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October 19, 2025

Pentecost 19

Luke 16:13



"No servant can serve two masters...

You cannot serve God and money."

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 146 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ⊕

Greeting and prayer: (Pastor)

Opening Hymn: 545 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

SERVICE OF THE WORD

LSB 545

(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.

Amen.

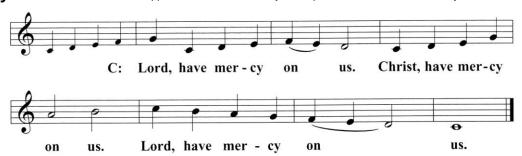
Confession and Absolution

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:

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name. We pray this in Jesus' name, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

First Reading

Psalm 146 (Responsive - NKJV)

- P Praise the LORD!
- Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- P While I live I will praise the LORD;
- I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- P Do not put your trust in princes,
- Nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help.
- P His spirit departs, he returns to his earth;
- In that very day his plans perish.
- P Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help,
- Whose hope is in the LORD his God,
- P Who made heaven and earth, The sea, and all that is in them;
- Who keeps truth forever,
- P Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry.
- The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners.
- P The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
- The LORD raises those who are bowed down; The LORD loves the righteous.
- P The LORD watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow;
- **B** But the way of the wicked He turns upside down.

P The LORD shall reign forever -- Your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-12 (EHV)

- **P** The second reading is from 1 Timothy 6:6-12.
- **©** Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we certainly cannot take anything out. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be satisfied.

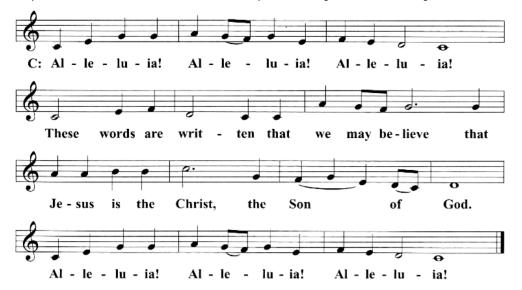
⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge them into complete destruction and utter ruin. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evils. By striving for money, some have wandered away from the faith and have pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But you, O man of God, flee from these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of eternal life, to which you were called and about which you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

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!"



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: 851 Lord of Glory, You have Bought Us

LSB 851

Sermon Text: Luke 16:19-31 (ESV)

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³ and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴ And he called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.'

²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.'

²⁷ And he said, 'Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸ for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.'

²⁹ But Abraham said, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰ And he said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹ He said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.'"

Sermon Theme: Lessons from the Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus

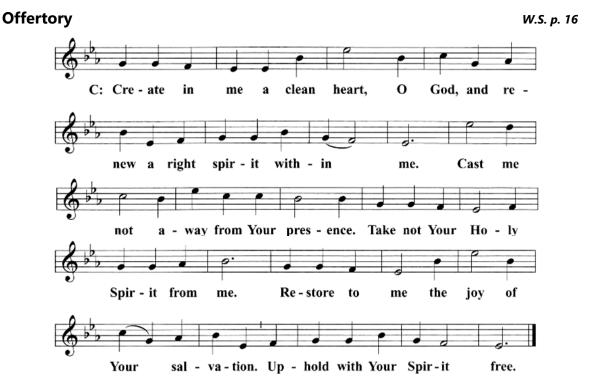
- When it comes to the parables of Jesus we always want to look for the one or two main points, or main "lessons" that Jesus is teaching in the story.
- Two important lessons we can learn from this parable are:

1. Be Rich in the Right Things (v. 25)

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2. The Word Alone Gives Life (v. 31)

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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>: "Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver" (please stand for last verse) W.S. 788 (Music and lyrics on next page – p. 9)

Text: Robert Murray, 1832-1909, abr., alt. Tune: *The Christian Lyre*, New York, 1831

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LORD, YOU LOVE THE CHEERFUL GIVER



Announcements



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

Today: Choir Practice – 8am

10/19/25 **Worship – 9am**

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

This Week: <u>Tuesday</u> – **Ladies Group – 6:30pm**

<u>Wednesday</u> – **Wednesday Bible Class – 6:30pm** (Zoom & In-Person)

Saturday - Fall Workday - 9am

<u>Church Cleaning</u>: Team #10 (10/18-10/24); Team #1 (10/25-10/31)

Next Sunday: Reformation Sunday
10/26/25 Choir Practice – 8am

Worship – 9am
Sunday School & Bible Class – 10:15am

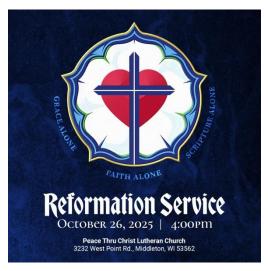
Joint Reformation Worship Service - Peace Thru Christ, Middleton - 4pm

Quarterly Voters' Meeting – Today, Sunday, October 19th at 11:30am – A reminder that our quarterly voters' meeting will be held **today**, 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. NOTE: Printed packets of the agenda and reports are on the counter in the church hallway.

<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 – This 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 Next Sunday, October 26th @ 4pm

This year's joint Reformation worship service will be held at Peace Thru Christ, in Middleton, WI next Sunday, October 26th at 4pm.

A fellowship meal will follow the worship service.

<u>Please let Pastor Luke know if you plan to attend</u> <u>so that we can RSVP to the Middleton</u> <u>congregation how many plan to attend the meal.</u>

CLC Call News – Pastor Matthew Ude of Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI, has **received** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Emeritus Michael Eichstadt has **returned** the vacancy call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA. <> Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Rapid City, SD, has **received** the 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. <> Professor Mark Weis has **received** the part-time call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN. <> Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, West Columbia, SC, has **received** the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

INSTALLATION Pastor Drew Naumann will be installed at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI on October 25-26, 2025.



Coordinating Council Summary – September 24, 2025

This brief summary of the CLC board reports is taken from the full Coordinating Council report which is **available from your pastor** and online at <u>www.clclutheran.net</u>.

Board of Doctrine (Pastor Emeritus David Schierenbeck, chair)

We gratefully acknowledge the faithful service of Pastor Mark Tiefel, who has resigned from the Board of Doctrine. We welcome newly-appointed Pastor Emeritus James Albrecht and pray for the Spirit's blessing on his labors. / The Board of Doctrine is called "to assist in the formulation of doctrinal statements." The Board of Doctrine is not involved in matters until the CLC Convention or CLC President requests it. / The board has begun a review and update of the 1980's document, Test the Spirits, a summary of the doctrinal differences between churches.

Board of Education and Publications (Pastor David Naumann, chair)

EduK8 Fund balance is \$81,000. Two congregations have received assistance from the EduK8 Fund: 1) Grace, Valentine, NE \$10,000 to maintain current staffing levels, and 2) Peace Thru Christ, Middleton, WI, \$3,500 for curriculum materials, shelving, instructional assistance. / **An Errata for the 2006 Sydow Catechism** was sent to pastors. A one-page insert for the front cover of existing Catechisms as well as a more detailed explanation of the edits in booklet form are available at the Book House. / **Ministry by Mail_**sermons will now be sent out a week in advance to aid laymen who are conducting services in a vacancy. / Due to a **server migration issue**, all online courses used to help individuals achieve CLC Certification were lost. The courses are being rebuilt.

Board of Regents (Pastor John Hein, chair)

Professor David Schaller resigned his call in August 2025. The Board of Regents has begun the call process. There is an implemented plan for covering the remainder of the 2025-26 school year. / Mrs. Lydia Buck was hired as our Administrative Assistant in June 2025. / Miss Erin **Franson** received and accepted the call to serve as **part-time female mentor**. She will work closely with counselor, Mr. Steve Sydow, to help provide for the well-being of all our students on campus. / The Board of Regents directed the faculty to reduce the overall number of **credits** in the BS Education (BSE) program and the BA in Pre-Theological Studies (BAPS) program. The faculty recommended making Computer Science 101 an elective and removing Music 102 from both programs. For the BAPS program, they also recommended removing Biology 101, the math requirement, and the four elective credits, while adding Religion 407 and 408 and four 1-credit Introduction to Ministry courses as requirements. The Regents adopted these recommendations. / The **four one-credit "Introduction to Ministry"** courses are: Introduction to Soul Care, Preaching, Teaching, Counseling. / ILHS's new cell phone policy means that students may not possess, access, or use cell phones or personal electronic devices at ILHS during the school day. / The Academic Center geothermal flush and refill was completed. An inline filter was installed as a preventative measure as well. Once a new heat pump and computer motherboard are installed, the project will reach completion. / **Tuition**, Room & Board, and fees remain unchanged for the 2026-2027 school year. / The Regents and the General Business Office Manager follow a defined process to address delinquent Student **Aid Fund loans** (more information is in the full report).

ENROLLMENT

144 (139 full-time, 2 part-time; 3 online; 2 non-members)

82 residents in the dormitories (78 billed for room and board)

North Hall (Boys' Dorm) has 31 (29 + 2 RAs)

South Hall (Girls' Dorm) has 40 (38 + 2 RAs)

West Hall has 11 (college/seminary males)

High School			College							Seminary				
Class	2024-25	2025-26	Class	2024-25	2025-26	AA 2024-25	AA 2025-26	BS 2024-25	BS 2025-26	BA 2024-25	BA 2025-26	Class	2024-25	2025-26
Fresh.	25	29	Fresh.	8	8	3	0	1	5	4	3			
Soph.	28	24	Soph.	6	6	2	3	2	1	2	2	Junior	1	0
Junior	29	27	Junior	6	7			2	2	4	5	Middler	0	1
Senior	20	31	Senior	2	6			2	2	0	4	Senior	0	0
Part-Time			Special	4	2									
			Online	2	3									
TOTAL	102	111		28	32	5	3	7	10	10	14		1	1
TOTAL														
FULL-TIME	102	111		22	27	5	3	7	10	10	14		1	1

AA – Associate of Arts / BS – Bachelor of Science in Education / BA – Bachelor of Arts in Pre-Theology

Board of Missions (Mr. Joel Krafft, chair)

Living Hope (Appleton, WI) is currently calling for a new resident pastor. / A video synopsis of the **board's proposal for a renewed perspective and direction** in the domestic mission field has been made available to the pastors. / **Traveling VBS teams** helped support programs in Mapleton, ND, Morris, MN, Cheyenne, WY, Marquette, MI, Mountain View, CA, and Valentine, NE. / **Missionaries Peter Evensen**, **Todd Ohlmann**, **Bruce Naumann** and **Paul Nolting** continue in their respective fields. / **Ted Quade** has agreed to step back from his role as Christian School Instructor Supervisor. Missionary Naumann is in the region and will oversee the Kenya schools. Mr. Quade remains the Kinship Committee chairman. /

Liberian Church of the Lutheran Confession (LCLC): Missionary Ohlmann plans to visit in November 2025. / Nigerian Church of the Lutheran Confession (NCLC): A nearlycompleted seminary building will be dedicated during a November visit. / Église Évangélique Luthérienne de Confession du Togo (EELC) prepares to graduate three seminary students in November. A national pastoral conference is planned for January. / Congrégation Confessionelle Luthérienne du Congo (CCLC) has added four new congregations and pastors. Security has improved, allowing for a planned visit in 2026. / Eglise Confessionnelle Lutherienne Sainte Faille au Congo (ECLSAFACO) has received a \$1,000 MDF grant to complete legal incorporation. / The Church of the Lutheran **Confession in Zambia (CLCZ)** continues to work toward official registration in Zambia. Missionary Ohlmann is planning a visit in April 2026. Approved MDF grants will provide for church construction and preschool assistance for the Kalulushi congregation. / Kenyan Church of the Lutheran Confession (KCLC) There is an encouraging zeal for outreach from pastors in Kitale and Moi's Bridge. This has resulted in several new start-up congregations. / Berea Evangelical Lutheran Church of India (BELC): Missionary Ohlmann and Chairman Krafft are planning a ten-day trip in October. This will be the first test of Missionary Ohlmann's newly acquired five-year visa. / Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM): A new multipurpose building is near completion which will support seminary instruction. A Mission Helper Trip focused on child evangelism is planned for 2026. / Lutheran Autonomous Mission of the Philippines (LAMP): A new worship and classroom space is being prepared in a donated facility with plans to launch a Bible Institute to train future church leaders./ Iglesia Luterana Confesional Mexico (ILC): Missionary Ohlmann plans a visit planned for some time in 2026. / **Kinship** sponsorships are fulfilled. Ongoing aid to areas like Myanmar and Nepal has been possible as the Lord blesses the general fund to meet rising needs through careful stewardship. / The Mission Helper Program next major trip is planned for East Africa in 2026, with separate teams being led to Kenya, Zambia, and Tanzania.

Board of Trustees (Mr. Tom Lentz, chair)

Year-to-Date general fund balance is negative / The Reserve Fund was used to cover the FY25 deficit. The reserve balance is \$104,300. / The General Fund Endowment has a balance of \$243,095 / The Church Extension Fund (CEF) has a net fund balance of \$6,364,616. New CEF mortgages have been approved for Mt. Zion, Detroit, MI; Zion, Ipswich/Aberdeen, SD; and Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC. / Offerings to the Building Fund in two months of FY26 totaled \$54,843. Current Building Fund balance is \$2,166,527 / FY27 Trustee Budget Proposal includes a \$20/month increase for the remaining

participants in the Old Retirement Plan, and travel expenses have been increased to reflect inflation and the work of the Recruitment Committee. / The **FY27 CBP Budget Proposal** includes only a COLA compensation increase (2.8%). This would result in a proposed Tier 1 base salary of \$3,455 (\$4,455 Tier 2). The Board of Missions budget includes the full funding of the 3rd Foreign Missionary, even though another small portion could have been delayed until FY28.

General Fund Budget				
Fiscal Year	FY25	FY26	FY27	
Operations Receipts	Actual	Current	Proposed	
CBP Estimates	1,005,000	1,043,353	Pending	
CBP Offerings Received	1,057,086	1,265,097	1,302,697	
Special Offerings & Receipts	76,560	0	0	
Reserves Used / (Surplus)	57,835	0	0	
ILC Revenue / Budget	990,519	1,065,050	1,093,150	
Total	2,182,000	2,330,147	2,395,847	
Operations Spending				
Extra Budgetary	0	0	0	
Education - Total	11,704	25,000	22,000	
Trustees - Total	60,521	68,575	69,120	
Missions - Total	420,939	461,522	486,577	
Regents - Gen Fund Subsidy	698,317	710,000	725,000	
Regents - Student Revenue	990,519	1,065,050	1,093,150	
Total	2,182,000	2,330,147	2,395,847	
Year End Reserves	103,629			

Next Coordinating Council Meeting: April 15, 2026 / Boards meet April 13-14

Bible Readings:				
10/19	Job 24:13-25:6 Psalm 107:1-22 Luke 14:12-35			
10/20	Job 26 Psalm 107:23-43 Luke 15:1-10			
10/21	Job 27 Psalm 108 Luke 15:11-32			
10/22	Job 28 Psalm 109:1-20 Luke 16:1-13			
10/23	Job 29 Psalm 109:21-31 Luke 16:14-31			
10/24	Job 30 Psalm 110 Luke 17:1-19			
10/25	Job 31:1-15 Psalm 111			



Luke 17:20-37

October Ushers Cleaning Team 10/25-10/31 Ian Stewart Eric Weaver Adam Brown Adam Brown Cleaning Team 10/25-10/31 K/M Winters A/L Hart P/E Tiefel E. Gurgel M/T Mueller

Fruits of Faith	Last Week:	To Date:
Budgetary Offerings:	\$5,456.05	\$115,319.16
Budgetary Needs:	\$8,642.65	\$129,639.75
Over (Under) Budget:	(\$3,186.60)	(\$14,320.59)
Missions:	\$125.00	\$1,075.00
Kinship:	\$30.00	\$405.00

Attendance Last Sun. (10/12): 118

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