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October 12, 2025

Pentecost 18



In this manner, therefore, pray...

We Welcome Our Visitors who are with us this morning.

We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.

We invite you to join us every Sunday. Please sign our guestbook in the entry. If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor.

🕆 Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 38 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) 🕆

Greeting and prayer: (Pastor)

Opening Hymn: 649 Blest Be the Tie that Binds

SERVICE OF THE WORD

LSB 649

(Worship Supplement, p. 12)

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.

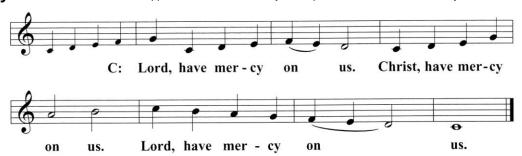
Confession and Absolution

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

- We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful by nature. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy upon me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- God our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. Through faith in Him, which was created in you by the Holy Spirit, you are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
- Amen.

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

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

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Prayer of the Day

- P We pray:
 - Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name. We pray this in Jesus' name, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

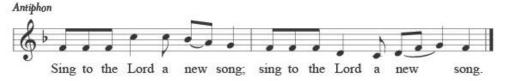
First Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6 (NKJV)

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, ² with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, ³ endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Antiphonal Psalm – Psalm 100:1-3; 4-5 (Worship Supplement, p. 35)

Make a Joyful Shout to the Lord





Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!* Serve the LORD with gladness;

Come before His presence with singing.*

Know that the LORD, He is God;

It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;*

We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise.*
Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting,*
And His truth endures to all generations.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Antiphon

Gospel Reading

Luke 14:1-11 (NKJV)

- **P** The Gospel reading is from Luke 14:1-11.
- **©** Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!

Now it happened, as He went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that they watched Him closely. ² And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy. ³ And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?"

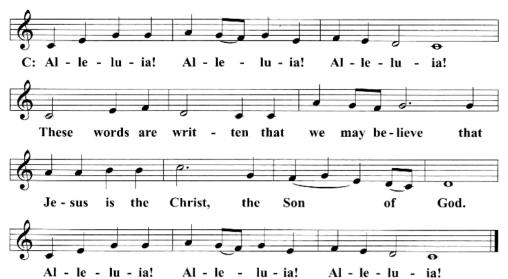
⁴ But they kept silent. And He took *him* and healed him, and let him go. ⁵ Then He answered them, saying, "Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?" ⁶ And they could not answer Him regarding these things.

⁷ So He told a parable to those who were invited, when He noted how they chose the best places, saying to them: ⁸ "When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; ⁹ and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!

Alleluia and Verse

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



Apostles' Creed We boldly confess what we believe.

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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: "Hark! The Sound of Holy Voices" TLH 471 v. 1, 3-6

- 1 Hark! the sound of holy voices, Chanting at the crystal sea, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord, to Thee. Multitudes, which none can number Like the stars in glory stand, Clothed in white apparel, holding Palms of vict'ry in their hand.
- 3 They have come from tribulation, And have washed their robes in blood, Washed them in the blood of Jesus; Tried they were, and firm they stood. Mocked, imprisoned, stoned, tormented, Sawn asunder, slain with sword, They have conquered death and Satan By the might of Christ the Lord.
- 4 Marching with Thy Cross, their banner, They have triumphed, following Thee, the Captain of salvation, Thee, their Savior and their King. Gladly, Lord, with Thee they suffered, Gladly, Lord, with Thee they died, And by death to life immortal They were born and glorified.
- 5 Now they reign in heavenly glory, Now they walk in golden light, Now they drink, as from a river, Holy bliss and infinite. Love and peace they taste forever And all truth and knowledge see In the beatific vision Of the blessed Trinity.
- 6 God of God, the One-begotten Light of Light, Emmanuel, In whose body, joined together, All the saints forever dwell. Pour upon us of Thy fullness That we may forevermore God the Father, God the Spirit, One with Thee on high, adore.

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Sermon Text: Matthew 6:5-13 (NKJV)

⁵ "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. ⁶ But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. ⁷ And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.

⁸ "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. ⁹ In this manner, therefore, pray:

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be Your name.

10 Your kingdom come.
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.
12 And forgive us our debts,
As we forgive our debtors.

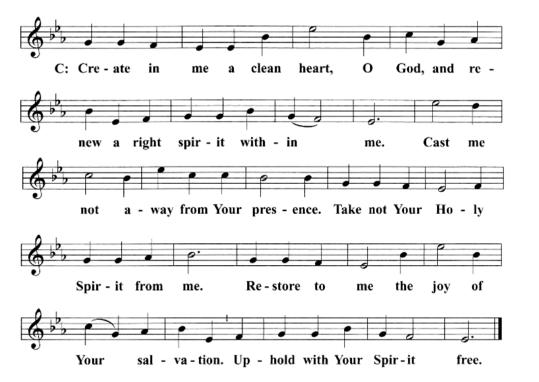
13 And do not lead us into temptation,
But deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sermon Theme: Pray Bigger...

🕆 Guest Preacher: Pastor Emeritus James Albrecht – Okabena, MN

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Sermon Hymn: 766 v. 1-2, 5-6, 9 Our Father, Who From Heaven Above

LSB 766 v. 1-2, 5-6, 9

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).

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.



<u>Closing Hymn</u>: "These Are the Facts" (please stand for last verse) (Music and lyrics on next page – p. 10)

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These Are the Facts



Text: Micahel Saward, b. 1932 Tune and Setting: Norman L. Warren, b. 1934 Text, Tune and Setting © 1973 Jubilate Hymns

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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: **Choir – 8am 10/12/25 Worship – 9am**

<u>Guest Preaching</u>: Pastor Emeritus Jim Albrecht – Okabena, MN **Sunday School – 10:15am** (No Bible Class – Pastor on Vacation) **Activities Committee #3 Meeting** (Activity Room) – **10:30am**

This Week: Monday – Labor Day (No School at MLS)

<u>Tuesday</u> – **Fall Party at Messiah Lutheran School** (Noon dismissal) <u>Wednesday</u> – **No Wednesday Bible Class** (Pastor on Vacation)

Wed. – Fri. – No School at MLS (Fall Break)

CLC Teachers' Conference (Immanuel, Mankato, MN)

Church Cleaning: Team #9 (10/11-10/17); Team #10 (10/18-10/24

Next Sunday: **Choir Practice – 8am** 10/19/25 **Worship – 9am**

Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am Quarterly Voters Meeting – 11:30am

Thank You! - to Pastor Jim Albrecht for bringing us God's Word today. We pray that the Lord would continue to bless you and your family, and may he give you safe travels back home! Pastor Luke is on vacation until Friday (10/17).

Activities Committee #3 - Meet after Church in the Activity Room at 10:30am -

Group 3	
October - December 2025	* contact member
Albrecht, Dave/Chris	Gescheidle, Mike/Carol
Bernthal, Pastor/Jewels	Quade, Ted/Georgine
Blue, Chris	Reim, Carrie*
Blue, Nick	Reim, Philip*
Blue, Tony/Mary	Weaver, Eric/Elizabeth
Busse, Rebekah	
Docter, Oliva	
Armando, Lydia Hart*	

Quarterly Voters' Meeting – NEXT Sunday, October 19th, at 11:30am – A reminder that our quarterly voters' meeting will be held **next Sunday 10/19 at 11:30am.** Voters' please plan to attend and participate in this important meeting regarding the work of our congregation and school. The congregation is invited to attend the meeting as well.

<u>Volunteers Needed for Church Audit for 2024-25 Fiscal Year</u> – We are still in need of two volunteers to help with the church audit for the 2024-25 fiscal year. If you are interested or have any questions please speak with our treasurer, Joel Gerbitz, or our chairman, Caleb Gerbitz.

Fall Work Day – Saturday, October 25th @ 9am – Our fall work day is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 25th at 9am. Please bring rakes and gloves and any tools that might be helpful. A work list will be posted soon. Please contact board of property chairman, Fred Goodrie, if you have any questions, or email property@messiahhc.org.

Joint Reformation Service at Peace Thru Christ, Middleton – Sunday, October 26th @ 4pm

This year's joint Reformation worship service will be held at Peace Thru Christ, in Middleton, WI at 4pm.

A fellowship meal will follow the worship service. Please let Pastor Luke know if you plan to attend so that we can RSVP to the Middleton congregation how many plan to attend the meal.

<u>CLC Call News</u> – Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has **received** the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. <> Pastor Emeritus Michael Eichstadt has **received** the vacancy call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. <> Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, MI, has **received** the call to Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church, Middleton, WI.

DEDICATION Zion Lutheran Church (formerly of Ipswich, SD) will dedicate its new church building (1223 4th Ave SW, Aberdeen, SD) on Sunday, October 26, at 5:00 pm.

INAUGURAL SERVICE A mission group in Des Moines, Iowa, will be hosting its inaugural service on Sunday, November 9, at 10:30 am. For more information, contact Pastor Paul Krause.

CLC World Missions Prayer List – September 2025

...pray for us that the Word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified... 2 Thessalonians 3:1





Nepal (South Asia) – The Lord has blessed the Himalayan Bible Institute (HBI) with faithful and dedicated students. In early October, fourteen men will complete their studies at the HBI. Missionary Ohlmann is looking forward to attending the graduation and conducting a Bible training seminar with the students, pastors, and church leaders who will be at the HBI to attend the graduation.

With the approval of additional Kinship sponsorships, the HBI will welcome new cohort of twenty students in January. Following the political unrest in Nepal on September 8, a calm has returned to the nation with the appointment of a new interim government. Elections are scheduled to be in six months. Ask the Lord to provide safe travels for everyone traveling to the HBI to attend the training seminar and graduation. Pray for His blessings on the preaching, teaching, and learning of God's word at the seminary. Pray that the Lord will lead and provide for a new stable and good government that will be a blessing to citizens of Nepal and for the Gospel ministry of the HCLCN.

India (South Asia) – A joint pastoral conference of the CLCI and BELC is scheduled for late October. CLC Board of Missions Chairman and Missionary Ohlmann will be there to attend. Please pray that the Lord will protect, support, and strengthen the faith of His children in India, especially amid the increasing persecution against Christians. Ask the Lord to bless the preparations for the upcoming pastoral conference and to provide for safe and uneventful travel for everyone who is planning to attend.

Bangladesh (South Asia) – Construction work on the multipurpose building is going well. This building will serve God's Kingdom as a Bible Institute for training faithful church workers, a place for worship, and housing for teachers and students. Fourteen men are ready to begin pastoral training once the building is completed. Please continue to pray for the success of this building project and that the Lord would move the hearts of His people to give generously for this important work, so the project can stay on schedule.

The Philippines (Southeast Asia) – With the monsoon season coming to an end, Pastor Palangyos has begun regular visits to the two congregations of the LAMP. He also plans to resume work on a new worship and Bible training facility that his sister donated to the LAMP. One of the two LAMP congregations has recently experienced significant growth with new members, increased attendance, and baptisms. Please pray for the LAMP outreach efforts so that more people may repent of their sins and rejoice in the forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Thank the Lord for recent growth and ask for His blessings on these new members. Pray that the Lord provides everything necessary to complete the new worship and training facility.

Myanmar (South Asia) – Pastor Kham recently reported that military has been conducting nightly raids of homes known to have young boys and soccer fields during the day as the forcefully conscript young men in the army. Previously, the young men taken by the military could be ransomed with money. CLC Kinship funded the release of one of the orphans a few months ago. Now the military Junta is no longer accepting bribes because of the need for replacement soldiers. The orphan boys being cared for my Pastor Kham and his wife are in hiding and cannot go outside because military checkpoints are everywhere, even in front of the schools. Please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers, asking for peace, justice, and relief for all affected by this conflict. Thank the Lord for providing a new generator through the offerings to Kinship.

Tanzania (East Africa) — Pray for the ongoing education of the six students Wittenburg seminary students, and for the ministry of Amos Otiendo, who will begin his pastoral work

in Moi's Bridge, Kenya, following graduation in November. Ask for the Lord's blessings and provision as several TCLC congregations are struggling to build permanent church buildings.

Kenya (East Africa) - God willing, the KCLC will meet for their annual conference in January. Missionary Naumann is scheduled to attend. Pray for God's blessing as the KCLC is working to establish new congregations. Ask the Lord to bless their ongoing efforts to work together as a cooperative church body.

Uganda (East Africa) - CCCRU pastors plan to meet in January to coordinate their work. Ask our Lord to provide for the daily needs of pastors as they struggle to serve the Lord and their families with little financial support from the impoverished congregation members.

Nigeria (West Africa) – With an MDF grant and local offerings, the Nigeria-CLC is on schedule to complete their long-awaited building project. Upon completion, the building will feature new classrooms, a library/computer room, and an office for faculty. Missionary Ohlmann plans to visit the NCLC in November for the dedication. Ask the Lord to continue to bless this project and thank Him for providing the funding through the NCLC and MDF offerings. Thank the Lord for the privilege of working together in this effort to train faithful workers in His Nigerian harvest of souls!

Togo (West Africa) – Three students are finishing up their studies at Mount Horeb Lutheran Seminary, with graduation scheduled for December 6. Missionary Ohlmann is planning to be in attendance. Pastor Kossi Blewu has conducted a Gospel outreach radio program in a town located about 30 minutes away from the seminary and plans to restart his radio programs as a means to establish a preaching station there. If the Lord blesses this effort, one of the graduates from the seminary will be called to serve there. Please pray for these students as they complete their studies and ask the Lord to bless their efforts in establishing preaching stations and congregations so that the truth of His saving word may be proclaimed for the salvation of Togolese souls.

Liberia (West Africa) – A regular schedule of Bible training seminars has resumed with pastors in several different areas of Liberia. Pastor Kwiwalazu is also making preparations for a LCLC wide pastoral conference in November when Missionary Ohlmann is scheduled to visit.

DR Congo-CCLC (Central Africa) – Violence in the DRC Missionaries Evensen and Ohlmann has been temporarily postponed until security improves. Pastor Yumba, who serves the CCLC, reports that the seminary students of Holy Trinity Lutheran Seminary are completing their vicarages. A graduation and ordination, when it is safe for Missionaries Evensen and Ohlmann to visit, is being planned. Thank the Lord for the diligent study and faithful teaching of God's Word over the past several years at the Holy Trinity Seminary. Ask for the Lord's continued blessings on the students as they finish their vicarage assignments. Pray that the Lord will bring peace and an end to the greed and violence that have been such a terrible part of the DR Congo's history.

DR Congo-ECLSAFA (Central Africa) – Pastor Jacques Pondi Lumiangu in Kinshasa has scheduled a number of outreach seminars in the coming months. The congregation is also facing challenges with renting their church building and is unable to fully support Pastor Pondi Lumiangu, so he is facing financial challenges as well. Pray for outreach work of the ECLSAFA Congo and that God would abundantly provide for their needs.

Please continue to pray for all of our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world, who, by God's grace, are dedicated to proclaiming the truths of God's saving Word for the salvation of souls as they trust the promise of our Savior that His Word will not return to Him void but will accomplish that for which He sends it.

Missionary Peter Evensen (Togo, West Africa) – Missionary Evensen continues to work with the 3 students at the Mt. Horeb seminary as they are on schedule to graduate and be ordained the beginning of December. He will then begin to edit and improve the French translations of the curriculum for the next batch of student. Pray for the Lord's continued blessing on Missionary Evensen's work to prepare faithful preachers and teachers of God's saving word.

Missionary Bruce Naumann (Tanzania-East Africa) – Thank the Lord for good health and safe travel as they have recently returned from visits to Zanzibar and other TCLC districts. Pray for their patience, strength, and zeal for the Lord's work among our fellow believers in East Africa. You can follow Missionary Naumann's blog at https://clc-tz.blogspot.com/.

Missionary Todd Ohlmann – Missionary Ohlmann has been granted a 5-year visa to visit India again, after it was revoked five years ago. Over the next few months, he is scheduled to visit Nepal, India, Liberia, and Togo. Pray for God's blessing and provision on the necessary arrangements for these trips, and for his wife, Beth, as she continues to care for her elderly father, who is on hospice and is longing for his heavenly home. You can read reports and see pictures here: missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com.



Bible Readings:

10/12	Job 17 Psalm 103 Luke 12:1-12
10/13	Job 18 Psalm 104:1-18 Luke 12:13-34
10/14	Job 19 Psalm 104:19-35 Luke 12:35-47
10/15	Job 20 Psalm 105:1-22 Luke 12:48-13:5
10/16	Job 21 Psalm 105:23-45 Luke 13:6-17
10/17	Job 22 Psalm 106:1-23 Luke 13:18-30
10/18	Job 23:1-24:12 Psalm 106:24-48 Luke 13:31-14:11

October
Ushers

Cleaning Team 10/18-10/24

Ian Stewart		
Eric Weaver		
Adam Brown		

October Slideshow

Kenny Winters

Team 10 D/C Albrecht

M/M Weibye

B. Weibye

E/E Weaver

R. Busse

Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings*:	\$10,955.65	\$109,863.11
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,642.65	\$120,997.10
Over (Under) Budget:	\$2,313.00	(\$11,133.99)
Missions:	\$100.00	\$950.00
Kinship:	\$30.00	\$496.56
ILC Building (E-giving):	\$24.99	\$629.99

*Includes E-giving 9/16-9/30: \$2,318.54 Attendance Last Sun. (10/5): 123



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