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Pentecost 14



"Lord, teach us
to pray..." Luke 11:1

✠ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 72 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✠

Greeting and prayer: (Pastor)

Opening Hymn: 901 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

LSB 901

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.

G **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

G **who made heaven and earth.**

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

G **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.

G **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:

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life. We pray this in Your name, dear Jesus, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 18:20-32 (EHV)

²⁰ So the Lord said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very flagrant, ²¹ I will go down now and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has come to me. If not, I will know."

²² The two men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the Lord. ²³ Abraham approached him and said, "Will you really sweep away the righteous along with the wicked? ²⁴ What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep them away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵ You would never do such a thing, killing the righteous along with the wicked, treating the righteous the same as the wicked. You would never do such a thing. The Judge of all the earth should do right, shouldn't he?"

²⁶ The Lord said, "If I find fifty righteous people within the city of Sodom, then I will spare the entire place for their sake."

²⁷ Abraham answered, "See now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it on myself to speak to my Lord. ²⁸ What if there are five fewer than fifty righteous? Will you destroy the entire city if the number is five short?" He said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there."

²⁹ He spoke to him yet again and said, "What if only forty are found there?"

He said, "I will not do it for the sake of the forty."

³⁰ He said, "Please, do not be angry, my Lord, but I will speak again. What if thirty are found there?" He said, "I will not do it if I find thirty there."

³¹ He said, "See now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to my Lord. What if there are twenty found there?" He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of the twenty."

³² He said, "Please, do not be angry, my Lord, but I will speak just once more. What if ten are found there?" He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of the ten."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Children's Choir: "Untitled Hymn" (Come to Jesus)

Weak and wounded sinner, lost and left to die;
O, raise your head, for Love is passing by.
Come to Jesus, come to Jesus, come to Jesus and live!

Now your burden's lifted and carried far away,
And precious blood has washed away the stain.
So sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus, sing to Jesus and live!

Like a newborn baby, don't be afraid to crawl,
Remember when you walk sometimes you fall.
So fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus, fall on Jesus and live!

Sometimes the way is lonely, and steep and filled with pain,
So if your sky is dark and pours like rain,
Then cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus, cry to Jesus and live!

O, when the love spills over, and music fills the night,
And when you can't contain your joy inside,
Then dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus and live!

And with your final heartbeat kiss the world goodbye,
Then go in peace and laugh on glory's side.
And fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus and live!

Second Reading

James 5:13-18 (NIV)

P The second reading is from James 5:13-18.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

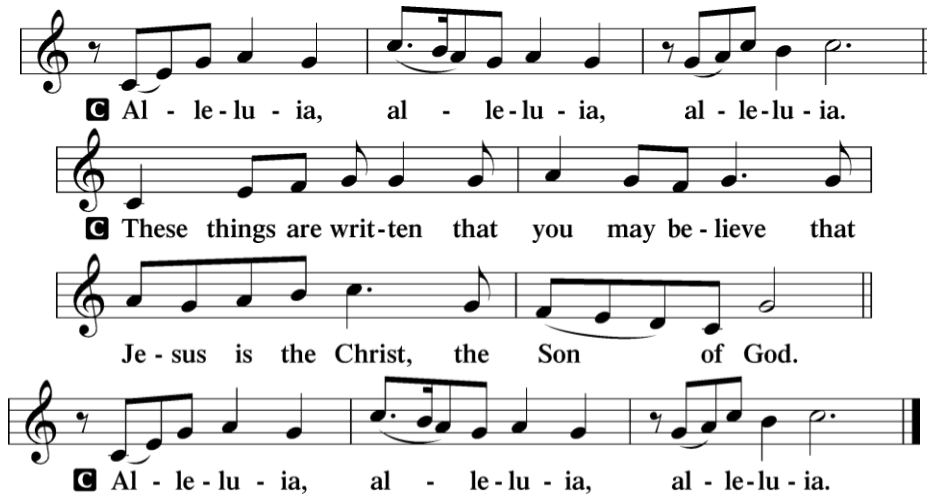
¹⁷ Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

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!”



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The first staff contains the melody for the Alleluia, with the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." written below it. The second staff contains the melody for the Verse, with the lyrics "These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that" written below it. The third staff contains the melody for the Verse, with the lyrics "Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God." written below it. The fourth staff contains the melody for the Alleluia, with the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." written below it.

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

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

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

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

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

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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: 772 In Holy Conversation

LSB 772

Sermon Text: Luke 5:1-13 (EHV)

On another occasion, Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John also taught his disciples."

² He said to them, "When you pray, say, 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.' ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.'"

⁵ He said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and tell him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, ⁶ because a friend of mine who is on a journey has come to me, and I do not have anything to set before him.' ⁷ And the one inside replies, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give it to you.' ⁸ I tell you, even if he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his bold persistence, he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

⁹ "I tell you, keep asking, and it will be given to you. Keep seeking, and you will find. Keep knocking, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives. The one who seeks finds. And to the one who knocks, it will be opened.

¹¹ "What father among you, if your son asks for bread, would give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, would give him a snake instead of a fish? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, would give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

Sermon Theme: Lord, Teach Us to Pray!

1. Persistently

2. Trustingly

✝ What are two reasons we fail to pray as often as we should?

A)

B)

Application: Why doesn't God always just answer our prayers right away and in the way we always ask Him to?

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: 773 *Hear us, Father, When We Pray*

LSB 773

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: 770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus *(please stand for last verse)*

Announcements



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

Today:
9/14/25

Choir – 8am
Worship – 9am
Sunday School / Bible Class – 10:15am

This week:

Tuesday – **Ladies Group – 6:30pm**
Wednesday – **Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30pm** (Zoom & In-Person)
Thursday – **Church Council – 6pm**

Church Cleaning: Team #5 (9/13-9/19); Team #6 (9/20-9/26)

Next Sunday: *Mission Festival*

9/21/25 Guest Preacher / Presenter: Pastor Mike Wilke, Gethsemane, Saginaw, MI

Choir – 8am

Mission Presentation – 9am

Worship Service – 10:15am

Fellowship Meal – 11:15am

Mission Festival – NEXT Sunday, Sept. 21st – Fellowship Meal Sign-Up Sheet –

We will be celebrating our Mission Festival **NEXT Sunday, Sept. 21st** with a Mission Presentation, Worship Service, and Fellowship Meal. CLC President, Pastor Michael Wilke, will be our guest Mission Festival preacher and presenter. Please make plans to join us. If you'd like to bring a dish to pass please sign the sheet on the cupboard doors in the church hallway. The schedule for our Mission Festival will be as follows:



✠ **9am – Mission Presentation** ✠ **10:15am – Worship Service** ✠ **11:15am – Fellowship Meal**

Note: There will be no Sunday School that day. All are invited to attend the Mission presentation at 9am.

Nepal Mission Presentation at Messiah Lutheran School – Thurs. Sept. 25th @ 1pm -

Missionary Todd Ohlmann and Pastor Raju Bhitrakoti from the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession in Nepal will visit our school on **Thursday, September 25, at 1:00 PM** to share a mission presentation with the students. All are invited to join us for this presentation. It will be held in the church sanctuary.

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>

CLC News – Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran, Spokane, WA, has **accepted** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

- † **DEDICATION** Mt. Zion Lutheran Church will dedicate their new church property (510 W. Girard Ave., Madison Heights, MI, 48071) today, Sunday, September 14, at 4:00pm.
- † **INSTALLATION** Today, Sunday, September 14, 2025, Pastor David Ude will be installed at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, Mountain View, CA.

CLC Financial Report - August 2025

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2025	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 2 Months	Balance 8/31/2025
General Fund	0	180,135	202,511	210,850	(22,376)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	361,663	248,439	295,840	113,224
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	99,143	6,126	30,499		74,770
ILC Building Projects	2,066,713	100,154	340		2,166,527
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	148,402	27,785	41,174		135,013
Kinship	169,472	29,300	25,073		173,699
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,503,796	104,315	79,181		2,528,930
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	101,689	50,592	50,212		102,069
EduK8 Fund	70,311	20,689	10,000		81,000
Reserve Fund	103,629	671	0		104,300
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$5,263,155	\$339,632	\$236,479		\$5,366,308

General Fund – Both the year-to-date revenue and disbursements are about the same as they were at this time last year, resulting in a deficit of just over \$22,000.

ILC Operations – The same is true here. Revenues and disbursements are very similar to last year, resulting in a current balance of about \$113,000.

ILC Improvement Fund – Most of the disbursements from this fund were for maintenance work on the geothermal system in the Academic Center and kitchen remodeling on one of the professorages.

ILC Building Projects – The revenue consists of about \$55,000 in contributions and \$45,000 from increases in the market value of the investments in this fund.

Mission Development Fund – The bulk of these disbursements went to our sister synod in Bangladesh for assistance with the costs of construction of a multi-purpose building.

Church Extension Fund – Year to date revenue consists of payments received of about \$45,000 from congregations on the loans they owe the CLC, and almost \$60,000 from increases in the market value of the investments. Disbursements included an initial \$60,000 loaned to a congregation for some remodeling/asbestos work, with more coming in the next few months.

Other Auxiliary Funds – The activity in the other funds in the table above is similar to the activity in the same period a year ago.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer
Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

Bible Readings:

9/14	Deut. 28:30-57 Psalm 76 Luke 4:14-30
9/15	Deut. 28:58-29:8 Psalm 77 Luke 4:31-41
9/16	Deut. 29:9-29 Psalm 78:1-35 Luke 4:42-5:11
9/17	Deut. 30 Psalm 78:36-72 Luke 5:12-26
9/18	Deut. 31:1-22 Psalm 79 Luke 5:27-39
9/19	Deut. 31:23-32:14 Psalm 80 Luke 6:1-11
9/20	Deut. 32:15-35 Psalm 81 Luke 6:12-19



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OFFERING

September Ushers

Fred Goodrie
Jim Lisak
Mark Kuehne

September Slideshow

James Schaser

Cleaning Team 9/20-9/26

Team 6
M/C Gescheidle
M/J Plockelman
R/A Davis
D. Hein
L/N Schaller

Fruits of Faith

Last Week:

To Date:

Budgetary Offerings*:	\$14,022.55	\$77,631.83
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,642.65	\$86,426.50
Over (Under) Budget:	\$5,379.90	(\$8,794.67)
Missions:	\$125.00	\$650.00
Kinship:	\$30.00	\$366.56
ILC Building Fund:	\$50.00	\$530.00

***Includes 8/16-8/31 E-giving: \$3,415.05**

Attendance Last Sun. (9/7): 120

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