¹⁰ and put on the new self, which is continually being renewed in knowledge, according to the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcision or uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but rather Christ is all and is in all.

Sermon Theme: Change Your Clothes

- † The physical clothes we wear can say a lot about who we are and what we do. What about the spiritual “clothing” we “wear” before the world around us?
- † What reasons does Paul give as to why we should “put off” our “old clothes,” in a spiritual sense? **(v. 6; v. 7-9)**
- † What spiritual “clothing” are we to “put on?” **(v. 10)** How do we do this?
- † Is this “putting off” and “putting on” of our spiritual “clothing” a one-time thing, or continual?

Offertory

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Sermon Hymn: "All that I Was, My Sin, My Guilt"

378 TLH

1 All that I was, my sin, my guilt, My death, was all mine own;
2 The e - vil of my for - mer state Was mine, and on - ly mine;
3 The dark - ness of my for - mer state, The bond - age, all was mine;
All that I am I owe to Thee, My gra - cious God, a - lone.
The good in which I now re - joice Is Thine, and on - ly Thine.
The light of life in which I walk, The lib - er - ty, is Thine. A - men.
4 Thy Word first made me feel my sin, It taught me to believe;
Then, in believing, peace I found, And now I live, I live!
5 All that I am, e'en here on earth, All that I hope to be,
When Jesus comes and glory dawns, I owe it, Lord, to Thee.

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

G 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).*

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: 685 *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* (please stand for last verse)

LSB 685

Announcements



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

Today:
8/24/25

Choir – 8am
Worship – 9am

This week:

Monday – **No School at MLS** (First day of school at ILHS, Eau Claire)
Wednesday – **Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30pm** (Zoom & In-Person)

Church Cleaning: Team #2 (8/23-8/29); Team #3 (8/30-9/5)

Next Sunday: **Choir – 8am**
8/31/25 **Worship – 9am**
Sunday School Teachers' Meeting – 10:15am

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 7th**. If you are interested in teaching, or co-teaching—or even if you are only available as an occasional substitute—please speak with Jared Barthels our new Sunday School Superintendent (715-864-8283 cell; or barthelsjared@icloud.com), or with Pastor Luke. We will be having our first Sunday School teachers' meeting after the worship service **NEXT Sunday, August 31st at 10:15am.**

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 Fred Goodrie, 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 ☩ Cell: **402-389-2147** ☩ Church Office: **414-427-9337**

CLC News – Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has **received** the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church, Dallas, TX, has **returned** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Professor David Schaller has **resigned** from his call at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College for personal reasons. Please keep Prof. Schaller, his family, and Immanuel in your prayers.

Bible Readings:

8/24	Deut. 9 Psalm 55 Gal. 1
8/25	Deut. 10 Psalm 56 Gal. 2:1-14
8/26	Deut. 11:1-21 Psalm 57 Gal. 2:15-3:9
8/27	Deut. 11:22-12:14 Psalm 58 Gal. 3:10-29
8/28	Deut. 12:15-32 Psalm 59 Gal. 4:1-20
8/29	Deut. 13 Psalm 60 Gal. 4:21-31
8/30	Deut. 14 Psalm 61 Gal. 5:1-15

August Ushers

Joshua Rodebaugh
Andrew Albrecht
Ken Abrahamson

August Slideshow
Caleb Gerbitz

Cleaning Team 8/30-9/5

Team 3
T/M Blue
C. Blue
N. Blue
A/J Brown
F/S Goodrie

Fruits of Faith

Last Week:

To Date:

Budgetary Offerings*:	\$12,612.52	\$51,281.28
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,642.65	\$60,498.55
Over (Under) Budget:	\$3,969.87	(\$9,217.27)
MDF:	\$30.00	\$165.00
ILC Building Fund:	\$130.00	\$336.56

***Includes E-giving 8/1-8/15: \$4,714.10**

Attendance Last Sun. (8/17): 119



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